

Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter August, 2014

Summer is winding down and so is our 2014 summer season at Heritage Village! August was an incredibly busy month for us. We had a wonderfully, successful Historic Festival on August 1 and 2. From square dancing, to vintage base ball, to a fashion show, to hay and trolley rides, to musical events and much more; a wonderful time was had by all. We want to thank all the participants who helped make this year's festival one of our best! We send all of you a big THANK YOU!

We at MAHS would also like to thank all the people who were docents this summer. We had many visitors and the docents did a wonderful job of showing off our Village and making people feel welcomed. We finished the Detweiler Log House and for the first time showed off the Stimpson interior, complete with many original furnishings. A huge thanks to all who made this happen!

The Children's Garden celebrated their last work day on August 25 with a corn boil. It was raining that morning, but it did not stop the gardeners from harvesting the potatoes! Digging in the wet dirt was just the activity that the children loved! We want to thank the Mackinaw Women's Club for their support in this endeavor.

We are now making plans for Fright Night on October 25, so mark your calendars for that event so you can either attend as a "trick or treater" or if you want to volunteer, we would love to have you contact us. And, while you have your calendar out, mark down December 6 for the new venue of "Christmas in Mackinaw," which is being moved out to Heritage Village and McGulpin Lighthouse. Stay tuned for more to follow in subsequent e-newsletters.

And lastly, our September 8 program will be at Heritage Chapel in Heritage Village instead of our usual meeting place. The program begins at 7:00 pm and will be about the life of the Native Americans from the 1880-1917. As part of a planning grant that MAHS received from the Michigan Council of the Arts, we will be creating a Native American exhibit depicting our era. We are very pleased to have Dr. Jim McClurken, an expert in Native American history, as our speaker.

Fall is an exciting time for us and although docents are not available for tours, the village remains open anytime to enjoy the fall colors, have a last minute picnic lunch in the park or take an evening stroll. Just because our summer season is coming to end it does not mean that MAHS is done for the season. MAHS is gearing up to make the 2014 fall season the best ever!

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