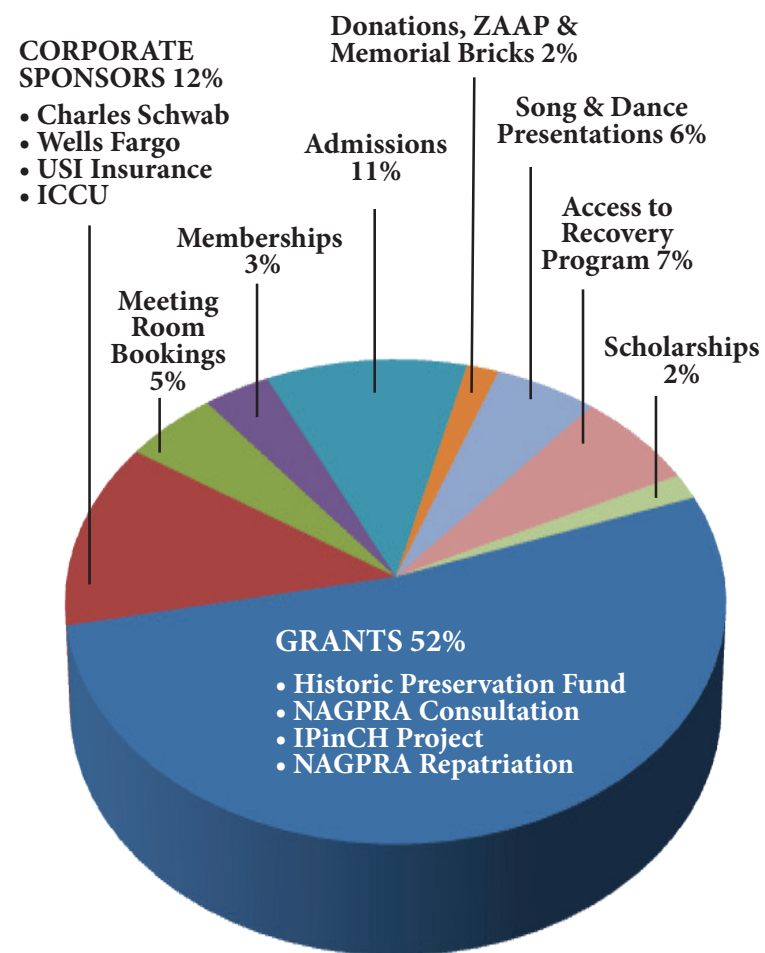


## Financials - External Revenue

### Total \$262,134



## Your Support

*Your continued support is very important to us as it provides essential funding for:*

- Free admission to Ziibiwing Center exhibits for members of all North American Indian tribes
- Discounted admission to military personnel, school children, college students, and educators
- Funding for outreach programs which take our teachings and collections into schools throughout Michigan
- Preservation of our artifacts and collections, ensuring that our culture will be preserved for future generations
- Maintenance and promotion of our exhibits so that our heritage and culture can be enjoyed by everyone

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Seats remain in the gymnasium  
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## ZIIBIWING CULTURAL SOCIETY

# Annual Report



(October 2013 - September 2014)  
"Working Together for our Future"

## DEBWEWIN/ TRUTH

"I have come to kill Indians and believe it is right and honorable to use any means under God's heaven to kill Indians."

"Damn any man who sympathizes with Indians... kill and scalp all, big and little; nits make lice."

Col. John Chivington, Sand Creek Massacre  
Nov. 29, 1864



Tribal community youth, Jingle Dress dancer, Aiyannah Borton, prepares chalkboard for DEBWEWIN/ TRUTH: Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School experience Changing Exhibit which ran from March 15 to September 30, 2014.



## Our Year

The Board of Directors for the Ziibiwing Cultural Society/Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways is proud to recognize the organization's many accomplishments and its staff within this Annual Report.

From guided tours for school children, Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) archaeological Field Schools, Artist-in-Residence Programs and ancestral repatriations to fun family events like NativeFest, the Ziibiwing Cultural Society continues to be a vital and progressive organization for the Tribe.

On March 21, 2014, the Michigan Indian Education Council presented the Ziibiwing Cultural Society with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award for our "outstanding work in educating tribal citizens and the general public about Anishinaabe culture, history and lifeways."



