

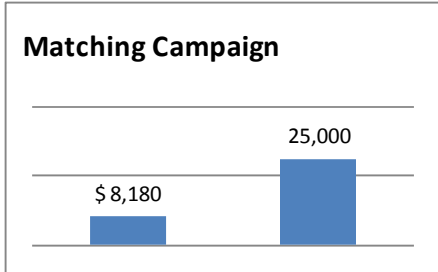


Meet Me at the Mitchell

The member's guide to programming, news, special events and much, much more!

Annual Matching Campaign

Our Annual Matching Campaign is in full swing as we head into the last quarter of the year. Don't miss this chance to double your donation and help us finish the year in the black. With a lean operating budget of \$285,000, every dollar is vital to continue to provide the museum's excellent services and award winning exhibits and programs. We need \$94,500 in contributions to reach our goals this year and we are counting on you to express your appreciation and support of our important mission with a donation.



We are so grateful to those of your who have already generously joined our campaign: Ivan and Shelly Berk, John and Sara-bess Cahill, Truman Combes, Gary and Laura Cooper, Alice Gutenkauf, Cheryl Wollin, Joe and Reed Hagee, Frances Hagemann, Barbara Novick, Susan and Timothy Salisbury, Patricia Zygmun, and John and Marge Wold. We also thank the following organizations who contributed to the museum: the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Father Peter Powell of St Augustine Center for American Indians, the John & Margaret Sagan Foundation, and the Central Street Business Association.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Noodles & Company in September and enjoyed dinner, free dessert, and raised over \$360 for the Mitchell Museum. We also want to congratulate Cheryl Wollin for leading the charge and offering free dessert to anyone wishing her a Happy Birthday.

As the holidays approach consider making a donation in honor of a loved one, adopting an artifact, giving a gift membership or stopping by our Native American Arts and Craft Holiday Bazaar on Dec 1st and 2nd for unique gifts.

Collections and Our New Acquisitions Exhibit

Part of the Mitchell Museum's mission is to preserve and collect traditional and contemporary art and material culture. These objects are important touchstones for educating future generations about American Indian culture. Several projects are underway to enhance the preservation of the collection and its documentation, including a new exhibit highlighting the latest arrivals to the collection.

First, the collection inventory is progressing well with the library collection completed and about one third of the object collection underway. As we examine each piece, we are accessing future conservation needs, the collections quality, and keeping a lookout for duplicates to be removed from the collection. Responding to a critical need with a Costume Society of America Small Museum's Collection Care Grant, we are re-housing our moccasin collection. This collection spans over 120 objects dating from the 1800s to the present and representing all regions of the United States and Canada. We are nearing completion of

our moccasin assessment and will then begin re-housing these objects with better supports inside each shoe and divide them into individual boxes to prevent crushing as the collection grows.

Secondly, with space in collections storage at a premium, we are reconfiguring appropriate objects onto rolling shelves and hanging units to maximize space and better care for the existing objects.

Finally, to share some of the collection's interesting, visually striking, and culturally relevant pieces with visitors, on December 15th, we will open "New Treasures of Our Collection" highlighting objects recently donated to the museum. We hope you will join us for the Curator's Tour at 2 PM Dec. 15th.



The 18th Century Algonquin trade crown will be featured in the New Treasures of Our Collection exhibit.

Notes from the Director



We are pleased to share the museum's latest accolades that were announced at the Annual Achievement Party and War of 1812 Exhibit Preview in September. This summer the North Shore's magazine *Make It Better!* selected the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian as the North Shore's Up & Coming Museum in their Best of 2012 issue. We also were awarded the Illinois Association of Museum's 2012 Superior Award for the Deconstructing Stereotypes: Top Ten Truths exhibit. Recognition from our local community as well as professional museum organizations coupled with increased attendance demonstrates just how far we have grown as an independent museum and lays a foundation for the great things to come. While we were saddened by Laura McDowell's departure, we are grateful for her advancement of the exhibitions and collections programs. We are very fortunate to have Saul Sopoci Drake step in as interim while we conduct a thorough search for a new Curator of Exhibits and Collections. On the horizon is another line-up of great programs and exhibits including Paul DeMain as our Dr. Carlos Montezuma Honorary Lecturer November 10th. We look forward to seeing you here!

Calendar of Events: November


- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates.
- Friday, November 2** **Free Admission Day**
- Saturday, November 3** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Free with regular admission
- Saturday, November 10** **Dr. Carlos Montezuma Honorary Lecture**
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Speaker: Paul DeMain, *Oneida/Ojibwe*
Skokie Public Library Petty Auditorium
Fee: \$15/members, tribal members & students
\$20/non-members
See side article for more details!
- Sunday, November 18** **Native American Story Telling**
2:00 - 3:00 PM
"Stories of Families" Robert Wapahi, *Dakota*
Join the museum on Sunday for an afternoon of traditional and contemporary stories told in the Dakota tradition. Robert Wapahi, artist, Veteran, and storyteller, will entertain visitors with lively stories. This event is perfect for families.
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- Thursday, November 22** **Museum Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

