



Karenne Wood

### The Scholar and Advocate

A member of the Monacan tribe, Karenne Wood spent most of her life working to understand and to share what being one of Virginia's native peoples meant. She began an effort to document and revive the Monacan language and sat on the Monacan tribal council and served as tribal

historian.

Wood edited *The Virginia Indian Heritage Trail* (2007)'s tribal histories and interpretive site descriptions and curated the exhibition *Beyond Jamestown: Virginia Indians Past and Present*, at the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Her work included coordinating the return of sacred artifacts to native communities through the Association on American Indian Affairs.