The Wampanoag were among the earliest inhabitants of Martha’s Vineyard. Today one large extended family continues to celebrate and preserve the Native American culture.

HANDMADE WAMPUM JEWELRY

This shop has been in operation in some form since the 1910s, when it was nothing more than a table displaying one family-owned, self-wound wampum jewelry, along with paintings, prints, photos, leather work, walking sticks, and other crafts by Native American artists and other tribes. HowWanWoo was Waldina’s great-grandmother’s Wampanoag name. One sign says it all: ‘auguwo, white-bead-free zone.’ 17 Aquinnah Circle, Aquinnah, 508-645-9309

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