

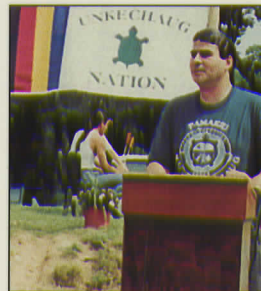
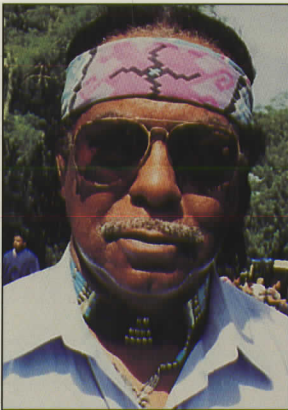
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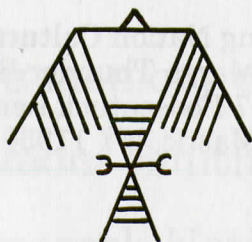
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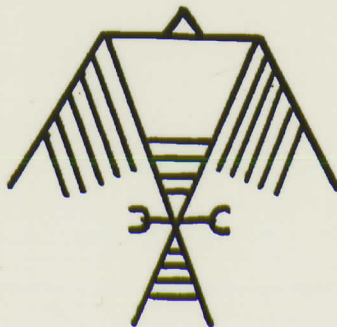
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"We are still here!" is the proud affirmation today of Long Island's Shinnecocks, Unkechaugs (Poospatucks), Montauketts, and Matinecock. These Indians are the descendants of the original inhabitants of Long Island who spoke dialects of the Algonquian language. Whether living on the Shinnecock Reservation in Southampton, the Poospatuck Reservation in Mastic, or in other Long Island communities, today's Algonquian peoples are proud of their distinct cultural traditions and their survival as ethnic groups. The Powwow at Shinnecock on Labor Day weekend may be the most visible manifestation of their identity, but other cultural patterns are equally important, including the continual struggle to protect—or reclaim—communal ownership of land, the renewal of family and tribal ties at traditional gatherings, distinctive foods and customs, as well as self identification and pride in being Native Americans.

John A. Strong, Professor of History at Southampton College, examines this cultural articulation of Long Island's Algonquian peoples in the recent past. *"We Are Still Here!"* is illustrated with more than seventy archival and contemporary photographs, and also includes several original portraits of Indian chiefs and elders by Shinnecock artist, David Bunn Martine. This is a companion book to Dr. Strong's detailed history, *The Algonquian Peoples of Long Island from Earliest Times to 1700*, also published under the auspices of the Long Island Studies Institute of Hofstra University by Empire State Books.

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