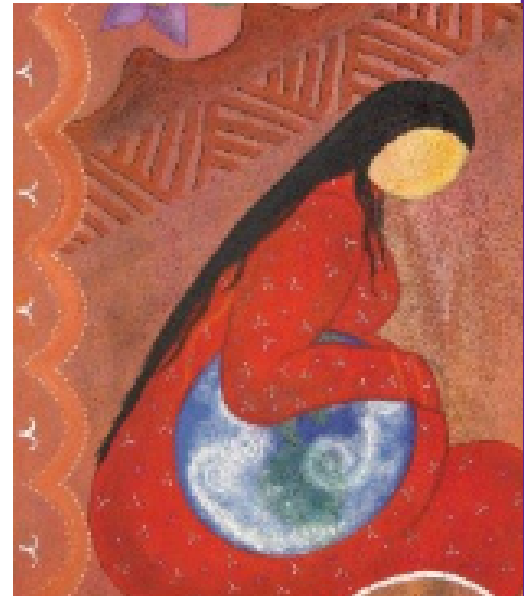
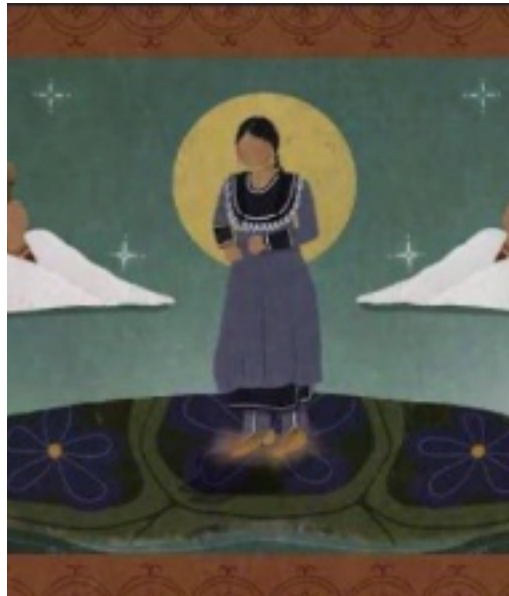




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KAHNAWÀ:KE TOURISM

Celebrating Ó:nenhste | Grand Opening of Kanatahkwen:ke | Akwesasne Art Market | and more!



Ó:nenhste/Corn — A Story Rooted in the Earth

Our relationship with corn begins with the story of Sky Woman.

It is said that Sky Woman lived in the Sky World before falling through a hole in the sky toward an endless sea. The animals saw her coming and worked together to help her. They brought soil from beneath the water and placed it on the back of a giant turtle. And so, Turtle Island was formed.

Sky Woman had been pregnant before her journey to the new earth. Her daughter eventually grew into a young woman and gave birth to twin boys. After her daughter passed away, Sky Woman buried her in the new earth.

From her body came precious gifts—including corn, beans and squash. The Three Sisters would go on to nourish generations.





Celebrating Ó:NENHSTE: CORN FEST 2026

Saturday, August 29 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m @ the Green Space at Golden Age Club

As part of our traditional cycle of ceremonies this is the time to give thanks for the gift of corn. If you love corn, community and having a good time, this is the place to be! We're bringing the community together for a day filled with: **LIVE MUSIC**
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
CORN & FOOD
22+ VENDORS & KIOSKS
FAMILY GAMES
PRIZES
PHOTO BOOTH
COMMUNITY & FUN!

Music by: Angus Hemlock • 1:00–3:00 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes—or just bring yourself! Enjoy live music from Angus Hemlock while you take in all the Corn Fest fun.
 Painting Workshop with Owisokon-Registration opened August 18.
 Corn Husk Doll-Making with Sosan Montour- Registration opened August 18.
 Screaming Chef – Cooking Demonstration by Ryland Diome
 Come learn, create and take part in a traditional workshops.

Vendors

With 22+ vendors and information kiosks, there will be lots to explore. Find food, crafts, body care, beadwork, local products and community information.



Kiosks will include:

MCK • KCI • Tkanios • PlanIt • KMF
 Don't forget to stop by KMF for your Duck Race tickets! And keep an eye out for the MCK collaboration photo booth—because every good festival needs a picture to remember it by!



Corn Shuck Showdown

Adult Category & Child Category with prizes up for grabs! Bring your competitive spirit and show us your best shucking skills! May the fastest shucker win!

We're planning some delicious ways to celebrate the star of the day. Enjoy a cornbread giveaway, and corn will also be available for purchase. There will also be a food giveaway during the event. Come hungry!

