



Gorget

Date

c. 1800

Primary Maker

Haudenosaunee (Iroquois)

Medium

Silver

Description

Silver adornment was important to the fur trade during the 18th and 19th centuries and became an important part of Native / European relations for several centuries. Silver jewelry was produced for the Indian trade by Colonial silversmiths. Native leaders received crescent-shaped gorgets as symbols of alliances, as well as in trade, and wore them hung around the neck.

Dimensions

Overall: 5 × 1/2 × 2 1/2 in. (12.7 × 1.3 × 6.4 cm)