*Tribal Community Youth visits DEBWEWIN/TRUTH changing exhibit*

We hope that you find in this Annual Report a clear demonstration of the dedication and respect exemplified by our entire organization for the mission, work and growth of the Ziibiwing Cultural Society. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and trust in our very important work.

# Accomplishments

- 23,059 visitors experienced all the Center has to offer. An additional 4,252 were provided educational services offsite by the Ziibiwing Center staff. Our visitorship has more than doubled!
- Implemented 138 special events and cultural programs for the Tribal community and general public.
- Research Center served 2,535 patrons.
- \$6,427,976 in total sales for Ziibiwing Commercial Services – up \$1,956,752 from fiscal year 2013.
- Maintained 7 Tribal cemeteries, in addition to the Ziibiwing Center's 3-acre lawn (25.41 acres per week).
- Provided 158 tours for 4,777 guests, 52 K-12 tours and 106 adult tours, including complimentary SCIT, Migizi, SECR and Retail Employees Orientation Tours.
- 7,730 individual contacts were logged by our team.
- NativeFest, our annual 3-day celebration of American Indian culture, attracted 637 people.
- Continued to provide cultural and educational services 2-3 times per week to clients of the Tribe's Residential Treatment Center and Access to Recovery Program.
- Awarded 3 of the 3 Federal grants submitted: Historic Preservation Fund, NAGPRA Consultation and NAGPRA Repatriation Grants for a total of \$125,245 awarded in Federal grant funding.
- Members of our team participated on 24 various Tribal and external boards/committees to support our strategic goal of Enduring Organizational Sustainability and the objective of Working Towards Accreditation.
- ZC Commercial Services online sales for 2014 totaled \$630,748 - up \$429,349 from 2013.
- ZC Processing Center 3,000 square foot expansion completed (for additional online inventory space).
- ZC Commercial Services created 11 new part-time and full-time positions because of online growth and gift shop sales success.
- 135 items were accepted for our Permanent Collection in 2014 (books, photographs, postcards, historical documents, baskets, Pow-Wow buttons, DVD's and VHS tapes with current and historical information).
- Partnered with the University of Wisconsin and hosted a 4-day Convening Great Lakes Culture Keepers Institute for Tribal Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals. Hosted the Native American Critical Issues Conference with the Michigan Indian Education Council.
- Partnered with the Youth LEAD Department and Human Resources to offer 60 summer youth workers orientation and career skills to include the Seven Grandfather Teachings.
- Cultural Resource Management team completed 315 cultural resource reviews – these reviews are required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and protect the cultural resources/traditional cultural properties of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.
- Repatriated and reburied 1 ancestor and 762 associated funerary objects from the University of Massachusetts Amherst on April 28, 2014.
- Repatriated and reburied the physical remains of 48 Native American individuals and 3 associated funerary objects from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan; 1 Native American individual from the Michigan State Police Post #63, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; and 81 Native American individuals and 6 associated funerary objects from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology (UMMAA), Ann Arbor, Michigan on December 13, 2013.
- Ziibiwing Commercial Services continued to operate at 100% self-sufficiency and absorbed one additional Ziibiwing Center staff position.
- Completed our current 5-Year Strategic Plan within 4 years on September 30, 2014 – one full year ahead of schedule!
- According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, in 2014 the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe had the highest shipping volume of any Indian Tribe in the United States.
- Worked cooperatively with the In-Stitches Quilting Group on the completion of memorial bracelets for the ***Honoring, Healing & Remembering Event*** and survivor shawls for the ***Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection*** exhibit.



