



Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter September, 2016

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! Oranges, yellows and reds are beginning to peak through the pine trees at Heritage Village. With the changing of the colors, MAHS knows it is time to stop our regular docent tours for 2017 and gear up for our fall activities.

In the month of September we saw our last Road Scholar tour and thanked our wonderful volunteers for their service. If you happened to miss our volunteer reception on September 18, we want to say THANK YOU. Without our volunteers, our many MAHS events would not happen and no one would know much about our Heritage Village and the history of the Straits from 1880-1917.

While we think we are in the process of slowing down for the year, October looks mighty busy. We have our Annual Meeting, our last school visit with over 60 first graders, our Ghost Supper, and our Triple Fright Night.

In chronological order, our Annual Meeting will be at Pinecrest Village at 7 pm on October 10. We will recognize our Board members who have fulfilled their terms and vote our new Board members in. We will take a look at what has happened since last October and look to the future of 2017 and beyond.

Then on October 14, we will host 1st graders from Petoskey for the day at Heritage Village. They will experience gardening, the medicine wheel, the nature center and go back in time with a tour of the Village, a one-room school house class and children's games. This teacher comes every year and needless to say, the thank you notes from these students are priceless!

Our 3rd annual Ghost Supper, honoring our ancestors, will occur on October 16 from 2-4 pm. If the weather is cool and/or windy, we will eat inside the Chapel. At this time, we will celebrate the first time use of our new medicine wheel during the festivities and view the St. Kateri exhibit in the Pest House. So come join us for a great potluck, drumming, singing and just all around good camaraderie.

And finally, on October 29, Heritage Village will join with Emmet County to present Triple Fright Night. The Village will be open for trick or treating, refreshments and fall games. McGulpin Point Lighthouse will be transformed into a Haunted House. These two will be connected by trolley rides driven by a conductor with the wildest eye spectacles ever seen! Festivities are from 6-8 pm. A Dark Sky Challenge at 8 pm to walk the mile to the viewing area in the black of night is rewarded with a program in the viewing area!

Come join us for all of these events, just one of these events or just come and enjoy our wonderful autumn days in the serenity of Heritage Village. Regardless of when you come, we know that you will enjoy the experience!

Sincerely,

Susie Safford
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