



Meet Me at the Mitchell

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

Giving Thanks

Thanks to all of the attendees who made our 2015 Annual Benefit: Nurturing the Land a resounding success raising \$26,000 for the museum. We were excited to introduce our new partners: the Chi-Nation Youth Council.

We would like to thank our benefit sponsors: Prudential, Blue Island Newspaper Printing, First Bank & Trust, John J. Cahill, Inc., Patricia Zygmunt, Joan Golder, Susanne Driscoll, Lawrence R. Hamilton, and Mitchell and Mary Lou Horwat.

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Miniature Artwork—Enormous Appeal



In April curator Janelle Stanley (Dine/Acoma) launched the Mitchell Museum's newest exhibit on miniatures. It highlights exceptional examples of miniature artwork and their full sized counterparts. The intricate and detailed designs are a testament to Native American artists adaptations to the tourist trade and continued perseverance to sustain their culture.

Native American and First Nation artists throughout the United States and Canada historically made intricate miniature versions of ceremony and utilitarian objects as teaching tools or toys for their children. European settlers and tourists of the 19th and

20th century travelling by railroad far into Indian lands developed a new market for small, portable souvenirs and highly collectible American Indian art. Native artists transitioned from creating objects for traditional lifeways and intertribal trade to creating miniature artwork as tourist souvenirs which are still in demand today.

Developing close relationships with their buyers and collectors, Native artists rose to the challenge to create silver, fibers, wood, and clay miniature works that were often identical or even more intricate in technique and design than the full sized utilitarian and ceremonial objects. Creating these miniature objects with the same technique and design details required tremendous skill and dexterity.

"Miniature Artwork - Enormous Appeal" features exquisite examples of miniatures from tribal communities from across the United States and Canada. Come see our latest exhibit featured in the alcove area through 2015.

Notes From the Director



Did you see the Mitchell Museum in the news? Thanks to the marvelous exhibit "Native Haute Couture," the Mitchell Museum was a full page feature story in the *Chicago Tribune* and on Channel 11's *Chicago Tonight*. With such great coverage we were able to garner the support of fashion designer Patricia Michaels

who agreed to stage a fundraising fashion show for the museum this fall. With a great new line-up of events and programs, we are recruiting new volunteers and docents to expand our visitor experience and fundraising activities and enable museum staff to do even more!

With the support of three grants— ArtsWork Fund, CAICC, and SMARTGrowth from the Chicago Community Trust, the staff and board are focusing on fundraising to bring all of these ideas to life. We hope that you will contact us (email: kmcdonald@mitchellmuseum.org) to be a part of these exciting projects.

Calendar of Events: May

Friday, May 1	Free Admission Day
May 2 & 3 All Day	Artist Trunk Show Katsina artist Terry Gasdia (Hopi/Akimel O'odahm) will be featuring his Katsinas and other artwork during his trunk show at the Mitchell Museum.
Saturday, May 2 2:00—3:00 pm	Presentation with Terry Gasdia, "Hopi Traditional Arts, Culture & Peoples of the Southwest" \$10/members, \$12/ non-members <i>See back page article for more information.</i>
Saturday, May 9 3:00—4:00 PM	Docent-Led Exhibit Tour Free with regular admission
Thursday, May 21 6:00—8:00 PM	Dr. David Beck Book Signing Introducing his new book <u>City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago, 1893—1934</u> , co-author David Beck will visit the Mitchell to discuss and sign copies of <u>City Indian</u> , which will be available in our museum shop. \$10/members, \$12/ non-members <i>See side article for more information.</i>

June

Friday, Jun 5	Free Admission Day
Jun 5, 6, & 7	American Indian Center of Chicago 62nd Annual Pow Wow Elk Grove Village, IL Look for us on Education Day (June 5th) and hosting a booth all weekend! www.aic-chicago.org
Saturday, June 13 3:00—4:00 pm	Docent-Led Exhibit Tour Free with regular admission
Jun 27-28	Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market & Festival Indianapolis, IN—Worth the short drive! www.eiteljorg.org

Patricia Michaels Fashion Show

Coming this Fall

As part of our popular exhibit "Native Haute Couture" that opened in January, The Mitchell Museum is excited to bring 2012 "Project Runway" runner-up Patricia Michaels (Taos Pueblo) to Chicago for an exclusive fashion show event to be held this Fall.

To get involved with this exciting event and to learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, contact Kathleen McDonald at kmcdonald@mitchellmuseum.org.

