



## Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter June, 2016

Happy summer from MAHS! We are now in full swing at Heritage Village as we go into the summer season. We have had school visits, the beginning of the Road Scholar visits, a tour bus visit, the Plowing of the Fields and the opening of the docent tours at the Village from Friday through Monday from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This summer we also have a presence at the Mackinaw Crossings that we share with the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council. Stop in and visit us, especially on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. where we have art classes for children. If you cannot make that time, you can stop by any time from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. any day!

It is with great disappointment that we had to cancel our Discovery Camp this summer because we did not have enough campers. But, we do have plans to try again next year. So stay tuned.

We have begun work on the Native Presence area. The Medicine Wheel is in progress as I write this. We are also working on plans for the Plank House and we are stripping birch bark for the longhouse. Hopefully most of this will be done by the time the Mackinaw Area Historic Festival rolls around on August 5 and 6.

Speaking of the Historic Festival, put those dates on your calendar. Think about volunteering to help that day. We have some really easy and fun tasks to fill. Just give me a call at 231-373-9793 if you would like to help out.

If you can't volunteer, at least put the August 5 and 6 Mackinaw Area Historic Festival on your calendar. We will have dinner, square dancing and star talk on Friday night. Then on Saturday we will have hayrides, trolley rides, children's games, bucket makers, blacksmiths, quilters, spinners, rug makers, the maypole, square dancing, Native teachings, Vintage base ball and so much more. It is all free, so we hope to see there. Plan on it!

Lastly, don't forget about our July Lecture Series at Pinecrest on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. The featured speaker is Dr. Sandy Planisek presenting on Eber Ward who was a lighthouse keeper in the 1800's on Bois Blanc. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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