



Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter May, 2017

*"In the morning when I found History
Snoring heavily on the couch,
I took down his overcoat from the rack
And placed its weight over my shoulder blades*

*It would protect me on the cold walk
Into the village for milk and the paper
And I figured he would not mind.
Not after our long conversation the night before.*

*How unexpected his blustering anger
When I returned covered with icicles,
The way he rummaged through the huge pockets
Making sure no major battle or English queen
Had fallen out and become lost in the deep snow.*

The Lesson by Billy Collins from Sailing Alone Around the Room

How comforting to imagine History's overcoat protecting us and being reminded of our responsibility for protecting history's details ...

On May 23, 2017, beginning at 10 AM, MAHS is holding the Plowing of the Fields at Heritage Village - sharing with the young and the young-at-heart, the use of horses to prepare the ground for planting. Students from Mackinaw City and the St. Francis School in Petoskey, as well as home schooled children, will be in attendance.

Our summer intern has had to resign so we will be adapting and re-grouping for the summer season. Linda Rogers is going to lead the docent training classes scheduled for May 20 and June 17, 9 AM to 12 noon. Please consider helping out with Docent duties over the summer. In the short term, we will need special help scheduling docents for the summer. Guiding tours around Heritage Village is fun and interesting and an opportunity to share our work with visitors from near and far. Docents are available for tours on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday each week from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. This is a major opportunity for the MAHS to share the history of our time period and encourage donations that sustain Heritage Village and the Society's activities.

The Anishinaabe Voices Committee is gearing up to finish the medicine wheel and the plank house displays as well as covering the long house with birch bark. This exhibit of Native American adaptation during our time period will open later this summer.

Thank you to all for the hard work provided to opening and maintaining the buildings and grounds of Heritage Village !

Sincerely,

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