

Newsletter

MAHS Spring 2015

HERE IT IS, THE SPRING 2015 SEASON OF MACKINAW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND HERITAGE VILLAGE.

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SOCIETY

It is the time to spring into summer volunteerism at Heritage Village. Let me share with you the many activities we have planned where you could share your time, talent, treasures or all three!

Beginning in April, we will have our spring clean-up so our school groups can come to the Village for a one room school experience, learn about contagious diseases in the Pest House, play vintage games and tour the Village. We need volunteers to help on the days the visits are scheduled.

PLOWING OF THE FIELDS

On May 28, we will have "The Plowing of the Fields" where children learn about and participate in grooming horses, plowing and discing and draying the fields with horses, and shoeing and logging. They then plant potatoes, corn, sunflowers and squash. And finally, they end up on hayrides around the Village. It is a day for old and young to come out and enjoy Heritage Village with all kinds of activity.

Memorial Day weekend begins our docent tours on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. If you want to learn the history and stories behind Heritage Village, join us on May 16, and June 13, from 10:00 a.m. - noon for our docent training. It is easy to learn and a fun way to meet people and welcome them to the Straits area. You can volunteer for as little as one of those days in the summer or once a month or some choose once a week. Whichever fits into your schedule, we appreciate any and all you can do.

New this year, is our summer day camp from June 22 - 26 which is in collaboration with the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council and MAHS. Children entering 4th grade through those entering 8th are eligible to attend the camp from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Programs focus on science, history and arts. Each day has a theme complete with hands-on activities and visits to various educational venues. Children

will learn about astronomy, engineering, archeology, milling and different cultures. We will have 24 children and will need lots of volunteers to help the main teacher of each day!

Time to sign up for a community garden. Space is limited so get your request in soon. Time to also sign up for our Children's Garden program for 3rd - 5th graders every Monday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 am.



The Historic Festival is the evening of Friday, July 31, and the day of Saturday, August 1st. On Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. we will have our free hot dog, baked bean and potato chip dinner (all era specific), followed by square dancing and marshmallows, a bonfire story reading and then a Dark Sky program about the Blue Moon.

On Saturday of the Historic Festival, the Pepper Foot Races registration will take place from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., with the 5-K run at 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Our newest display is a gas station with a vintage delivery truck and the general store area. Festival activities will include a black smith, cast iron equipment display, a vintage base ball game, rug hooking, wood carving, wagon and trolley rides, vintage baseball, a period fashion show, lumberjacks, maypole, children's games, spinners, quilters, soap making, Native American drumming, medicine wheel and wandering minstrels. The Mackinaw Lion's Club will provide a lunch option. Admission and parking are free. The Historic Festival needs many volunteers as all the buildings will be open with docents in each venue. We also need help with children's games, the store and various activities. The help we need is not taxing and is fun and rewarding. Please step up and help us make this a great day for everyone!

After the close of the season on Labor Day, we will be hosting a special thank you party at the Stimpson House for all our volunteers and sponsors. It is our time to show our appreciation for all you do for us to make these events possible. The time and date will be announced as plans are finalized.



As you can see, we have many opportunities for you to be involved at our wonderful piece of paradise. If you are unable to help during our events, consider volunteering in other ways like taking over flower beds around one building or helping every Friday morning during the season with our handy people who do whatever needs to be done. If you cannot volunteer, remember that memberships and donations sustain us.

We hope to see you at Heritage Village this summer to enjoy the outdoors, have a picnic, fly a kite, bring visitors and friends to visit or plan a life event celebration in the chapel, on the grounds, or the Pavilion. It is a wonderful place to enjoy and commune with nature. Come and enjoy; we have something for everyone!



Please contact us at mail@mackinawhistory.org if you would like to try volunteering. We guarantee you will be amazed at how much fun we really have and how easy it is to help since we appreciate even the smallest bit of time. Many hands make everything easier! Our volunteers are the most special people!

Sincerely,
Susan Safford, President
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