New Pottery Exhibit: Opening September 28



July

Friday, Jul 3	Free Admission Day
Saturday, Jul 4	CLOSED
Saturday, Jul 11 2:00—4:00 PM	Touring Through Time: Evanston Bike Tour Explore downtown Evanston and Wilmette for a group bicycle tour of the landmarks of local Native history. \$10/members, \$12/ non-members RSVP by July 7th <i>See side article for more information.</i>
Saturday, July 18 3:00—4:00 PM	Docent-Led Exhibit Tour Free with regular admission

August

Friday, Aug 7	Free Admission Day
Saturday, Aug 15 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 12:30—1:00 PM 1:30—3:30 PM	Coyote Inspired Activities Coyote inspired crafts Storybook reading in Teaching Lodge Free with regular admission Urban Coyote Presentation with Adam Kessel \$10/members, \$12/ non-members <i>See side article for more information.</i>
Tue, Aug 18—Fri, Aug 21 10:00 AM—5:00 PM 2:00—2:30 PM	All Day D.I.Y. Crafts Free with regular admission Storytime Book Reading
Saturday, Aug 22 3:00—4:00 PM	Docent-Led Exhibit Tour Free with regular admission

Summer Fun

This Summer we are extending our daily activities and we hope to see you here! We are offering biweekly tours of our Ciporoke that made its debut last Fall and Sunday Trivia in addition to our weekend kids crafts. All programs listed below are *FREE* with regular admission

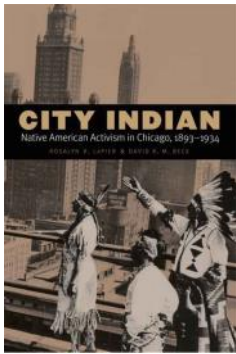
Wednesdays	Ciporoke Tour	4 - 4:30 PM
Thursdays	Flute Group,	6:00 - 7:45 PM <i>Contact us for meeting location</i>
Saturdays	Kids' Crafts	11 AM - NOON
	Ciporoke Tour	1:30 - 2 PM
Sundays	Kids' Crafts	12:30 - 1:30 PM
	Native Trivia	2 - 2:30 PM

Kids' Crafts Schedule:

May	
2 & 3: Bolow Ties	23 & 24: Ledger Drawings
9 & 10: Loom Beading	30 & 31: Northwest Rattles
16 & 17: Basket Weaving	
June	
6 & 7: Woven Wall Hanging	20 & 21: Moccasins
13 & 14: Talking Feathers	27 & 28: Cherokee Book of Words
July	
5: Button Blankets	18 & 19: Zuni Fetish Statues
11 & 12: Snow Goggles	25 & 26: Plains Parfleche
August	
1 & 2: Quill Boxes	22 & 23: Seminole Patchwork
8 & 9: Concho Belts	29 & 30: Lakota Star Quilts
15 & 16: Coyote Crafts	

All Day DIY Crafts: Aug 18-21

City Indian Book Signing with David Beck



When Mayor “Big Bill” Thompson declared that Chicago public schools teach “America First,” in the 1920s, local American Indian leaders publicly challenged him to include the true story of the “First Americans.”

This story is just part of a much bigger one. American Indian men and women who migrated to Chicago in the late 1800s and early 1900s, developed new associations and organizations to help each other, and ultimately created a new place to call home in a modern American city.

In *City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago, 1893—1934*, authors David R. M. Beck and Rosalyn R. LaPier explore how these Chicagoans voiced their opinions about political, social, educational, and racial issues and struggled to reshape nostalgic perceptions of American Indians.

Author David Beck will visit the Mitchell Museum on May 21 to discuss and sign copies of *City Indian*, which will be available in our museum shop.

**Thursday, May 21, 6 – 8 pm
\$10/members, \$12/ non-members**

*Dr. David R. M. Beck is a professor of Native American Studies at the University of Montana. He is the author of several books, including *Seeking Recognition* and *The Struggle for Self-Determination: Menominee Indian History since 1854*.*

In Memory of Robert Gluckman



Dr. Robert Gluckman, one of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian’s most ardent supporters, passed away in January 2015. We are sincerely grateful for all of the support and donations we have received in honor of his memory. He will be greatly missed.

Dr. Gluckman was a volunteer and donor who greatly valued our mission: to promote and share a deeper understanding and respect for American Indian peoples. Dr. Gluckman also funded several exhibits at the museum including our award winning “Deconstructing Stereotypes: Top Ten Truths.” He also supported “The Teaching Lodge,” a wigwam structure that visitors can go inside to experience Native American culture. We hope you will visit the museum and enjoy the Teaching Lodge with your family and friends as you remember the contributions of our wonderful friend.

