



In Loving Memory & In Honor of....

For this issue of the Newsletter, we would like to strip down to only focusing on a very important person that we lost last year on this day.

We will double up on June's Newsletter, but for today, we want all the focus and love to be on this Superhero!

Artist Spotlight – Gail “Gentle Leaves” Gould

Say her name again...

It is our tradition to mourn our passed on in a certain way. One of those traditions that we are taught is to not speak that person's name for 13 moon cycles, 4 seasons, one year; as they make their journey through the 12 levels of creation to be with the Creator. To speak their name is to distract them from that journey, with the only taught exception to be during our Feast of the Dead ceremonies.

Traditionally, tobacco is collect during burial ceremonies with the prayers of those who loved the passed on, to be burned the following year, so that those messages and prayers make it to the Creator and passed on.

For our family, today, May 31st, 2024, is that day that we may burn our prayers collected throughout the year, and finally freely speak the name Gail Gould!





Critical To Our Community...



All who crossed paths with this woman can attest to her kindness and loving nature. There are so many projects that she had begun, and relationships & connections that she has made that she may no longer directly have a hand in continuing; but those that loved her certainly will.

Gail was considered the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape's "First Lady" for a number of years, being the wife of former Chief Mark "Quiet Hawk" Gould. She also had roots in the Rappahannock tribe. Among many things, Gail was passionate about serving her community. For years, she had poured her energy into efforts, such as Cultural Retention, Indigenous Youth, Education, initial phases of what will come to be 'Achimwit' Museum of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, and so much more.



Gail spent more than half her week, volunteering her time unpaid to keep the tribe's headquarters afloat; especially during the time where there was no funding to keep the headquarters staffed. Most recently, she had been the New Jersey Indigenous Covid Coordinator, employed by the New Jersey State Commission on Indian Affairs, overseeing representatives from each of the three State Recognized tribes in New Jersey, up until she fell ill.

Believe it or not, Lenapehoking Reestablishment Project was co-founded by Gail, as a lot of what we stand for was built on projects that Gail started. About a decade ago, an outline of economic and cultural development had been drafted by four people; three in which are LRP founders (Gail included). A lot of what she wanted to see happen for our people was poured into these enthusiastic aspirations. LRP would not exist, had it not been for Gail's contributions.

As our mourning year comes to an end, we would like to emphasize that her contributions towards our community included being a keystone when it came to putting on our Annual Pow-Wow. With that being said, her family intends to honor her at this year's Pow-Wow next weekend. Her family will dance in her memory, and her youngest grandson, this year's Junior Head Man Dancer Mathyias "Laughing Wolf" Ellis, will be sponsoring dance and drum specials throughout the weekend in honor of Gail.



She is truly missed and loved.

Mom, we hope that we continue to make you proud of us!



In Loving Memory



Gail "Gentle Leaves" Gould

Jan 22, 1960 - May 31, 2023

Forever with us in Spirit



Làpich knewël, Tòkèkkèmpàhko. Ktaholël!

Jr. Headman Special
Mathyias “Laughing Wolf” Ellis
Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape
Strawberry Moon Pow-Wow

Salem County Fairgrounds, Woodstown NJ

2024 Specials

In Honor of

Gail “Gentle Leaves” Gould

Eastern Woodlands/ War/ Blanket

(Men’s & Women’s Split)

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Two-Step

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Hand-Drum

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Specials in honor of lost loved one and those of her family members coming out of their year long mourning, in lieu of a give-away.

Rules and regulations will adhere to Pow-Wow Committee’s Head Judge’s standards.

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Strawberry Moon

43rd Annual Pow-Wow

Sat. June 8th & Sun. June 9th, 2024

Salem County Fairgrounds 735 Harding Hwy Woodstown, NJ 08098

Bring a Lawn Chair

Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies

Keith Colston

Arena Director

Will Mosley

Head Man

Ascension Harjo

Head Lady

Sailee Sandy

Junior Head Man

Mathyias Ellis

Junior Head Lady

Maehawiaki Ridgeway

Host Drum

Stoney Creek Singers

Head Judge

Elyse Sparks

Saturday June 8th

Gates Open @10am

Gate Admission \$10 a Car

Grand Entry @12pm

Evening Social Dance

Sponsored by

Red Blanket Singers

Sunday, June 9th

Church Service @ 9:30am

Gates Open @ 10am

Gate Admission \$10 a Car

Grand Entry @ 1pm

Car Show 10am-3pm

Drum Contest

1st Place- \$2,000

2nd Place- \$1,500

3rd Place- \$1,000

Dance Contests

Adult Categories

1st-\$500 2nd- \$300 3rd-\$200

Teen Categories

1st-\$250 2nd- \$150 3rd-\$75

Boys & Girls Categories

1st-\$75 2nd- \$50 3rd-\$30

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