



Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter November, 2016

All of us at the Mackinaw Area Historical Society (MAHS) wish all of you and your family a very safe and happy Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that our 2016 year is coming to a close.

October was a beautiful month with the fall colors out at Heritage Village. The weather was great for our 3rd annual Ghost Supper. We had over 50 people attend and share in food, drumming, stories and learning of the Anishanaabe traditions and beliefs. And, as we sat around our new medicine wheel, we even had an eagle fly overhead at just the appropriate time. A big thank you goes to all who organized and presented at the event. Mark your calendars for October 15 for the Ghost Supper in 2017.

Then, 2 weeks later, we had over 300 people attend our Triple Fright Night event at Heritage Village. The many ghosts and goblins were transported from "trick or treating" at the Village to McGulpin Point Lighthouse by trolley, followed by the Dark Sky presentation at the Headlands. Once again the weather held for us. We want to again thank all of those who helped set up, hand out candy, doughnuts and cider and then tear down. Without our many volunteers, events like this could not happen!

Next up, is our last event of the year. Mark your calendars for December 3 from 1-4 pm at McGulpin Point Lighthouse and Heritage Village for our Victorian "Christmas in Mackinaw". Santa will be at the Lighthouse and hay rides/sleigh rides will be at Heritage Village from 1-3 p.m. If weather permits, Anishanaabe stories will be told in the long house as well. Then, crafts for children will be in Freedom School from 2-3 pm. Finally, beginning at 3 p.m., we will meet in the Chapel for the sharing of Anishanaabe drums and music and the singing of Christmas Carols. I can't think of a better way to bring in the Christmas season. So come join us and view the Village decked out in its Victorian garb!

Remember that Heritage Village is open all year round. Feel free to come out and enjoy the beauty and serenity anytime. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful place for people to visit and wonder at the beauty of this time of year!

Sincerely,

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