

Valley Historical Society – Sinclairville, NY

Presents a Talk by



Valerie Printup Nosie,

History of the Thomas Indian School – Tragedy for the Seneca Nation

Thomas Asylum of Orphaned and Destitute Indian Children

Thomas School was Located On the Seneca Cattaraugus Reserve, Irving, NY –From 1855 to 1957

Tuesday October 1st 7 pm

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Valerie Printup Nosie is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation, Deer clan. Her Mother is originally from the Allegany territory. Her Father is from the Seneca Tonawanda Band of Indians.

Valerie attended Haskell Indian College. Then went on to receive a Master of Education degree from the University of Texas, El Paso. From there she was an elementary school teacher for 23 years. Teaching on the Apache and Navajo reservations in Arizona.

Valerie is a Chief Cornplanter descendent. She is an accomplished basket maker. Valerie has lectured at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ. As well as various schools in the surrounding Western New York area when she served as the Curator of Education for the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum.

Her professional interest focus on native children education. Her current project includes a pop-up book in the Seneca language for beginning readers.

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