MORE THAN FOOD: THE IMPORTANCE OF Ó:NENHSTE

Corn connects us to the land—and to each other. So this August, when you see an ear of corn, don't just think about what's for dinner. Think about the hands that planted it, the people who cared for it, and the land that nourished it. The teachings carried with it. And the generations before us who understood that growing food was also about growing community.
SEE YOU AT CORN FEST!



Grand Opening of Kanatahkwen:ke OUR STORIES. OUR CULTURE. OUR FUTURE

September 10th & 11th, 2026

Kanatahkwen:ke will open its doors as a new community space dedicated to preserving and sharing Kanien'kehá:ka culture, language, history and traditions.



The Grand Opening will include opening ceremonies, special guests, cultural demonstrations, museum tours, food, performances and opportunities to learn more about this exciting new space.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

12:00–4:00 p.m. — Community

4:00–8:00 p.m. — Public

Special performances will take place in the new Turtle Island Theatre from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

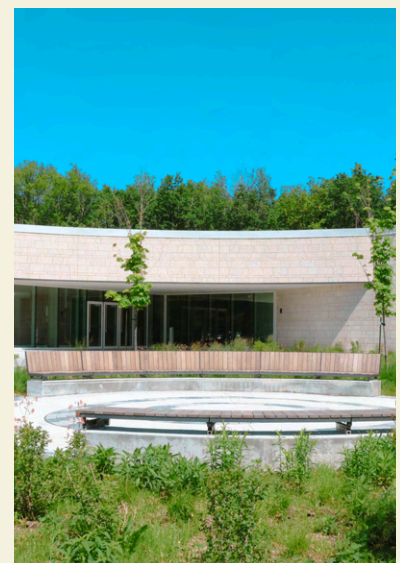
9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. — Donors & Stakeholders

The morning will recognize the donors and partners who helped make Kanatahkwen:ke possible, including guest speakers, refreshments, building tours and the unveiling of the Museum Wall.



Built by Community. Built for Community.

Kanatahkwen:ke represents an incredible milestone for Kahnawà:ke. A place where stories can be shared. Where culture can be celebrated. Where knowledge can be passed on. And where future generations can continue to learn who we are.





Why Does Corn Matter?

Corn has been part of Indigenous life for thousands of years. The word Maize is a Taino word for corn that means “sacred mother” or “giver of life”

It has been grown, harvested, dried, stored, prepared and shared. It has helped communities survive through seasons and has brought people together around the kitchen table and at community gatherings.

Corn can be transformed into so many things—from everyday foods to special dishes prepared for gatherings and celebrations. And it isn't just the kernels that have value. The whole plant has a story. The husks can be transformed into beautiful corn husk dolls. The cobs can be used in different traditional and practical ways. The kernels become food. The stalks and leaves return nutrients and organic matter to the land.

Corn reminds us that nothing is simply “waste.” There is value in the plant, the process and the teachings that come with it.

From Our Gardens to our Tables: Tkà:nios - It Grows!

Corn reminds us of the importance of growing food locally—and Tkanios is helping our community do exactly that.

The Homegrown Farmers Market returns Saturday, August 29! Come discover fresh local food and one-of-a-kind handmade treasures while supporting local growers, producers and artists.

Bring your market bags, family, friends, and appetite for local food!

Grow Local. Shop Local. Eat Local.

Tkà:nios has also been busy all summer with quillwork classes, garden work bees, natural dye classes, jam-making workshops, youth camping trips, fish-smoking workshops, tobacco harvest day, hot sauce-making workshops and medicine teachings.

There is a lot growing in our community—and we're not just talking about vegetables! Check out everything they have to discover on the Facebook page, **Tkà:nios- It grows.**

Kahnawà:ke in Action with KEPO

While we're celebrating what grows from the land, it's important to remember the responsibility we have to protect it. The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Organization (KEPO) has been busy this summer preparing for the upcoming North Creek restoration project.

Their work includes invasive species removal, native plant restoration, water sampling, drone surveys, LiDAR mapping, wildlife management and much more. KEPO has also been creating opportunities for youth to connect with the land through programs such as the Lessons of the Land Youth Camp and the Adopt-a-River Program.

Because protecting the land isn't just about today. It's about making sure there is something here for the next generation to inherit.



Local Flavours are Back!

After a brief storefront closure, Screaming Chef Cuisine reopened in July!

If you haven't stopped by yet, check out their weekly specials. They continue to offer restaurant services, catering and workshops for organizations. And if you're looking for a recommendation...

Fresh salads + homemade dressing + shrimp = YES PLEASE!





