



Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter October, 2015

October is all about autumn at MAHS. The trees are turning colors and the gardens are winding down and the sunflowers are almost gone.

We still have school groups coming out to visit. And, we are running the gamut with hosting 1st graders and then a high school group. We cannot do these events without the help of volunteer docents, teachers, nature hikers and fire starters. So thank you to all who stepped up to the plate to educate our youth about our heritage in the Straits of Mackinac.

We also hosted a Ghost Supper this last weekend. Over 45 people attended the smudging of our new cement slab upon which the "Plank House" will be moved by the end of the month. We then proceeded to the sacred fire and shared food with our ancestors. Following that, we all shared our food with each other and what a feast it was!

We then had a great surprise! Sharon Neisen, an Anishinabek painter, presented Heritage Village with a statue of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha who was beatified in 1980 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on 21 October 2012. She is the only North American Indian to receive such recognition. It will be such an asset to Heritage Village! Please google her to learn more about her. In later communications, we will share more information.

Don't forget our Triple Fright Night, this Saturday night, October 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will have Heritage Village decorated for Halloween trick or treating and McGulpin Point Lighthouse will be transformed into a Haunted House. Once again, we will have trolley service between the two. At 8:00 p.m. there will be a Dark Sky walk down to the dark sky viewing area. So come join us for treats, games and tricks!! We hope to see you there.

And finally, don't forget our next lecture series featuring Camp Grayling with Lt. Leese on November 9, 2015 at Pinecrest at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now for Christmas in Mackinaw on December 5 at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Heritage Village. We hope to see you at our next events!

Sincerely,

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