



## Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter March, 2016

Spring is just around the corner! It doesn't mean it's smooth sailing from here, but the daffodils and crocus are beginning to peak through. And the Cabin Fever Dinner was just in time for us to celebrate.



What a great Cabin Fever celebration it was! We want to thank all who helped put it together. It is not a fundraiser for MAHS, but rather a way to build greater awareness of MAHS and its activities and a way to bring the community together for fun and conversation. The trivia game was challenging, thanks to the ingenuity of Eileen and Dennis Mikus, but great fun and we were pleased to award Scott Ward with our Volunteer of the Year Award.



He has done so much for us with his teams of horses with the Plowing of the Fields, the Historic Festival and Christmas in Mackinaw. It is people like him and so many others who come up with great ideas and then implement them!

The winter and early spring months are planning times for MAHS. We begin looking at our 2017 Lecture Series and arranging for it now. We are working on the Historic Festival (August 5 and 6), the Plowing of the Fields (May 25) and the Discovery Camp (June 20 - 24). More details to come later, but mark down these important dates on the calendar.

We have two new events that will occur at Heritage Village this spring/summer. In collaboration with Emmet County and the Headlands, we will be the host of the Arthritis Prevention Walk. Our town square at Heritage Village will be the area to walk and learn about ways to prevent and/or improve arthritis symptoms. Look for more information on the Emmet County website on how to sign up for this program. It should be a fun way to improve our health, socialize and enjoy the out-of-doors.

The second event is the Story Trail with the Mackinaw Area Public Library. They will be posting pages of a story out at Heritage Village for families, resorters and anyone else stopping by to walk the grounds to read a story as they do so. Children will earn extra points at the Library for doing so. Contact the Library for more details.

It is with great excitement we are pleased to announce the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Events awarded MAHS a \$7,500 grant for Operations and the Straits Area Community Foundation awarded MAHS a \$1,000 grant for the Medicine Wheel.

Don't forget about the April 11 Lecture Series at Pine Crest Village at 7:00 p.m. featuring Don Gezon talking about trains and the effect of the railroads on Northern Michigan. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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