Where the drum brings everyone together

What a weekend! The 34th edition of the Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow was a beautiful celebration of culture, community and connection—and Mother Nature gave us three days of absolutely beautiful weather to enjoy it all!

The weekend got off to an incredible start with the Friday night Social, hosted by KORLCC, featuring the 3rd Annual Smoke Dance Competition.

The energy was high as dancers, families and visitors gathered to kick off an unforgettable event. Over the weekend, more than 10,000 people made their way to Tekakwitha Island to experience the sights and sounds of Pow Wow. The dance arena was alive with incredible dancing and singing throughout the weekend, with guest dancers travelling from near and far—including dancers from South America, who proudly joined the circle several times.

And of course, staying hydrated was a must! The lines for strawberry juice and fresh-squeezed lemonade were long all weekend as everyone found a refreshing way to beat the summer heat. The U13 Kahnawà:ke Mohawks girl's lacrosse team also joined the fun with a fundraiser selling Shirley Temples—and it was a huge success!

There was no shortage of things to discover with more than:

90+ Craft Vendors

20 Food Vendors

From beautiful handmade creations to delicious food, there truly was something for everyone.



Where the drum brings everyone together

One of the weekend's most memorable moments came during the dinner break when a group of young girls from our community stepped into the spotlight. They sang social songs they had learned through their singing group over the past year—and they absolutely wowed the crowd! Their voices filled the grounds, and the audience responded with so much pride and encouragement. These are the moments that make Pow Wow season so special. It's about coming together and celebrating who we are, about sharing our culture and most importantly, it's about watching the next generation step forward and carry our traditions with pride.

The 34th Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow gave us three beautiful days filled with dance, song, food, art, laughter, friendship and community. A huge niawenhkó:wa to everyone who helped make the weekend possible—from the organizers, dancers and singers to the vendors, volunteers, fundraisers, visitors and everyone who came out to celebrate.

**UNTIL NEXT YEAR! We
can't wait to see you back
in the circle!**



ART THAT TELLS OUR STORIES – Akwesasne Art Market

The 2026 Akwesasne Juried Art Show welcomed more than 500 guests to its opening night in July.

Artists showcased incredible creativity, vision and cultural expression. This year's Best in Show went to Roger Sosakete Perkins for his celestial-inspired Marriage Pot, created from Akwesasne clay.

Youth artists also had their moment to shine, with Bruno Light receiving Best in Show for Heart of the Tipi. The People's Choice Award went to Kelly and Tyson Back for Gratitude of the Hunt.

From pottery to dance, food and social activities, the event was a wonderful celebration of Haudenosaunee art and community. Check out Akwesasne Travel on their website or social media pages to see more information on their upcoming Pow Wow on September 12th & 13th, hope to see you there!



The Haudenosaunee Story of the Corn Husk Doll

The Corn Spirit was proud to be one of the sustainers of life. She asked the Great Spirit if there was anything else she could do for her people. The Great Spirit told her that a doll could be made from her husk.

The doll was beautiful, and everywhere she went, people admired her. But eventually, she became too proud of her beauty. The Great Spirit reminded her that she was meant to bring joy—not believe she was better than others. When the doll continued to admire herself, the Great Spirit took away her face. And that is why the traditional corn husk doll has no face.

The lesson? Stay humble. Be kind. Bring joy to others. And never think you are better than anyone else.

So, the next time you see a corn husk doll, remember—she isn't faceless because something is missing. Her face is missing because there is a teaching.

MEET THE GUIDE: ZYE MAYO

Our local guide to the stories and history of Kahnawà:ke

This summer, Zye Mayo joined the Kahnawà:ke Tourism team as one of our tour guides—and what a season it has been! As part of our amazing Welcome Center team, Zye helped welcome hundreds of guests to Kahnawà:ke and shared his knowledge of our community with visitors from near and far.

Over the summer, Zye led more than 25 walk-in tours, welcoming guests from places as far away as Germany and Singapore, as well as visitors from our neighbouring communities. From the historic village to important community sites, Zye helped guests discover Kahnawà:ke through stories, history and conversation.

Zye brought previous tourism experience to the team and quickly became an important resource at the Welcome Center. Along with guiding visitors, he helped support the team with his experience and developed his skills as an office leader, balancing the day-to-day needs of the Welcome Center with his time out in the community.



One of Zye's biggest challenges this summer was the language barrier. With so many visitors arriving from France and other French-speaking countries, not speaking French presented a challenge. But Zye didn't let that stop him. He continued to do his best to connect with visitors, share what he knew and make every guest feel welcome. His willingness to communicate, learn and find ways to connect is a great example of what Indigenous tourism is all about.

