



Meet Me at the Mitchell

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

Making It Happen

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We hope to see you February 2 at our 2013 Annual Benefit: Native Dance Party. We would like to thank our sponsors BMO Harris Bank, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Corp., First Bank and Trust of Evanston, Joan Golder, Lawrence Hamilton and Ann Hicks, Barbara Novick, Robert and Diane Teska. Our deep appreciation goes to our Host Committee and Benefit Committee: Trish and Bob Barr, Ivan and Shelley Berk, Emily Jones, Pat Lischke, Strategic Business Communications: Will Linder, Sarabess and John Cahill, Joe and Reed Hagee, J.B. Creative: Jeff and Jan Berkson, Barbara and Chris Johnson, Beth and Peter Lent, Glennis and Barry Lundberg, Barbara Novick, J.N. Pritzker, Trimmy Stamell, Cheryl Wollin, and especially our Benefit Committee Chair, Susan Salisbury.

Finally, join us at the April 20th Woman's Club of Evanston's Spring Benefit. All proceeds go to the Mitchell Museum!

Another View of American Indian Fine Art

Continue to challenge your notions of Native American art at the Mitchell Museum's exhibit: *Another View of American Indian Fine Art*, opening publically on March 16th with a curator's tour of the exhibit at 2:00 PM. Museum members can join us on March 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM for a *Members' Only Preview Party* as we explore native art by focusing on new artists and artwork. New pieces by such notable artists as Woody Crumbo and Maria Martinez will delight and dare the visitor to rethink their conceptions of what Native art is.



Blackware Vase
by Maria Martinez

Maria Martinez: (see vase above) Martinez created internationally known and award winning pottery. She initially examined traditional Pueblo pottery styles and techniques to create pieces which reflected the Pueblo people's legacy of fine artwork and crafts.

The result was exquisite black-on-black pottery. As she developed this new style it created a rush of popularity and an explosion of interest in the San Ildefonso Pueblo pottery.

Woody Crumbo: Crumbo's art has been exhibited in many museums throughout the United States and internationally. He is known for working in oil and egg tempera, as well as in watercolor, sculpture, stained glass, silkscreen, and etching. A member of the Pottawatomie Nation, Crumbo explored the traditions and ceremonies of his own tribe as well as those of the Creek, Sioux, and Kiowa nations.



"Peyote Altar"
by Woody Crumbo

Another View of American Indian Fine Art

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Members' Only Preview Party

Saturday, March 16

Public Opening

2:00 PM Curator Tour

Notes from the Director

Happy New Year from the Mitchell Museum! As we tallied our progress for 2012, we were thrilled to see the attendance and membership continue to grow. We hosted many great events in 2012 and finished the year celebrating our donor and volunteer contributions with a private reception at the "New Treasures of the Collection" exhibit opening. Be sure to see these stunning new additions. Also in December, the museum hosted the Chicago American Indian Planning Initiative Retreat. Forty five people representing over twelve Native American organizations including the Mitchell Museum discussed action plans to improve the American Indian community in Chicago. Cook County Commissioner and museum member, Larry Suffredin, spoke as did Dr. Cornel Pewewardy (Comanche-Kiowa) from Portland State University. By expanding our participation with the American Indian community, the museum will enhance its authenticity and relevancy to provide even better programs and services in 2013 and beyond.

Launching into the new year we have another exciting line-up of events of authors, dancers, speakers, and family activities. While I cannot announce our new Curator of Collections and Exhibits just yet, join me congratulating interim curator, Saul Sopoci Drake, on his new position at SITES in Washington D.C.

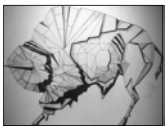
Calendar of Events: February

- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates
- Friday, February 1** **Free Admission Day**
- Saturday, February 2** **2013 Annual Benefit: Native Dance Party**
 6:30 - 9:30 PM
 Levy Senior Center. *RSVP required.*
- Saturday, February 9** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 Free with regular admission
- Thursday, February 28** **Book Seminar Featuring Author Theodore Karamanski discussing Blackbird's Song**
 6:30 - 7:30 PM
See side article for more details!
Fee: \$5/person



March

- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates.
- Friday, March 1** **Free Admission Day**
- Saturday, March 2** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 Free with regular admission
- Wednesday, March 13** **Giordano's Pizza Fundraiser Day**
 11 AM - 11 PM
 Visit Giordano's Pizza on Chicago Ave. Wednesday, March 13th beginning at 11 AM and let them know you are supporting the Mitchell Museum. **20% of your total order will be donated to the museum.**
See back page for more details!
- Thursday, March 14** **Another View of American Indian Fine Art Member's Only Preview Party**
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Visit the Mitchell Museum to see new works of art by American Indian artists as Changing Views continues to explore what it means to be a Native artist.
- Saturday, March 16** **Another View of American Indian Fine Art Public Opening**
 2:00 PM
 Curator Tour of Exhibit
- Tuesday, March 26 - Friday, March 29** **Spring Break Family Fun Week!**
 Join the museum for *special all-day DIY crafts* to celebrate spring break week. Crafts are free with general admission.
 Story time at the Teaching Lodge
See side article for more details!