December

- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates.
- Saturday, December 1** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Free with regular admission
- Saturday, Dec. 1** **Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar**
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Buy arts and crafts directly from Native American artists.
See side article for more information!
- Sunday, Dec. 2**
Noon - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, December 6** **Real Murder Mysteries Book Seminar**
6:30 - 7:30 PM
The Assassination of Hole In the Day
by Anton Treuer
- Friday, December 7** **Free Admission Day**
- Thursday, December 13** **Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Party**
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Invite Only
- Saturday, December 15** **New Treasures of Our Collection Exhibit Opening**
2:00 PM
Curator Tour
- Tuesday, December 25** **Museum Closed for Christmas Holiday**
- Wednesday, December 26** **Holiday Kids' Craft Week**
- **Friday, December 28**
DIY Crafts All Day!
2:00 - 2:30 PM
Stop by the Mitchell to enjoy making special holiday inspired Native American crafts. Crafts are *free* with regular admission. Story Time at the Teaching Lodge
See "Holiday Kids' Crafts" for more details!



January

- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates.
- Tuesday, January 1** **Museum Closed for New Years Day**
- Wednesday, January 2** **Winter Break Family Activity Week**
- **Friday, January 4**
DIY Crafts All Day!
2:00 - 2:30 PM
Stop by the Mitchell to enjoy making special Native American inspired crafts. Crafts *free* with regular admission. Story Time at the Teaching Lodge
See "Family Fun" below for more details!
- Friday, January 4** **Free Admission Day**
- Saturday, January 5** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Free with regular admission
- Saturday, January 19** **Master Craft: Porcupine Quill Workshop with Boni Bent Nelson, *Cherokee descent***
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
* **Sunday, January 20**
Noon - 4 PM
Workshop Fee: \$35/person (includes all materials, tools & instruction)
Participants will learn the basics of quill embroidery and make neck bags embellished with both quills and beads. The workshop is limited to 12 participants; recommended age 8 years and older.
RSVP by January 12 by calling (847) 475-1030
See back page for more information!
* *Sunday session to open if Saturday class fills*
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Save the Date! Saturday, February 2, 2013



Spring Benefit 2013: Native Dance Party

See back page for more information!

Holiday Kids' Crafts & Family Fun

The Mitchell Museum is the place to go when school's out and you're looking for fun family activities to keep younger visitors entertained and engaged in learning. We offer guided craft instruction on Saturdays (11:00 - Noon) & Sundays (12:30 - 1:30 PM), and special DIY all-day crafts during holiday school breaks. Crafts *free* with regular admission!

November

3 & 4: Talking Feathers
10 & 11: Gods Eyes

17 & 18: Plains Warrior Shields
24 & 25: Beaded Key Chains

December

1 & 2: Button Blankets
8 & 9: Bolo Ties
15 & 16: Loom Beading

22 & 23: Cherokee Syllabary
29 & 30: Seminole Patchwork

Holiday Kids' Crafts & Family Fun

Join us for *special* all-day crafts including Northwest coast rattles, God's eyes, miniature woven blankets, and beaded key chains:

Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28: DIY holiday crafts
Wednesday, January 2 - Friday, January 4: DIY Family Fun crafts

January

5 & 6: Woven Baskets
12 & 13: Quill Boxes

19 & 20: Dream Catchers
26 & 27: Northwest Coast Masks

Dr. Carlos Montezuma Honorary Lecture



The Mitchell Museum is honored to feature Paul DeMain (*Oneida/Ojibwe*; known as Skabewis in the Ojibwe language) as the guest speaker for the museum's annual Dr. Carlos Montezuma Honorary Lecture on Saturday, November, 10 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM at the Skokie Public Library's Petty Auditorium.

DeMain's lecture, "American Indians and the Tipping Point: No Longer a Miner's Canary," will focus on the portrayal of American Indians in the media over the past 40 years. DeMain will share his perspective as a Native editor, photographer, recorder, historian, and messenger. He is best known as the editor of *News from Indian Country* and producer at IndianCountryTV.com on the *Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe* Reservation of Northern Wisconsin. DeMain is also the only known Native American Campaign Manager when he aided Winona LaDuke, *Anishinaabe*, in her Vice-Presidential bid in 2000.

DeMain has received some of the highest awards for journalistic integrity and reporting by the Ancil Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism, including "The Wassaja" award for Courageous Reporting by the Native American Journalists Association. He is active on many boards for Native American organizations and foundations.

Event Details:

Date/Time: Saturday, November 10 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Location: Skokie Public Library Petty Auditorium

Fee: \$15/members, tribal members & students
\$20/non-members

Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar

Just in time for the holidays, the Mitchell Museum will host Native American artists selling their art and craftwork directly to visitors. Jewelry, pottery, beadwork, dolls, paintings, moccasins and an array of other items will be available for purchase. Finish your holiday shopping, meet Native artists, and enjoy the Mitchell's exhibits all in one weekend!

Award-winning artists come from all over the Chicago area as well as from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. Throughout the weekend, artists will demonstrate their technique, speak about their culture and art, and answer visitor questions. A schedule of events and final list of artists in the weeks prior to the Holiday Bazaar will be posted on the museum's website. This unique event is the perfect place to find one-of-a-kind handmade gifts for everyone on your list. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase American Indian art and crafts directly from the artists, and learn more about the traditions and techniques that go into making each piece.

