

# Meskwaki Ribbonwork Regalia

**Lecture and Demonstration by Brenda Ackerman, Dept. of AESHM**

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Free and open to the public

Meskwaki Ribbonwork, a textile art form, is a method of applied decoration to dress that is used by the Meskwaki people of Iowa. Though the materials used are not native in origin, the traditional method of applied decoration to garments is a form of ethnic dress that continues as a visual marker of identity as it has for centuries. Contemporary versions of ribbonwork reflect the past in the motifs, assembly, and color. There is continuity in the cultural meanings assigned to the role and function of ribbonwork and it continues to exemplify Meskwaki tradition.

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