

MAHS

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Spring must be just around the corner for the Mackinaw Area Historic Society (MAHS). We have just passed by Cabin Fever Dinner where fun was had by many! We want to thank the people who came, bought raffle tickets, both 50/50 and bridge raffle, received door prizes and just had a good time. If you missed it this year, look forward to it next year at the same time and same place!



Susie Safford presents the MAHS 2014 Volunteer of the Year award to Carol Grebe in honor of Carol and the late Dr. Kurt Grebe.

We have had an incredible winter at MAHS. This is the time where we do a lot of planning so when the summer hits we are ready to go. Let me share some of our great upcoming plans for the summer.

First, in the beginning of April we will have two surveys done on our new property - one, for the actual property line and the other, an assessment of what is on the land. We will then make a decision on how we will use the land.

Second, we will be turning part of the artifacts building into our interim general store while we look for a general store to refurbish. If you know of a general store in our area that we can move to the Village, do not hesitate to share that information with us.

We will be breaking ground, as soon as we can, for a display to house our newly donated early 20th century delivery truck and vintage gas pump. We plan on having that finished by our Historic Festival on July 31 and August 1.

We are still in the search for a vintage barn. If we are successful in that endeavor, we will be laying a foundation and moving it to Heritage Village.

Lastly, we have been collaborating with the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council (MCAAC) on a day camp for children entering 4th - 8th grades to be held on June 22 - 26. We can take 24 campers who will explore the Dark Sky Park, the Bridge Authority, the Native American culture, Mill Creek Discovery Park and Colonial Michilimackinac with hands-on activities through science, history and the arts. MAHS and MCAAC are applying for a grant to make this a go. As soon as we receive the grant, we will open up the registration process. So stay tuned!

And, don't forget about our lecture series for April. In collaboration with the Mackinaw Area Public Library, we are bringing Rand Shakleton to the Mackinaw City Public School on April 13 in the afternoon. Then that same evening at 7:00 p.m., at the school, Rand will give the same presentation about Ernest Shakleton and his harrowing expedition to Antarctica that lasted three years without losing a single crew member. This is an incredible program that we are excited about bringing to Mackinaw City. Put it on your calendar now and we hope to see you there!

Think Spring because it is on its way!



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