

RIVERHEAD

Artwork on display from three tribes

Artists from three Long Island American Indian tribes will have their works on display this month at the Montaukett Learning Resource Center at the eastern campus of Suffolk County Community College in Riverhead.

Some exhibit items have already been put on display, with the program formally opening Tuesday. An opening reception and performance by American Indian artists at 5 p.m. is to be followed by a lecture by author and retired Southampton College professor John Strong, an authority on Long Island tribal history.

The jewelry, beadwork and other crafts, as well as painting, sculpture and photography in the exhibit were created by artists from the Shinnecock, Montaukett and Unkechaug nations.

The program is sponsored by the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding in partnership with the Unkechaug Nation and the college. Resource center director Steven Schrier said the display and lecture are an effort to educate Long Islanders about American Indian history and culture.

The exhibit also includes a large photograph of David Carll, who enlisted in the 26th New York United States Colored Infantry during the Civil War, and was in several battles, including the battle of Honey Hill in November 1864.

Carll, one of 37 black men from Oyster Bay Town who served in the Civil War, went on to buy a coastal schooner and ran a transport business after the war.

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