

E-Noodlujun

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from the Ziibiwing Center

Zaagibagaa-Giizis
(Moon When
Buds Come Out)
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ZIIBIWING turns 13! Mno Dbshko!

TIME magazine did an article in 2005 (which seems a century ago in this fast-paced world) entitled **What Does it Mean to be 13?** It describes 13 as the age where magical childhood turns into teenage mystery. Some famous names mentioned, who were believed to be age 13 at the time of their historical attention, were; Little Red Riding Hood with a cape symbolic of menstruation, Shakespeare's Juliette, Tom Sawyer as he got "engaged" to Becky Thatcher, Anne Frank when she received her diary, Bobby Fischer when he became the youngest player ever to win the US Junior Chess Championship - 2 years before becoming an international grand master. Add to this list, conjectured by some, Pocahontas.

Age 13 is the entrée into the teenage years-no debate. Is it also the accurate time for coming-of-age? Cultures vary, setting the age between 12 and 21. Attitudes vary as well, from nervous parents fearing lifelong results associated with immature experimentation or headstrong demands for premature adult freedoms, to those parents who joyously and excitedly witness the development of their children into burgeoning adults, greeting all the new and adventurous paths opening before them.

And so our family member, the Ziibiwing Center, reaches age 13. Truly a family member to those who anxiously planned and prepared for her arrival and to those who spent their childhood years with her; learning and sharing cultural traditions, having fun, experiencing, and developing right alongside Ziibiwing.

Whether the appropriate coming-of-age is 13, 18, 21, or something in between, it is a good time to stop and reflect on the roads of the past and contemplate the paths of the future. Looking back, Ziibiwing began with a firm and noble start and has grown, expanded and matured with the nurturing, knowledgeable and caring hands of the Tribal community. Accessing the present, Ziibiwing's Mission Statement, "...to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience, which 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," is still appropriate, accurate and relevant. Looking forward, is there evidence that Ziibiwing will continue to be in-step with the topics of the day that are relevant to Indigenous people? Considering the current changing exhibit, **Standing Rock Solid**, and the recent **Water Symposium** event, with their focus on the hot button topics of the day-protecting our water and environment-the answer appears to be a resounding YES! Yet another forward-facing question for contemplation is, "Might there be value in adding to the number of exhibits rated PG13 or older to recognize and further engage our mature community audience?" Time will tell, direct, and remember how Ziibiwing expresses its coming-of-age. In this ever-changing world, it's hard to say where the path will lead, but it is reassuring to know that Ziibiwing will be here to assist in holding the memory and being a place for teaching Anishinabek lifeways.

At this significant moment, a "**Chi Miigwetch**" is in order for everyone who supports and participates in the activities and goals of the Ziibiwing Center, along with a hearty "**Mno dbshko**" (**Happy Birthday Ziibiwing! Many happy returns of the day.**)

HONORING WARRIORS & THEIR FAMILIES*

**FREE
ADMISSION**

to permanent and
changing exhibits

**Memorial
Day
to
Labor Day***

* (Note: The Ziiibiwing
Center will be closed
on Memorial Day,
Monday, May 29, 2017
and Labor Day
Monday, September 4, 2017)