We're happy to say that Zye will continue with Kahnawà:ke Tourism as an on-call tour guide for upcoming seasons, while returning to school full time this fall and we look forward to seeing where his experience, curiosity and passion for sharing Kahnawà:ke take him next! Niawenhkó:wa Zye!

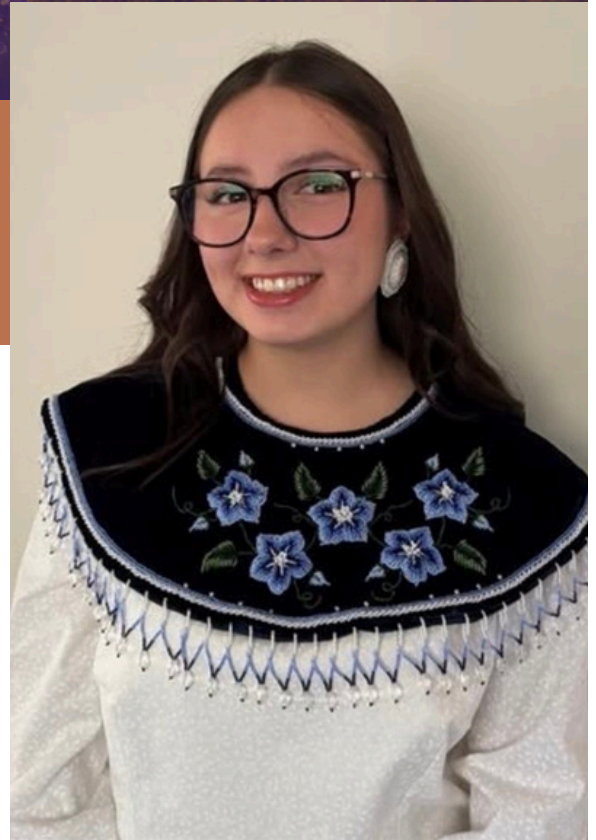


Summer in Review: Grace Myiow's Journey with Kahnawà:ke Tourism

This summer, Kahnawà:ke Tourism had the pleasure of welcoming Grace Myiow as our Tourism Clerk. Throughout her time with us, Grace gained valuable experience while deepening her connection to her culture, community, and history.

“Working with the tourism team was a great experience, where I was able to learn many new skills, most importantly, communicating my knowledge about our community’s history with people coming in from all over the world.”

One of Grace’s main goals in taking on this position was to learn more about her culture and people, and she certainly accomplished that. A highlight of her summer was helping with the Ionkhinenhrine program and joining them on outings to Flat Rocks, fishing trips, the Botanical Gardens, and more.



Grace also enjoyed being involved in the Kahnawà:ke Tourism office, developing professional skills and gaining experience that she can carry with her into the future.

We are grateful for all of Grace’s hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication this summer. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours!

Sharing Our Stories, Welcoming Visitors & Making Connections

July and August have been busy months for Kahnawà:ke Tourism! From walking tours through the historic village to maple-inspired breakfasts, storytelling, community visits and cultural experiences, we've had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from near and far.

Each tour gives us another opportunity to share Kahnawà:ke's history, stories, places and people while creating meaningful connections through Indigenous tourism.

A Summer Full of Visitors

Over the past two months, Kahnawà:ke Tourism welcomed more than 120 visitors, staff and community members through a variety of tours and experiences.

Our summer highlights included:

July 6 — We welcomed 8 staff from Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact for a walking tour of the historic village area.

July 7 — 10 KYC staff and architects visited Kahnawà:ke. Their day began with a catered lunch from Messy Kitchen featuring strawberry juice, corn soup, mini Indian tacos and cornbread with gravy, followed by a community tour and a visit to the new Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center.

July 12 — A group of 15 Collette visitors arrived at the Kahnawà:ke Marina for a light maple breakfast followed by storytelling about the history of Kahnawà:ke.

July 17 — We welcomed 20 visitors from McGill/Sing Canada for a community tour beginning at the Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center.

July 27 — 11 KSCS Prevention staff joined us for a tour of Saint Francis Xavier Mission before exploring the historic village area.

August 2 — Another group of 18 Collette visitors arrived at the Kahnawà:ke Marina, enjoying a maple-inspired breakfast and storytelling focused on our community's history and culture.

August 14 — It was a busy day at the Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center! A private group of 5 visitors explored the historic village and Saint Francis Xavier Mission. We also welcomed 35 Kahnawà:ke Education Center staff for a community tour, including stops at local KEC schools.

