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Abstract

An exhibit created by Anna M. Schein to commemorate the planting of a peace tree and its annual honoring ceremonies conducted by leaders of various Native American peoples including the Iroquois. Representative leaders were Peterson Zah, Navajo Nation President; Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation Faithkeeper and Leon Shenandoah Tadodaho, Presiding Moderator of the Grand Council of the Iroquois Confederacy. The tree planting ceremony dates back to the founding of the Iroquois Confederacy (ca. 1450) by the legendary leaders Deganawidah, Hiawatha, Atotarho and Jigonhsasee. The latter being the earliest noted of the clan mothers, an institution crucial for the Iroquois in determining who would be designated league chief. The peace tree, a white pine, under which war hatchets were originally buried by the Iroquois, is a primary symbol of unity and peace as well as that of reason and health. Symbolically, it signifies that Mankind should take Nature as an example of nurture superseding the need for Man to make war.

Creator

Schein, Anna M.

Extent

1.8 Linear Feet Summary: 1 ft. 9 1/2 in. (4 flat storage boxes, 3 in. each); (1 flat storage box, 3 1/2 in.); (1 card box, 5 in.); (1 oversize package, 1 in.)

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Hiawatha, active 15th century