Welcome to the Hall of Eastern Woodlands!

These models and objects are featured in the two worksheets:

**Worksheet A**
- A1. Corn Processing Mini Diorama
- A2. Burden Basket
- A3. Clay Pot
- A4. Corn-Washing Basket
- A5. Corn Pounder
- A6. Sieve

**Worksheet B**
- B1. Longhouse Mini Diorama
- B2. Wooden Bowl
- B3. Clay Pot
- B4. Paddle

“Haudenosaunee” or “Iroquois”?

Throughout this hall, Haudenosaunee objects are identified in labels as “Iroquois,” the term used by non-Native people to refer to the Haudenosaunee since the 17th century.

In this activity, we use their eponym, or the name they call themselves, “Haudenosaunee.”

Because the hall has the original wall text from when it was created in the 1960s, when hunting for the objects described, you will need to look for the term “Iroquois.”
Worksheet A

1. Find the mini diorama in the hall (A1). Observe the people in the diorama and the objects they’re using.
2. How is each person shown using their object? What does it look like they are doing?
3. Use the map to find one or more of the real objects in the hall (A2–A6). What do you notice about it (size, material, color, texture)?
4. Refer to the Thanksgiving Address. Which elements do you think apply to each object and how it is shown being used?
1. Find the mini diorama (B1). Observe the people in it and the objects they’re using.

2. How is each person shown using their object? What does it look like they are doing?

3. Use the map to find one or more of the real objects in the hall (B2–B4). What do you notice about it (size, material, color, texture)?

4. Refer to the Thanksgiving Address. Which elements do you think apply to each object and how it is shown being used?
Thanksgiving Address

1. **The People:** Today we have gathered and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People. *Now our minds are one.*

2. **The Waters:** We give thanks to all the Waters of the world for quenching our thirst and providing us with strength. Water is life. We know its power in many forms—waterfalls and rain, mists and streams, rivers and oceans. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the spirit of Water. *Now our minds are one.*

3. **The Plants:** Now we turn toward the vast fields of Plant life. As far as the eye can see, the Plants grow, working many wonders. They sustain many life forms. With our minds gathered together, we give thanks and look forward to seeing Plant life for many generations to come. *Now our minds are one.*

4. **The Food Plants:** With one mind, we turn to honor and thank all the Food Plants we harvest from the garden. Since the beginning of time, the grains, vegetables, beans and berries have helped the people survive. Many other living things draw strength from them too. We gather all the Plant Foods together as one and send them a greeting and thanks. *Now our minds are one.*

5. **The Animals:** We gather our minds together to send greetings and thanks to all the Animal life in the world. They have many things to teach us as people. We see them near our homes and in the deep forests. We are glad they are still here and we hope that it will always be so. *Now our minds are one.*

6. **The Trees:** We now turn our thoughts to the Trees. The Earth has many families of Trees who have their own instructions and uses. Some provide us with shelter and shade, others with fruit, beauty and other useful things. Many peoples of the world use a Tree as a symbol of peace and strength. With one mind, we greet and thank the Tree life. *Now our minds are one.*

7. **The Sun:** We now send greetings and thanks to our eldest Brother, the Sun. Each day without fail he travels the sky from east to west, bringing the light of a new day. He is the source of all the fires of life. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Brother, the Sun. *Now our minds are one.*

8. **The Enlightened Teachers:** We gather our minds to greet and thank the Enlightened Teachers who have come to help throughout the ages. When we forget how to live in harmony, they remind us of the way we were instructed to live as people. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to these caring Teachers. *Now our minds are one.*

9. **The Earth Mother:** We are all thankful to our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our Mother, we send greetings and thanks. *Now our minds are one.*

10. **Closing Words:** We have now arrived at the place where we end our words. Of all the things we have named, it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way. *And now our minds are on*