

Higuayagua Taíno of the Caribbean





About Higuayagua

Higuayagua Taíno of the Caribbean Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-for-profit Cultural/Educational organization dedicated to research, investigation and dissemination of all aspects of Caribbean Indigeneity. Higuayagua is a community of Pan-Caribbean people of Taíno descent. We are dedicated to preserving the Taíno Culture that persists, as well as rescuing traditions that have disappeared. We consider ourselves to be full blooded Indians of mixed blood! We do not negate our African nor our Spanish ancestry. However, our identities are geographically based and we feel that the contributions from all migrants to the region are important aspects of the historical Native experience. Our work strives to dispel and abolish the “extinction” narrative by demonstrating the plethora of Indigeneity present in the modern Caribbean today.



Hiaguayagua Offers Demonstrations of

Taíno Dances
Cultural Lectures
Cemí (Taíno Spiritual Art)
Hammocks
Headdress making
Casabe bread making
Woven baskets
and much, much more!

Cemí Display





About the Cemí

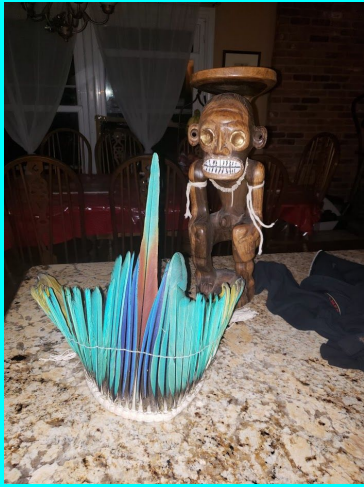
The display of Taíno cemí (Spiritual Objects) tells Taíno Stories, and provides detailed information on their cultural significance. These objects are made in “Janus mode”; they appear to be singular objects but are in fact multifaceted.

Workshops encourage participants to create a Cemí out of clay, or to make their own versions of it.

Casabe Bread Making Demo

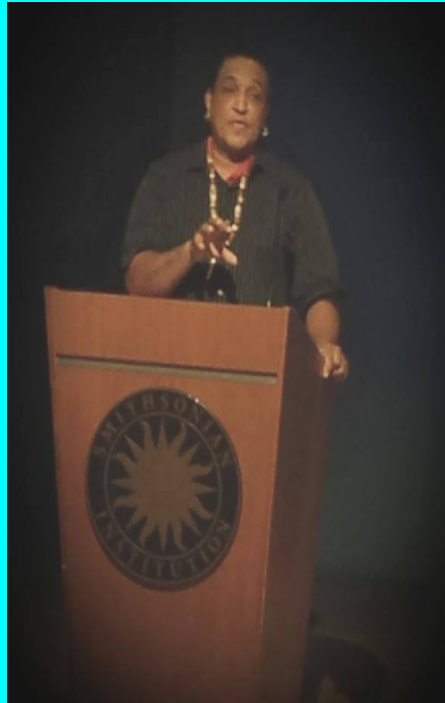


Headdress Making Demonstrations



Lectures on Taíno Culture

We provide lectures on Taíno history, culture, language, and the revitalization movement of the Taíno people.



Higuayagua Dance



Taíno Dance

Taíno dances are simple, fun, and a great exercise! Higuayagua divides them in two main categories:

- ★ Dances created in the 1980s by community people (Tekina)
- ★ Traditional dances that have been maintained by the rural Jíbaros of the Caribbean islands such as: yuca dance, moon dance, and others

We encourage audience participation!

Click below to watch a video of two of Higuayagua's dances: Friendship dance and Snake dance. Videos of other dances might be available upon request.

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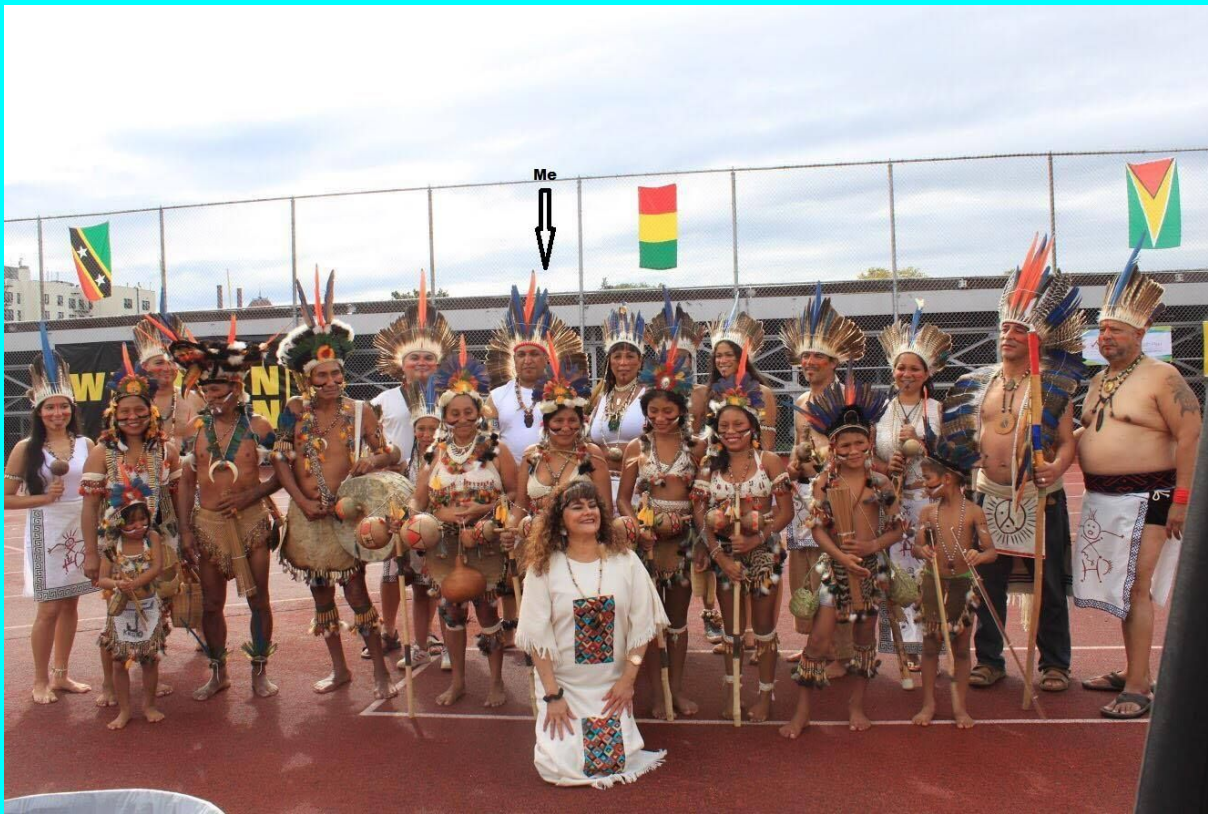
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**Higuayagua Taino Arawak and
Guyana Wapishana Arawak**





Guyana Wapishana Dancers (front row) with Higuayagua Taíno Dancers (back row)
Arawakan people sharing love, friendship and culture!



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