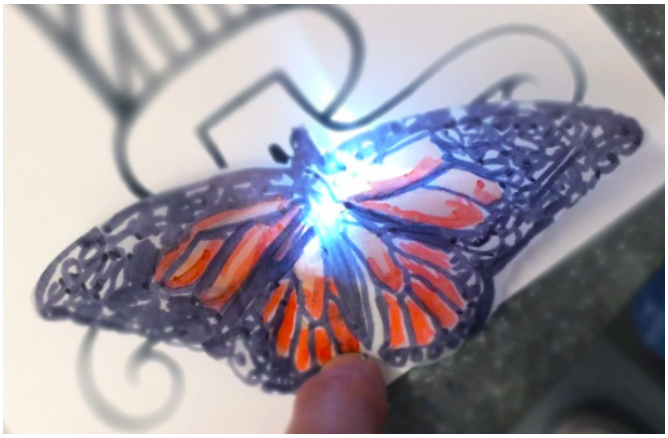
EXPLORING ART+TECH LABS FALL SERIES



- All programs are free. To learn more and register: **AmericanIndian.si.edu/calendar**
- Recommended for ages 7 and up

It's about Time: Autumnal Equinox

1st & 3rd Saturdays: Sept 7 & 21, 1 – 4 PM

The fall equinox in September marks the seasonal shift toward preparing for and receiving the winter. Learn more about Indigenous calendar and timekeeping systems such as the Maya corn cycle and the Haudenosaunee 13-month lunar cycle. Create your own calendar as you reflect on the annual rituals in your life.

Investigating Native Corn

1st & 3rd Saturdays: Oct 5 & 19, 1-4 PM

From pupusas to piki bread and from fuel to fashion, explore the diverse knowledge and innovation for processing corn. Create your own puzzle as you learn more about corn technology and its versatile applications through multisensory activities such as masa making, tortilla tasting, guessing games, and more.

Migration of the Monarch Butterflies

1st Saturday: Nov 2, 11 AM – 5 PM

Learn about the annual migration of monarch butterflies to Mexico and their cultural significance during the corn harvest in P'urhépecha communities. Use LED and circuitry to make your butterfly come to life! This lab is part of our annual Día de los Muertos festival.

Potatoes: From Peru to Poland

3rd Saturday: November 16, 1 – 4 PM

How have potatoes traveled the world? Examine the origin, adaptation, and journey of the (not-so) simple potato. Learn how Indigenous people of the Andes Mountains developed more than 3,000 varieties, and create your own potato print to take home.

From Clay to Container

1st & 3rd Saturdays: December 7 & 21, 1 – 4 PM

Examine and experiment with shape, form, and function as you create with clay. View Southwestern pottery from our collection and stop by our annual art market on December 7 and 8 to see examples of fine pottery and other Native-made items from across the hemisphere available for purchase.

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