April

- Thursday, April 11** **Book Seminar Featuring Author Frederick Hoxie discussing This Indian Country**
 6:30 - 9:30 PM
See side article for more details!
Fee: \$5/person
- Saturday, April 20** **Woman's Club of Evanston Spring Benefit**
 As the WCE's Spring Benefit Beneficiary, all proceeds go to the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. Contact WCE for more details: www.wcofe.org
- Saturday, April 27** **Community Day**
 11:00 AM - Noon
 Kids' Craft: Dream Catchers
 Noon - 1 PM
 Food & Light Refreshments
 Music
 Story Time at the Teaching Lodge
Bonus! Shop along Central Street & donate to the museum. *See back article for more details!*

May

- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates
- Wednesday, May 1** **Teacher's Professional Development Day**
 1:00 - 3:30 PM
 Join the Mitchell Museum and local area teachers for a tour of the museum and to learn more about what resources we offer to teach Native American art history and culture in your classroom and online. **CPDU credit offered.** \$3/teacher. *RSVP by April 12.*
- Friday, May 3** **Free Admission Day**
- Saturday, May 4** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 Free with regular admission
- Sunday, May 19** **Native Plants Lecture**
 1:30 PM
 by Dr. Eli Suzukovich III, *Little Shell Chippewa Cree*
Fee: \$10/members & \$12/non-members
See back page for event details!



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 major school breaks. Crafts *free* with regular admission!

February

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| 2 - 3: Beaded Key Chains | 16 - 17: Quill Boxes |
| 9 - 10: Button Blankets | 23 - 24: Northwest Coast Rattles |

March

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| 2 - 3: Gods Eyes | 23 - 24: Seminole Patchwork |
| 9 - 10: Northwest Coast Masks | 30 - 31: Cherokee Syllabary |
| 16 - 17: Plains Ledger Drawings | |

Spring Break Tuesday, March 26 - Friday, March 29 - see side article for details!

April

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| 6 - 7: Talking Feathers | 20 - 21: Navajo Woven Rugs |
| 13 - 14: Plains Warrior Shields | 27 - 28: Dream Catchers |

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| 4 - 5: Bolo Ties | 18 - 19: Corn Husk Dolls |
| 11 - 12: Woven Baskets | 25 - 24: Loom Beading |

April

- Alternating Thursdays** **Flute Group**, 6:00 - 7:45 PM
Contact museum for meeting dates.
- Friday, April 5** **Free Admission Day**
- Saturday, April 6** **Docent-Led Exhibit Tour**
 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 Free with regular admission



Authors Speak at Museum Book Seminars

This spring the museum is thrilled to host two exemplary authors at our book seminars: **Theodore Karamanski**, Director of Loyola's Public History Graduate Program and **Frederick Hoxie**, Professor of History at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Paul Friesema will facilitate the discussions with each author, and there will be a book signing following each meeting. **Fee:** \$5/person

Blackbird's Song: Andrew J. Blackbird and the Odawa People by Theodore Karamanski Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:30 PM When reading about the historical lives of American Indians in today's history books and articles, the information is usually based on observations made by European-Americans and not the Native Americans themselves. *Blackbird's Song* gives voice to the Ottawa people through Andrew J. Blackbird, who chronicled the many ways in which Great Lakes Nations fought to retain their land and culture through military resistance and later through the tools of citizenship. This book focuses on the experience of the Odawa and one of their greatest advocates.



This Indian Country: American Indian Activists and the Place They Made by Frederick Hoxie Thursday, April 11, 6:30 PM. In his book, Hoxie strives to remove the idea that Native peoples occupy a position outside of the narrative of American history. Too often the public views Native history as having "ended" on an ancient battlefield. Hoxie presents a counter-narrative that illustrates how Native Americans continue to influence American history and the political landscape through activism, hard-won courtroom cases, and reshaping the public view of American Indian rights.

Family Fun and Programs at the Mitchell

The Mitchell Museum is proud to be a community resource for family fun, education, and entertainment. We are especially happy to offer families special Native American inspired activities during our Spring Break Family Fun Week and Community Day.

Spring Break Family Fun! Tuesday, March 26 - Friday, March 29

The Mitchell is hosting special events for Evanston's Spring Break week to keep children engaged and learning. Visit the museum to enjoy all-day D.I.Y. crafts, including: Southwest rug weaving, Northwest Coast mask coloring, Plains shields & Seminole patchwork (crafts *free with regular admission*). Native American stories will be read each afternoon from 2 - 2:30 PM at our Teaching Lodge. Don't miss these fun activities!