***2014 Honoring, Healing & Remembering Commemoration at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site***

## 2015 Calendar of Events

<b>January</b> Artist Presentation & Dinner with Dr. Cross Vendor Training “Dangers of Energy Drinks” <i>at Tribal Gym</i>	January 8 January 15 January 28
<b>February</b> Performance Circle Sign-Up & Class (Classes every Tuesday until May 12 except Spring Break) Red Dress Fashion Show & Dinner Collection Showing Anishinabe Miijim Community Potluck Shawl Collection Exhibit Closes	February 3  February 6 February 7-14 February 26 February 28
<b>March</b> Native Sky Watchers Exhibit Grand Opening Artist-in-Residence: Featherwork Workshop	March 21 March 23-27
<b><i>Performance Circle Spring Break: No Classes on March 31 or April 7</i></b>	
<b>April</b> Mother Earth Week	April 20-24
<b>May</b> Bird Day Celebration Ziibiwing's 11 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Sale Performance Circle Graduation Collection Showing Artist-in-Residence: Beadwork Workshop	May 2 May 7-8 May 12 May 16-23 May 18-22
<b>June</b> MIIBS* “Honoring, Healing & Remembering” ( <i>at the MIIBS</i> ) Native Sky Watchers 2-Day Training Vendor Training Community Cultural Teaching ( <i>at the Sanilac Petroglyphs</i> ) Lacrosse Stick Making Workshop	June 6  TBD** June 11 June 13  June 22-26
<b>July</b> American Indian Dances NativeFest - Car Bingo NativeFest - Music & Comedy Night NativeFest - Collection Showing	July 4, 11 & 18 July 21 July 22 July 23-30
<b>August</b> Art Walk Central Cradleboard Workshop World Indigenous People's Day Fiber Woven Bags Workshop	August 1-22 August 3-7 August 8 August 17-21
<b>September</b> Grandparent's Day/Monarch Butterfly Celebration Performance Circle Sign-Up & Class (Classes every Tuesday until Dec.15) Heritage Special • September thru November Native Sky Watchers Exhibit Closes	September 12  September 22  (Call for Details) September 26
<b>October</b> Indigenous People's Day Eagle Feather Cleansing Eagle Feather Honoring Eagle Feather Feast Cranbrook Institute of Science Exhibit Grand Opening	October 12 October 14 October 15-16 October 16 October 24
<b>November</b> Spirit Feast Artist-in-Residence: Quillbox Workshop Collection Showing Circle of Indigenous Arts	November 6 November 9-13 November 14-21 November 19-21
<b>December</b> Annual Appreciation Dinner  Community Cultural Teaching Performance Circle Graduation	December 10 (By invitation) December 12 December 15

- \* Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
- All events subject to change or cancellation.
- Visit [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing) or call 989.775.4750 for current information.
- \*\* TBD (exact date will be provided soon).

## Our Members

American Indian Services Begg, David Bennett, Iliana Bigford, Susan Biggs, Courtney Blackcloud, Ruben Bleuer, Tonia Borgardt, Renee Brauker, Shirley Brown, Tracy Burke, Charles & Peggy Chambers Cooper, Gail Chingman, Christina Cleland-Host Family Coen, Pat Corbiere, Brian Cottelle, Edna Cross, Dr. Suzanne Cummins, Charla Dolley, Bill Douglas, Kenneth Douglas, Judge Ronald & Sharon Douglas-Waugh, Kim Ederer, Eric Ervin, Joyce Falcon, Ronald & Audrey Fowler, Jonathan Gates, Pamela Greco, Joy Greenhoe, Brenda Grills, Gary & Evelyn Guerrero, Jim Guerrero, Joaquin Hadden, Marcella Hageman, James & Mary Helms, Esther Henry, Gary Jackson, Angel Johns, Russell & Merida Kaiser, Burt Kellner, Ralph Kequom, Frank & Phyllis King, Lisa Klymyshyn, Ulana	Krieger, John Listerman, Angela Madigan, Steve/Pingatore Martin, George & Sydney Martin, Shannon McNett, Bruce Michener, David & Will Strickland Mid-Michigan Community College Mitchell, Autumn Morley, Diane Murphy, Betty O'Brien, Terrill Pamp, Judy Paquin, Ronald Peters, Alstyn Pohrt, Richard Jr. Powell, Mark & Jane Powell, Shirley Queen, Elizabeth Raslich, Frank Raslich, Rose Marie Russell, Mary Ellen Shawana, Charmaine Sheperdigian, Barbara Shier, Quita Skene, Julie Slasinski, Mike Slater, George & Deb Slifco, Pamela & Daniel Soney, Ken Sova, Marlene Spencer, Bernard Sprague, Jeff Squanda, Clarence Stevens, Paul & Evonna Syndergaard, Larry Wagner, Colleen Waless, Elizabeth Waynee, Craig Weekley, Cheryl Wickerham, Floyd & Sue Zocher, Virginia
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### Ziibiwing Artifact Adoption Program (ZAAP) Contributors

Hinton, Andrew • Three “Nancy Owl Baskets”  
Waynee, Craig & Marlene • “Cradleboard”

### Ziibiwing Cultural Society Mission

*The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified, and culturally relevant educational experience. This promotes the Society's belief that the culture, diversity, and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated, and supported.*