



Community Connection Forum

Gathering of community members to discuss compelling topics and conversations that tap into the human spirit.

**Friday, December 13th, 7-9 PM, at the Tuckahoe Center,
37 Stone Orchard Drive, Nellysford, VA 22958**

(40 minutes south of Charlottesville down Routh 29 or Route 151.)

Space is limited. RSVP by 12-12-24 to Sarah S. Pearson, sspearson@verizon.net

A Conversation with Monacan Nation's Chief Kenneth Branham

Please join us for a rare opportunity to become more familiar with one of Central-Virginia's most intrepid Indigenous communities.

Monacan Nation, now headquartered in Amherst County, has survived 400 years since the first settlers landed at Jamestown. Formed in 1807 from northern Amherst County, Nelson County, named after Thomas Nelson, Jr., third governor of Virginia, was originally home to the Monacan Tribe of Native Americans when in the early 1700s, English colonists settled along the James River, and settlers of Scotch-Irish and German descent came from the Shenandoah Valley. Nelson County's economy flourished throughout the 19th century with apple orchards, logging mills, and chestnut wood and nuts.



Citizens of the Nation are descended from Eastern Siouan cultural and linguistic groups, whose ancestral territory includes Virginia and portions of West Virginia and North Carolina. Today, tribal enrollment nears 3,000 and Monacan Nation is considered one of the few American Indian Nations that remain on their ancestral homeland. The tribe continues to make significant contributions to Virginia's history and development and is dedicated to the survival of Indian people in Virginia.