

A Bi-Weekly Electronic Publication from the Ziibiwing Center Ode'min-Giizis (Moon of the Strawberry) June, 2017

2017 HONORING, HEALING & REMEMBERING

It was a beautiful day to snuggle in the arms of Mother Earth and enjoy her warmth, beauty and fellow creatures. It was as if she set out her finery for a homecoming of sorts for those who would assemble to Honor, Heal from and Remember the bittersweet vestiges of days gone by. Bitter days they were for all that was endured and loss that can never be recouped or replaced. Sweet days they were also because of the magnificent and beautiful love and life that, although crushed on those grounds, still release through their ancestors the lovely, exotic essence of life and survival that permeated the *MIIBS site on the afternoon of June 6, 2017.

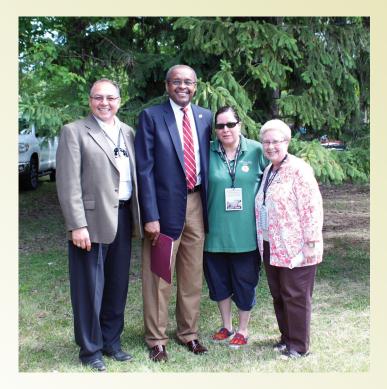
We look forward to next year with the desire of yet another opportunity to observe this date and hope to see you then! Fellow tribes, please consider a financial contribution to the 2018 event. Contact Amanda Lewis at 989.775.4734 or alewis@sagchip.org for more information. Miigwetch to all who came out and supported this important and beautiful day of remembrance.

For more photos visit the photo gallery at www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing

PLEASE NOTE: ZIIBIWING WILL REMAIN OPEN NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS DURING THE JULY 4TH, 2017 HOLIDAY



Zackary Jackson and Abigail Nahdee are shown here with Mt. Pleasant Mayor Kathy Ling. Zack and Abby are both Mt. Pleasant High School 2017 graduates and members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Youth Council. They read the names of the students who lost their lives at or as a result of their attendance at the *Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.



L to R: SCIT Chief Frank Cloutier, CMU President Dr. George E. Ross, Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin, Mt. Pleasant Mayor Kathy Ling

Community Cultural Teaching & Feast

In conjunction with the STANDING ROCK SOLID changing exhibition

The **ZIIBIWING CENTER** is thrilled to welcome a very special guest

FREE & OPEN to the Public Gitche Nokomis Mary Lyons

 Friday, June 23, 2017 • 5pm to 7pm <u>at Ziibiwing Center</u> • Teaching Dinner

"Overcoming trauma & strengthening Anishinabe Families"

• Saturday, June 24 • 11am to 3pm at Ezhibiigaadek Asin • Teaching Luncheon (Sanilac Petroglyphs site near Cass City, MI)

"Protecting Mother Earth & the Top Hat Medicine Dress/Long Skirt Society"

Great-Grandmother Mary Lyons- Ojibwe Elder, Niizh-Nibi-Ikwe "Second Water Woman" Elder of Mitigwakk-Daywaygus-Giwstashskad "Water Drum Circle", Senior Member of the "Top Hat Medicine Dress/Long Skirt Society", Spiritual Advisor, Storyteller, Wisdom Teacher

Mary travels the globe with The Indigenous Grandmothers of the Sacred We, presenting on issues including foster care of indigenous children and supporting women in recovery from addiction. She is the founder of the Minnesota Coalition on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MNCOFAS@aol.com), an Indian Child Welfare Act Expert Witness and Native American Family and Child Advocate for the Tribes. Mary was a keynote speaker at the Parliament of World Religions in Utah and spoke at the 2014 World Climate March in New York City. She is a winner of the Minnesota Congressional Angels in Adoption Award, nominated by Senator Norm Coleman from Minnesota. She currently serves as a counselor for the women's sobriety group Women of Wellbriety International.

For over 30 years, Mary has fostered and adopted many children with disabilities and fetal alcohol syndrome. She was one of the many Native American children removed from her home and placed in an institution. Mary explains alcohol as a coping mechanism turned to by some from her generation.

You're invited to come and meet this inspirational leader and hear her powerful teachings!



A m e r i c a n Indian Dance Men's & Women's Traditional JULY 8 Awaken Performances: Men's Grass & Your 12pm, 2pm Women's Jingle Spirit! & 4pm **JULY 15** Men's Free Fancy Feather & Open & Women's to the **Fancy Shawl** Public **JULY 22** Social Dances (Round, Two-Step, & Snake Dance) "bimaadziwin nbiish aawan! WATER IS LIFE! Visit Ziibiwing's Standing Rock Solid exhibition on display now thru September 30, 2017 MUSKEGON MUSEUMOFART 296 W. Webster Avenue, Muskegon, MI • 231.720.2570 THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN **Edward S. Curtis** A Once-In-A-Lifetime Exhibition Of National Significance May 11 - September 10, 2017 June 22, 2017 • 5:30pm-8:30pm (5:30pm Reception • 7pm Panel Presentation)

"How Do We See Curtis Today?"

Native American Panelists: Shannon Martin, Director of Ziibiwing Deana Dartt, Ph.D. and Jim Denomie, Artist

Documenting the lives of western Native American peoples, the stunning portraits and landscapes of **The North America Indian**, which were created from 1907 through 1930, are considered to be both the greatest artistic collaboration and photographic achievement in history.

The Muskegon Museum owns a complete edition, identified as the 70th of the planned original sets, of **The North American Indian, by Edward S. Curtis,** internationally recognized as the most comprehensive ethnographic and photographic historical record of Native Americans ever produced.

The astounding work is comprised of twenty volumes of research (containing 2.5 million works of text and thousands of photographs) and 20 portfolios containing an additional 723 photogravures.

For more information about the exhibit visit: http://www.muskegonartmuseum.org/edward-curtis-north-american-indian/

Ziibiwing Center • 6650 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 • Open Mon-Sat • 10am-6pm For more information call (989) 775-4750 or visit us at www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing Published by the Ziibiwing Center, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan • Copyright © 2017 - All rights reserved



For Sanilac:

Bring your

lawn chair