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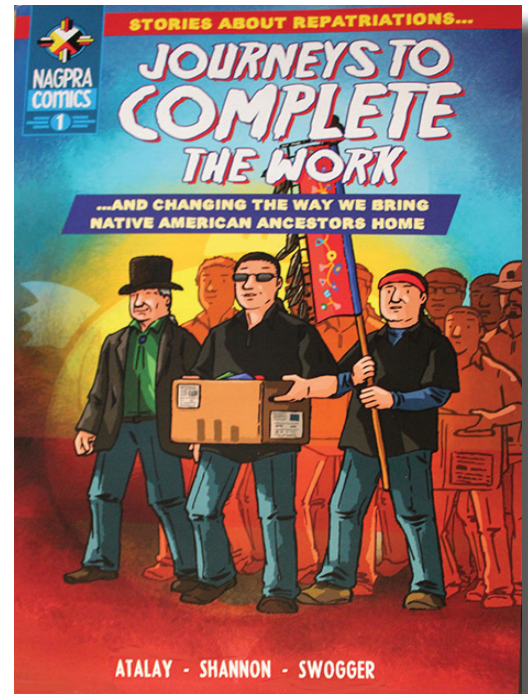
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(Little Spirit Moon)  
December 2017

## REPATRIATION

On Friday, December 1, 2017, an Anishinabe Ancestral Repatriation Observance was held by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways. The ancestral human remains of 20 Native American individuals and 106 of their funerary belongings from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology were recommitted to the earth.

The interested public was invited to witness preparations and ceremonial protocols for the ancestors at 10am at the Ziibiwing Center. The Center was filled with the comforting smells of wild rice being prepared for the journey feast and sacred medicines carrying prayers and providing support.

Palpable emotions filled the Center including varying measures of joy, contentment, gratification and reverence at being in the physical and spiritual presence of the ancestors. Natural feelings of sadness at the loss of life combined with feelings of relief that they were finally home and being shown all the love and respect felt for them and due to them as they were prepared for their final journey. The Recommitment to the Earth followed at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI. A journey feast of traditional foods concluded the day.



Journeys To Complete The Work...and changing the way we bring Native American Ancestors Home is a graphic novel on the subject of Repatriation written by Sonya Atalay, Jen Shannon, and John G. Swogger. It was illustrated by John G. Swogger. Written with collaboration and support by the Ziibiwing Center, members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Anishinabe Community Tribal Elders, its first printing was in November of 2017. A downloadable copy is available online at <https://blogs.umass.edu/satalay/repatriation-comic/>

Copies can be ordered from Sonya Atalya at [satalay@umass.edu](mailto:satalay@umass.edu), and will be available at the Ziibiwing Center after the first of the year, 2018. Depicted on the cover is an artist rendition of Dennis Banks at the front of the line during the Walk Them Home event when ancestors were repatriated from CMU in 2010 and carried by the community the approximately 4 miles to Ziibiwing for ceremonies and recommitment at Nibokaan Cemetery.



**REMINDER:**

Annual Membership and Appreciation Dinner  
on Thursday, December 7 at 6pm at Ziibiwing  
- all members and others by invitation

RSVP to Glenna  
at 989.775.4744 or ghalliwill@sagchip.org



**Miigwetch!**



**ZIIBIWING MEMBERSHIP  
HOLIDAY SPECIAL**



Your membership helps the Ziibiwing Center's mission to provide enriched, diversified and culturally relevant experiences while supporting the culture of the Anishinabek.

Renew your membership by **January 31, 2018** at the regular price and receive **50% off** a gift membership for family and friends!

For memberships or further information contact: Amanda Lewis, Funding & Development Specialist, at 989.775.4734 or alewis@sagchip.org

**Miigwetch (Thank you)**  
**Have a joyful & prosperous Holiday Season!**

**Call to Saginaw Chippewa Artists!**

Please consider loaning your work to Ziibiwing's next changing exhibition with the working title:

**miikawaadendaagwad (it is beautiful):  
Artistic Expressions of the Saginaw Chippewa**

Your artwork will be on display from April 28, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

We are seeking contemporary or traditional art, diversified art forms, mixed media, photography, video, writing/prose, etc.

For more information, contact Ziibiwing's Curator William Johnson at (989) 775-4730 or email wjohnson@sagchip.org



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**ANISHINABE PERFORMANCE CIRCLE  
WINTER GRADUATION  
DECEMBER 12, 2017  
6PM**

**Don't miss the exciting  
Hoop Dance Finale!**

**Bring  
your  
friends!**



**Reception  
follows  
graduation**

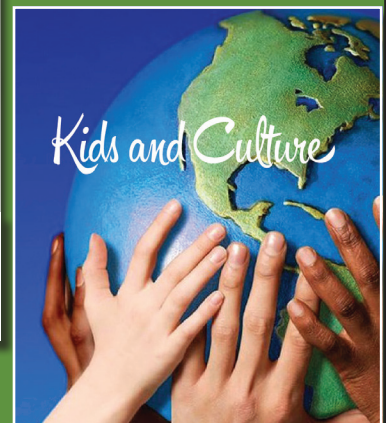
**Free & Open  
to the Public**

**Graduation Location:  
Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services  
2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI**

**Two great events!! - One place/time!  
December 16, 2017 • 12pm-4pm**



**and...**



**Community - Winter  
Cultural Teaching  
& Feast**

**Crafts  
Feast  
Cookie Decorating  
Winter Cultural Teachings  
Free & Open to the Public  
All Ages Welcome!**



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For more information call (989) 775-4750 or visit us at [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing)

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