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with presenter Richard Hamel**



Canandaigua Treaty Belt  
1794

(Treaty between the  
Hodinöhsö:ni' and the  
United States of America)

## **WAMPUM: More Than Just A Word**

Though wampum had a monetary value, its sole purpose for the colonials was by no means limited to an economic role.

To the Native Americans, wampum was used for a multitude of purposes not least of which was the binding truth to words 'written' in wampum. So respected and important was it that an accompanying belt of wampum gave great solemnity to messages, speeches, and agreements.

This presentation will describe the history of wampum and its vital role in trade, diplomacy and as treaty documents, some of which still stand today. It will also be accompanied with a reproduction wampum belt display.

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**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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