



IROQUOIAN VILLAGE & MUSEUM

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Ska-Nah-Doht & Longwoods

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Museum Gets a Big Gift

The big gift is a fully antlered mounted moose head generously donated from the Mason Lodge in Fingal. Measuring three feet in all directions, this is not your everyday donation! The Masons were renovating their facility and decided it was time to retire their old mascot. Thanks to Conservation Authority Board member, Stan Lidster of Southwold Township acting as liaison, the 1909 mount will spend its retirement as part of the Native Studies program. Moose were an excellent trade item between the Iroquoian and their northern neighbours, the Algonkians. Not only is it an impressive educational tool but it's a great conversation piece too! Thanks again Fingal Lodge members!



A mounted moose head is the latest addition to the museum theatre! He's almost 100 years old!

Longwoods Road Conservation Area
(6.5 km west of Delaware on Middlesex County Rd. 2 at 8348 Longwoods Road)
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Ska-Nah-Doht Advisory Committee 2006

Chair Don Fairbairn Vice-Chair Ron Watts

LTVCA Appointed

- Brian King • Bill Scott • John Yokom • Stan Lidster
 - Jack Lorimer • Jerry Campbell
- Community Members
- Glenn Stott • Andy Chisholm

Community Support Flows to Village

A \$60,000 Job Creation Partnership (JCP) program with Services Canada has been granted to help with projects in the Village. A crew of five will be working on a new palisade maze, a lookout platform to view the marsh and begin preparations to build a new longhouse at Ska-Nah-Doht. The crew will also work with the Eastern District Supervisor, Dave Little to obtain a variety of training certificates while learning more about the local environment and heritage. One unique feature of this project will be the archiving of the activities in the village.

In 2005, the Walter J. Blackburn Foundation of London donated \$5,000, the George Lunan Foundation donated \$1,000 and the S.M. Blair Family Foundation donated \$1,000 towards Ska-Nah-Doht's capital restoration project.



The 2006 JCP crew are working hard, helping to restore the village and assisting with forestry and other conservation projects. L to R: Paul Verelli, Michael Latham, Lawrence Sturgeon, Ron Orr, Arleen McEvoy.

Not Enough Snow!

Classes booked for snowshoeing this season have had to settle for a challenging game of "Hunting Simulation" instead. No one has gone home disappointed but the lack of snow has been missed by both staff and the local wildlife. This is the first time in ever that zero snowshoeing classes occurred due to the weather.



Students enjoyed what little snow we had and played "Hunting Simulation" without snowshoes!

Just the Stats!

January 1 - March 10, 2006

927 students and adult supervisors
visited Ska-Nah-Doht on school field trips.