Community Day at the Mitchell Museum, Saturday, April 27

Join us on Saturday, April 27 for a full day of fun family activities coinciding with Community Day on Central Street:

11:00 AM - Noon	Kids' Craft: Dream Catchers
Noon - 1 PM	Food & Light Refreshments
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Live Music
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Story Time at the Teaching Lodge

Community Day is also the perfect opportunity to learn more about volunteer and docent opportunities at the museum!

Volunteer Spotlight: Trish Barr

Trish Barr joined the Mitchell Museum as a Board Member in 2006 at the encouragement of a long-time friend. Always vibrant and upbeat, Trish has been a key member of the museum's growth and accomplishments, especially when it comes to volunteer recruitment.



Growing up in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Trish saw local American Indian culture in her everyday life. Today she and her husband Bob vacation to pueblos and other locations that concentrate on American Indian history. As she says, "the museum is a great place to gain knowledge of the American Indians and local history, and I'm proud to be a part of this local gem!"

Trish has worn many hats at the museum. During her first two years on the Board, she helped establish the museum as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. When the need for public relations became apparent, Trish stepped in and took the lead. She also served as the board's secretary. Most recently her job has been to develop the volunteer program. Not only has the number of volunteers increased, but they now receive formal orientation and recognition for their hard work. While Trish has retired from the Board, she will continue as the Mitchell's Volunteer Coordinator. *Thank you, Trish, for everything you have done and for continuing to help make the Mitchell Museum a success!*

Native American Recipe

Since their introduction in the 16th century, Navajo-Churro sheep have been an important part of the Navajo culture, producing wool, milk, and meat. The Churro's wool is multicolored, making it especially prized for rug-weaving. Here is a warming recipe for Juniper Lamb Stew:

- 2 lbs. lean lamb (cubed small)
- 2 cans corn kernels
- 6 spring onions
- 3 green bell peppers, chopped
- 1 tbls flour
- 2 tbls cooking oil
- 1/3 chopped celery tops
- 1-1/2 tsp salt
- 5 dried juniper berries, crushed*
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 4 cups water



1. Mix the chili, juniper berries and flour and coat the meat.
2. Heat the oil in a heavy kettle and brown the meat.
3. Once meat is browned, add remaining ingredients.
4. Cover and simmer for 1 hour or until meat is tender.
5. Serve with warm, flaky bread and enjoy!

* *If you cannot find juniper berries, you may substitute 1 teaspoon of gin per 2 juniper berries.*



Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

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Spring into the Mitchell for Our Exciting Programs and Events!

Put the "Fun" in Community Fundraisers!

Don't miss out on two fun ways to support the Mitchell Museum and local businesses this spring:

Giordano's Pizza Fundraiser, Wednesday, March 13

Donate to the Mitchell Museum by grabbing a pie from Giordano's Pizza on 1527 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60201 on Wednesday, March 13 (11 AM - 11 PM). When ordering to dine-in or take-out, simply say that you want to support the Mitchell Museum and **20% of your total order** will be donated to us. Support two local organizations with a tasty dinner or lunch!



Central Street Business Community Day, Saturday, April 27

Save your April shopping for Central Street Business's Community Day on Saturday, April 27. Get a Community Day flyer online or at the Mitchell Museum and make sure to mark "Mitchell Museum" as your organization. Enjoy shopping along Central Street, where **10-20% of your total purchases** will be donated back to the museum from participating stores. As a bonus, the museum is offering activities all day in support of the Central Street Business' Community Day (*regular museum admission applies*). See the inside article "Family Fun and Programs at the Mitchell" for a full line-up of Community Day events!

Native Plants Lecture



Since April showers bring May flowers, make sure to join in the Mitchell Museum's Native Plants Lecture on Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 PM, led by Dr. Eli Suzukovich III (*Little Shell Chippewa Cree*). Expand your knowledge about the historic and contemporary uses for various indigenous plants. This lecture will make use of the museum's own

indigenous garden, and participant's will learn to identify a number of Native plants, including: milkweed, mint, yarrow, snowdrops, pokeweed, and many more. This event is ideal for gardeners and those looking to expand their knowledge on Native Illinois plants and Indian herbal usages.

Dr. Suzukovich works as the American Indian Center's (AIC) garden manager and at Northwestern University as a post-doctorate in the Psychology Department. In order to promote health and wellness, AIC has developed its own medicinal garden for members and residents to use. The AIC takes great pride in this garden, where all plants are grown naturally and harvested through traditional means. According to Suzukovich, too many chemicals are added to medicines nowadays when plants from the Mother Earth could be used if they were just planted and harvested properly. Come learn more about Native plants!

Event Details

Day/Time: May 19 at 1:30 PM Fee: \$10/members & \$12/non-members