* Active duty
military plus
five family members
with valid
identification

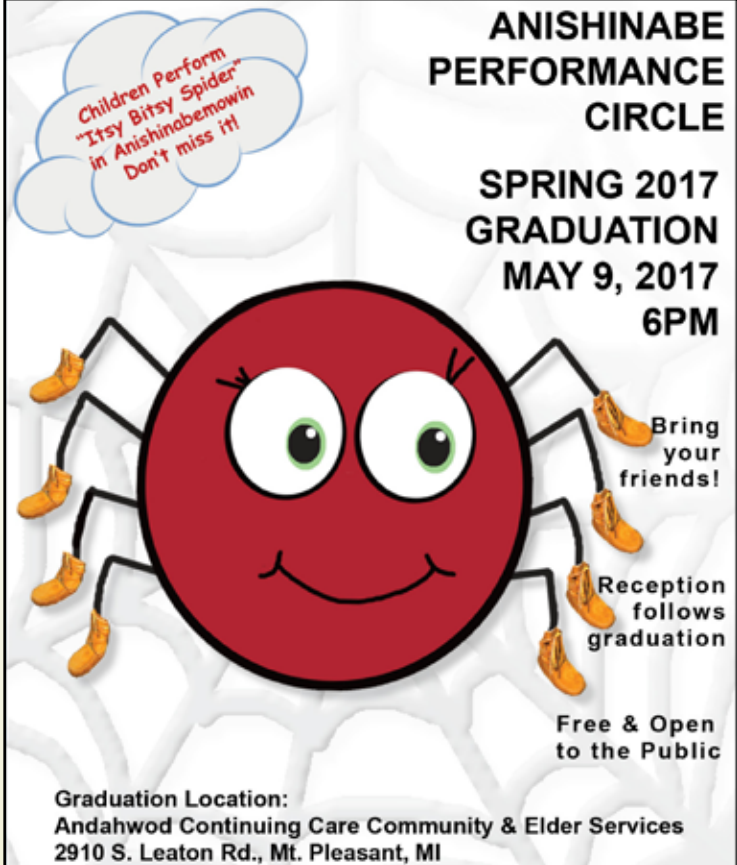


* Visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums for more info



ANISHINABE PERFORMANCE CIRCLE

**SPRING 2017
GRADUATION
MAY 9, 2017
6PM**



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

BIRD DAY CELEBRATION

An International Migratory Bird Day and World Migratory Bird Day event.
In conjunction with the STANDING ROCK SOLID exhibit at Ziiibiwing.
Bineshiyag n'ganawaabmaanaanig! (We watch the birds!)



Bird Walk • Sat. May 13 • 9am

Looking for spring migratory birds with the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club

at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
5514 E. Airport Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

For more information on the Bird Walk contact:
Mike LeValley, Isabella Conservation District at 989.546.2315

SAT. MAY 13, 2017 • 1-5pm • at Ziiibiwing

- 1:00 pm Welcome and Eagle Dance
- 3:30-4:30pm Birds of Prey Presentation
by the Howell Nature Center
with a **Live Bald Eagle!**

**FREE & OPEN
to the
PUBLIC**

- Information/Activities by:
CMU Museum of Cultural and Natural History
MSU Extension Office, Isabella County
Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

- Give-Aways
- Door Prizes
- Cookie Decorating
- Crafts

Co-Sponsored by the Isabella Conservation District,
the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club and the Ziiibiwing Center.

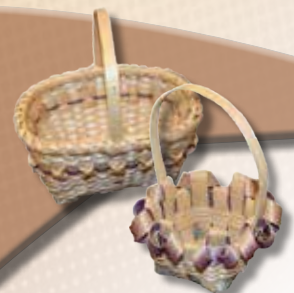
COLLECTION SHOWING MINIATURES

May 13, 2017 • 10am - 3pm
May 15 - May 20, 2017 • 10am - 6pm
Free & Open to the Public

"The Ziiibiwing Center is home to an awe inspiring collection
of miniature artwork. These miniscule objects attest to the
patience, steady hand and creativity of the artist. Horsehair
baskets by the Antone, Juan and Miguel families of the Tohono
O'odham, black ash baskets by the Crampton and Red Arrow
families of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and
dental pictographs by Kelly Church of the Grand Traverse Band
of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians will be on display.
Witness the delicate beauty of these remarkable pieces of art."
William Johnson, Ziiibiwing Curator

"Miniatures" Collection
Showing will be moderated
by the Ziiibiwing Curator,
William Johnson,
on Saturday, May 13, 2017

Objects remain on display
May 15-20



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