



## Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter September, 2014

We are finally into Indian Summer and what a gorgeous place Heritage Village is at this time of year! The trees are changing color and the starry nights are spectacular. I hope you take the time to go out for a last look before a snowy blanket changes the landscape once again!

We want to thank all of our docents who helped us out over the summer. Labor Day weekend was our last official day for docent tours and we had a great summer. We could not have accomplished all that we did without your support. If you haven't volunteered with us before, think about helping out next season. It might only be one day of help or a special project. If you can help, it need not be a summer long commitment. Remember, a lot of hands make light work.

We also have some ways you might be able to help this fall. First we have our Fright Night Event on October 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers to hand out candy for a couple of hours. It is a great event for the kids in the area as they trick or treat from one Village venue to another. Email MaryAnn Moore to help with this event. If you can't help out that evening, consider joining us at the Village that same day at 1:00 p.m. to help set up for the event. We have a lot of fun getting ready and those that attend really enjoy it.

Our next event we are sponsoring is a Ghost Supper on November 1 at the Pavilion at Heritage Village. This is our opportunity to learn about and celebrate a Native American Ceremony that is observed as a traditional time of remembering loved ones, relatives and friends through the offering of food and tobacco at a community meal. If you have a memorable story of a family member who has passed on, share it. Visit, eat, visit, eat, and then visit and eat some more. Stay tuned for more details in our next eNewsletter, but for now save the date.

When the first frost hits, our community gardens will be cleaned up and we will be putting most of Heritage Village to rest for the winter. However, we will keep Heritage Chapel open, Freedom School and the Pest House for our Christmas Celebration on December 6. As a joint effort with McGulpin Point Lighthouse, we will have a Santa visit, an arts and crafts project, the decorating of a Victorian tree and a program by the Youth Chorale. We will then light the Christmas tree and sing Christmas Carols. So mark the date of December 6, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on your calendar now!

Lastly, please attend our Annual Meeting held on October 13, at the Library beginning at 7:00 pm. The agenda will include the election of new board members, an update and information session on the status of projects, events of the past year, and our dreams for the future. We are a lively, passionate and energetic organization and we strive to communicate with you so that you can know how to best fit in with all we do!

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