



## Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter August, 2016

The scent of autumn is in the air at Heritage Village! We at Mackinaw Area Historical Society are getting ready to switch gears out of the summer mode. But first, let's have a recap of August!

Our Historic Festival on August 5 and 6 was very well attended on an absolutely picture-perfect day. We were afraid the road construction would keep our numbers down, but we believe we had over 600 people in attendance. We thank all who helped make it such a special Friday evening and Saturday. We even had a surprise of a large sacred Native drum to help us bring the Festival to a close!

Without all the volunteers who do the work beforehand, during and after, we would not be as successful as we have been. So a big shout-out of THANK YOU to all our volunteers. And then, we wouldn't have such a great festival without all of the different demonstrations and events. It is the diversity of what we have to offer that makes our Festival interesting to so many different people. So another big shout-out of THANK YOU to all who shared their talents with us.

In August we had three different visits from Road Scholar to our Village. John Childs has done a great job narrating those lectures. We will wrap up our relationship with Road Scholar for this year when they visit three more times in the month of September.

Then, on Labor Day we close down our docent program until next Memorial Day. Think about becoming a docent next year. If everyone who volunteered this year did four days, we would easily divide the privilege of sharing our Straits area history with the general public. Think about joining in for next year.

But, for this year, we would like to invite anyone who has volunteered for MAHS any time this year to come to a Thank You Reception at Heritage Village on Sunday, September 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Come meet and thank the people who share your passion about our Village. We really hope to see you there. In case of rain, the reception will be in the Chapel, otherwise we will see you at the Pavilion!

Just because the Village will not have docents on hand doesn't mean that you cannot come out and visit. Autumn, with the change of colors, is a wonderful time to come out and walk the grounds. Once again, another of our best seasons is spectacular at Heritage Village. Come out and see for yourselves!

Sincerely,

Susie Safford  
MAHS President