

Historical Association's 101st Annual Meeting and Luncheon

By MCHA

SHAWNEE - The Monroe County Historical Association will host its 101st Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, February 26, 2023, at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware. The doors will open at noon with silent auction items throughout the room. Donated items for the silent auction will include gift baskets, antiques, artwork, collectibles, and gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses.

Following the luncheon and a brief business meeting, Daniel StrongWalker Thomas will give his presentation, "The Continuous Lenape Communities: We Are Still Here." Daniel StrongWalker Thomas is Turtle clan of the Delaware Nation Lenni Lenape people who are in diaspora in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He serves his community as Hereditary Chief and was appointed by the Delaware Nation Executive Council as an Ambassador combating Corporations Posing as American Indian Nations. StrongWalker is Director of the United Lenape Land Trust, Chair of the Board for the Global Initiative for Indigenous Advancement, and Director of the American Indian Movement NE Woodlands chapter.

The cost for the luncheon meeting is \$45.00 for MCHA members and \$55.00 for non-members. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Reservations, with payment, should be made at the Monroe County Historical Association, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, before Friday, February 17, 2023. For more information or to make your reservation, please visit <https://www.monroehistorical.org/annualmtg.html> or call the office at (570) 421-7703



Daniel StrongWalker Thomas, Hereditary Chief of the Delaware Nation

A.T. Community™ Program Pillars: Stewardship Through Volunteering

By ATC

From the beginning, the A.T. Community™ Program was built around a set of values, or "pillars," that ensure the program continues to grow, thrive, and inspire. The three pillars of the A.T. Community™ Program are Economic Development, Community Conservation, and Stewardship Through Volunteering. For each upcoming newsletter, we will feature an accomplishment in one of these pillars, starting with Volunteering and Stewardship in this issue.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the A.T., serving in a variety of ways. This includes on-the-ground Trail maintenance, educational events, service and learning projects, educating visitors — the possibilities are truly endless!

For those interested in new ways to volunteer for the Trail, we encourage you to explore the ATC's volunteer pages. In addition to upcoming opportunities, you can view recorded webinars, volunteer training, and much more.

Alivia Acosta, ATC's Volunteer Coordinator, shared some rich information during the January Trailwide Call — click the following links for more information:

- Volunteer Orientation Online Video
- Volunteer Engagement Platform

While tracking and reporting volunteer hours is currently not required of designated A.T. Community™, we highly encourage you to track and report volunteer projects and hours throughout the year, with the final annual submission deadline of early September. Send an email to ATcommunity@appalachiantrail.org you have questions or need guidance on how to best track and record volunteer hours.



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