August 16 — 24 Collette visitors enjoyed a light maple-inspired picnic behind Saint Francis Xavier Mission before taking part in a storytelling session.





Tourism Administration Office

An Exciting New Chapter for Kahnawà:ke Tourism!

Tewatohnhi'saktha is pleased to announce that, as of August 28, 2026, the Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center, located in the heart of the historic village, will be relocating its field staff to Kanatahkwèn:ke. This move marks an exciting new chapter for Kahnawà:ke Tourism as we prepare to welcome visitors to the new location and celebrate the Grand Opening on September 10, 2026.

Tourism staff will be on-site at Kanatahkwèn:ke to greet guests, share information about Kahnawà:ke, and provide tours. The museum will also officially open to the general public.

MOVING FORWARD

01

Coordinated tours and museum ticketing

will be administered from Kanatahkwèn:ke.

02

Tourism Staff

will be available to welcome and assist visitors at the new location.

03

Guided Historic Village Tours

will continue to depart from the Tourism Administration Office.

04

Shop Kahnawà:ke Sales

will no longer be available at the Tourism Administration Office. Only available to purchase at Tewatohnhi'saktha.

Guided tours of the historic village will continue to be part of our tour offerings, with the Tourism Administration Office serving as the central gathering point for these tours.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to Kanatahkwèn:ke and sharing the history, culture, and stories of Kahnawà:ke from this exciting new location.



Kanatahkwèn:ke

Religious Heritage Days

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Tour the
**Saint
Francis
Xavier
Mission**

September 12th and 13th
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Guided Tours

**FREE TOUR
BOOK NOW**



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128 Visitors & Counting

Kahnawà:ke Welcomes Visitors From Near & Far

The Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center has been buzzing with activity throughout the first half of August as visitors from around the world stopped by to discover Kahnawà:ke!

As summer vacation season begins to wind down, we've continued to welcome an incredible mix of visitors from across Europe, Canada and the United States.

Our international guests travelled from:

Portugal • Spain • Uzbekistan • Morocco •
Bulgaria • Austria • Netherlands • Germany •
Finland • France • Italy • Belgium

In the first half of August alone, the Welcome Center welcomed 128 visitors from near and far. Whether they travelled across an ocean, crossed a border or simply made the trip from a neighbouring community, we're always happy to open our doors and welcome people to Kahnawà:ke.

As the summer travel season winds down, we're grateful for every visitor who stopped in, asked questions, explored our community and took home a few Kahnawà:ke stories.

Thank you for visiting—and come back soon!

From Coast to Coast

Our Canadian visitors came from near and far, with guests travelling from British Columbia in the west all the way to Red Lake, Ontario in the east.

South to South

Our American visitors also travelled impressive distances, with guests arriving from South Carolina in the south to Massachusetts in the north.



KAHNAWÀ:KE WELCOME CENTER HOURS

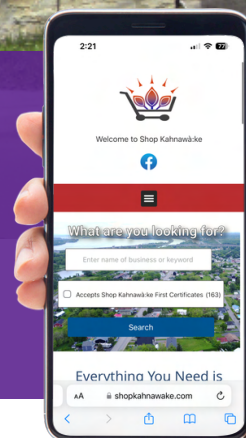
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SHOP KAHNAWÀ:KE

Explore the Shop Kahnawà:ke Facebook page and website to discover the diverse range of businesses available in Kahnawa:ke! From retail shops to delicious dining options, Kahnawa:ke truly has something for everyone.

Shopkahnawake.com



BOOK A TOUR WITH US

To experience all that Kahnawà:ke has to offer, we invite you to book one of our many fun and informative tours or join us at one of our many cultural events.

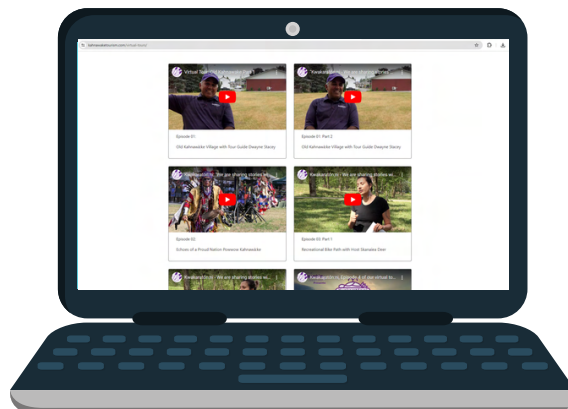


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