Holiday Bazaar Event Details

Location: 3009 Central Street
Dates: Saturday, December 1, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 2, Noon - 4:00 PM
Admission: Members & children 12 and under: FREE
Non-Members: \$5
Admission includes entrance to the museum



Volunteer Spotlight: Ellen Collar



When it comes to leading exciting and educational tours at the Mitchell Museum, Ellen Collar is the right docent for the job. Ellen sees her volunteer role as a cultural guide building bridges of understanding for all museum visitors. She loves educating the public not only on Native Americans' different eras and regions, but also on the present day cultures and traditions. Her favorite tours those for young school children who delight in touching educational artifacts and have an enthusiasm for learning that matches her own.

Ellen has true passion for her Evanston community. She is an active board member on the Childcare Center of Evanston as well as active in local politics. She is a successful real estate agent who helps people discover the joy of living in surrounding North Shore communities. Ellen loves international travel and visiting archeological sites, as well as attending Pow-Wows and other events that increase her knowledge of the American Indian community.

According to Ellen, "What we teach at the Mitchell Museum is much more than art and artifacts; it's about humanity, about connectedness. Coming here, we learn about roots, what we have in common, what we must face-up to in our histories and in our future." The museum is lucky to have dedicated volunteers like Ellen Collar.

Interested in becoming a volunteer or docent? Contact Visitor Services at (847) 475-1030 for more information!

Native American Recipe

Warm your kitchen with a delicious orange-pistachio wild rice salad. Wild rice is a traditional staple food in the Great Lakes region, and one that's still harvested in time-honored methods by many Native cultures today.

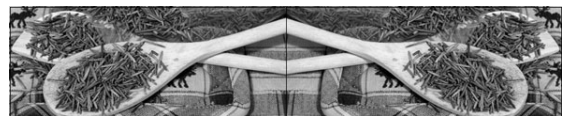
Ingredients for Orange-Pistachio Wild Rice Salad

For the salad:

2/3 cup brown rice
2/3 cup wild rice
3 cups chicken broth
1 orange
10 large basil leaves,
sliced in ribbons
1/4 cup minced red onion

For the dressing:

1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
1 Tb. orange juice
1 1/2 tsps. Dijon mustard
1 tsp honey
1/4 tsp salt



1. Combine the broth, brown and wild rice in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil, and then cover, reduce heat and simmer for 45 - 55 minutes until all the broth has evaporated. Remove from heat but keep warm.
2. Toast pistachios in a dry skillet until fragrant, about 3 mins.
3. Grate 1 teaspoon of orange zest.
4. Remove skin and pith from orange and break into slices.
5. When rice is cool, add orange sections, basil, onion, pistachios and orange zest, mixing to incorporate.
6. To make dressing, whisk together all dressing ingredients.
7. Pour over salad and toss to enjoy!



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Join One of Our Exciting Winter Programs or Events!

Master Craft: Porcupine Quill Workshop



On Saturday, January 19 from 11 AM - 5 PM the Mitchell Museum is offering a unique workshop for visitors to sew with porcupine quills in a master craft class led by renowned quill artist Boni Bent Nelson, *Cherokee descent*. Class participants will learn several different stitches for basic porcupine quill embroidery and beading techniques, and each participant will make their own neck bag. Workshop fees are \$35/person and include all materials, tools, and instruction. Classes are limited to 12 participants and the suggested age is 8 years and older.

An award-winning and celebrated porcupine quill work artist, Nelson has been working in the Great Lakes quill traditions since she was a young girl. Her work has been featured on the cover of *Native Peoples Magazine* and she has demonstrated her craft at the grand opening of the Pearlman Wing of the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis. Nelson's work has won *Best in Show* and *Judges Honor Award* at various National Pow-Wows. Nelson is currently a board member of the National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture and she is excited to share her passion for quill-work with all visitors.

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Event Details:

Day & Time: Saturday, January 19 from 11 AM - 5 PM
Fee: \$35/person (*includes all materials, tools, and instructions*)
Class size is limited to 12 individuals, so reserve your spot today!
Additional Sunday session from Noon - 4 PM will open if Saturday class fills.

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Spring Benefit 2013: Native Dance Party

6:30 - 9:30 PM

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Levy Center

300 Doge Ave, Evanston IL 60202

Tickets

\$120/individual or

\$100/per person for table of 8 - 10



Join Mitchell Museum staff, patrons, volunteers, and American Indian culture enthusiasts for a delicious dinner, Native dance performances, and a celebration of the Mitchell Museum at Native Dance Party, the museum's 2013 Spring Benefit. This formal event will feature a silent auction, raffle tickets, a wine grab, and an exciting live sponsorship auction. Support the museum and its programs while having a night of fun and festivities. Contact the museum today for more information or to purchase your tickets today!

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, contributing to our silent auction, or serving on the host committee, please contact committee chair Sue Salisbury ssalisbury@koenigstrey.com or Kathleen McDonald at the museum 847-475-1030.