Consider making a donation in memory of Dr. Gluckman or someone special from your life. Donations may be sent to the Mitchell Museum (please indicate “In memory of” or “In honor of”) 3001 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201 or call Visitor Services at (847) 475-1030 for credit card donations. You may also contact us to see how you can set up a legacy gift.

Urban Coyote - Our Local Trickster

Tricksters are among the most entertaining characters; they delight in breaking rules, boasting, and playing tricks on both humans and gods. These characters can be found in many tales and different cultures from around the world. Popular trickster symbols in Native folklore, the coyote and raven have captivated audiences for centuries.



Now, the coyote has returned to its traditional range in Cook County, with nearly 2,000 coyotes making Chicagoland its home, as reported by the Urban Coyote Research Program.

Join us at the Mitchell Museum with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to learn from Adam Kessel (Lakota) about the coyote population in local forest preserves and our concrete jungle. During his presentation Kessel will discuss the importance of the coyote in our ecosystem and include a trickster tale or two while we venture to track our neighborhood coyote.

**Urban Coyote Presentation by Adam Kessel (Lakota)
Saturday, August 15, 1:30—3:30 pm
\$10/members, \$12/ non-members**

In addition, the Mitchell Museum will have a variety of activities for groups of all ages to learn more about the coyote through stories and crafts, included with the price of museum admission.

Touring Through Time: Evanston Bike Tour

To many area residents, Green Bay Road may signify the gateway to the North Shore, a pre-highway thoroughfare, or just a convenient diagonal route. But did you know that this is actually an ancient trail used by Native residents for many centuries?



Join us on Saturday, July 11, for a group bicycle tour through Evanston and Wilmette to explore landmarks of local Native history. Though the stories of these sites may not be featured in a John Hughes film, they are essential to the heritage and history of our region. Stand before the land once home to a Neshnabé village and physically connect with the history of this land.

Besides being educational, this tour will be a great, social way to get out, get moving, and enjoy a summer afternoon!

**Saturday, July 11
History Introduction 2:00 pm
Bike Ride 2:30 – 4:00 pm
\$10 Members/\$12 Non-members
RSVP by July 7, Space is limited**



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Make a Difference—Support Our Wish List

Help the Mitchell Museum by donating one or more of the items listed below. All donations help the museum bring our community the best possible programs and events!

Extension Ladder: \$175

Be the light in the sky! By donating an extension ladder you promote the visibility and safety in the museum. We need a taller ladder to safely reach some of the lights in the museum.

HD Video Camera and Tripod: \$400

The museum brings notable native guest speakers from all over the nation who contribute their knowledge for the enrichment of our museum patrons. This year we'd like to catalog our events and grow our audience by making them available online.

Lectern: \$300

As the Mitchell Museum hosts more nationally renowned speakers, we need a lectern of our own. Help the museum to grow in its educator role and promote more events where vital information is exchanged.

PA System: \$284

Last year we hosted the Dr. Carlos Montezuma Honorary Lecture in our upstairs exhibit space. While our numbers exceeded our hopes, our guests in back had trouble hearing. Help us help you hear our presenters and make the most of your visit!

Terry Gasdia Trunk Show and Presentation



Renowned artist Terry Gasdia (Hopi/Akimel O'odahm) is coming to the Mitchell Museum. Gasdia's work will be on display and available for purchase at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian on the weekend of May 2 & 3. The weekend will also feature a program by Terry Gasdia Saturday, May 2 at 2 pm on "Hopi Traditional Arts, Culture & Peoples of the Southwest."

Gasdia learned traditional culture and values from a young age, growing up on both the Hopi and Akimel O'odahm reservations in Arizona. He learned to paint and carve from his grandfather, and he has established himself over the years as a painter, stone sculptor, wood carver, and storyteller. With his art, he celebrates and passes on the traditions of both his tribes while raising awareness of Native peoples and cultures. Gasdia is particularly well-known for his Hopi Katsina dolls, which reflect the stories he learned as a child and the cultural heritage that shapes his work and mission.

Artist Trunk Show: Artwork showcase and sale

Sat. May 2 & Sun. May 3

Free - museum admission separate

Presentation: "Hopi Traditional Arts, Culture & Peoples of the Southwest"

Saturday, May 2nd, 2 PM

\$10 Members/\$12 Non-Members

Teachers can earn CPDU credits