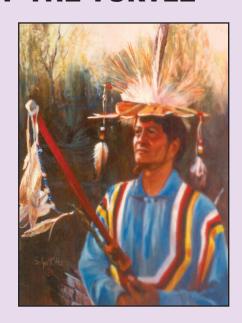
## **COLLECTION SHOWING: PEOPLE OF THE TURTLE**







## **EVELYN J. RITTER PORTRAITS**

from the Dr. Mike and Linda Shinkle Collection Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 10am - 3pm

Artwork will remain on display through Saturday, May 19, 2018

The Dr. Mike and Linda Shinkle Collection: "People of the Turtle," began as an effort to pay tribute to the Eastern Woodland Indian tribes.

The Shinkles, along with several Eastern Woodland Indian tribal elders and leaders, assembled in an effort to communicate the culture and history of the first people of the land and their story of survival and growth.

Their story was entrusted to artist, Evelyn J. Ritter, who created forty oil-on-canvas portraits.

The series of portraits was the inspiration for the book, <u>Always a People</u>,
comprised by Rita Kohn and W. Lynwood Montell.

This book can be viewed at the Ziibiwing Research Center,
which is open to the public Monday thru Friday from 10am - 6pm.

This collection showcases a great appreciation and support for the history, people, and stories of the Eastern Woodland Indians. The tone of their story is one of beauty, survival, and vitality. This exciting collection preserves and promotes this culture and language while providing diversity to the general public.

On Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 10am to 3pm, join William Johnson, Ziibiwing Center's Curator, as he hosts the opening of this Collection Showing.