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The Akwesasne Basketmakers

A Special Heritage and Tradition

The Basketmakers of Akwesasne were honored by the Akwesasne Museum and the Akwesasne Library at a banquet held at the American Legion Hall in Hogansburg, Saturday, November 12th. Over one hundred and fifty basketmakers, their families and invited guests were present for a buffet dinner and for the viewing of a movie about the basketmakers of Akwesasne.

Judy Lauersons, who serves as a consultant to the Museum on the project to identify all of the local basketmakers spoke to the group. She indicated that all of the basketmakers have not yet been identified although there is now the beginning of a catalog of basketmakers, past and present which does identify some 40 of the artists.

She also indicated that a portion of the project was to identify all basketmakers, past, present and future, and most especially the children who are in the process of learning this special heritage and tradition.

Since a photo is a means of capturing a point in

time, the museum is anxious to have as many photographs as possible.

Darrell Ransom, the tour director for the Museum thanked the group. Irving Papineau, Chairman of the Library Board spoke to the group. Papineau spoke on the handing down of this art form from generation to generation. The baskets are well known and with the recognition that basketmaking is a true art form of the Americans, better markets have become available. He introduced the movie which won an international award for excellence.

Salli Benedict, the Museum Director thanked the group for coming and for adding to the collection of photographs which are on exhibit in part, in the museum.

Also on exhibit at the Akwesasne Museum are baskets, including one made by Mary Adams similar to the one presented to the Pope when the Mohawks were in the Vatican in 1980.

Although this is an incomplete list of the Akwesasne Basketmakers, to date the following have been identified:



Salli Benedict, Museum Director and Irving Papineau, Chairman of the Library Board at the banquet held in honor of the Akwesasne Basket Makers.

Mary Adams
Josephine Angus
Agnes Armstrong
Christine Arquette
Curtis Arquette
Henry Arquette
Jimmy Aruqtte
Florence Benedict
Peachy Bonaparte
Pauline Boots
Judy Cole
Debbie Cook
Vernoica Cook
Catherine Cree
Ceclia Cree
Flornce David
Judy David
Madeline David

Sarah Day
Charlotte Delormier
Josephine Delormier
Minnie Delormier
Charlotte Diabo
Christine Francis
Agnes Garrow
Abe Gray
Ed Gray
Gertrude Gray
George Gray
Tome Gray
Dave Hall
Mary Herne
Anna Hopps
Betty Jacob
Christine Jock
Mary Joeko

Paul LaFrance
Agnes Lazore
Isabel Lazore
Larry Lazore
Margaret Lazore
Margaret Lazore
Marian Lazore
Sarah Lazore
Mary Leaf
Edith McDonald
Rita McDonald
Evelyn Mitchell
Josephine Mitchell
Katie Mitchell
Mary Mitchell
Winnie Mitchell
Charlotte Morey
Annabelle Oakes
Theresa Oakes
Lucille Peters
Marie Peters
Theresa Peters
Vicky Phillips
Cecelia Point
Eva Point
Lillian Point

Sarah Ransom
Tom Ransom
Irene Richmond
Joyce Sharrow
Annie Skidders
Marita Skidders
Cecelia Smoke
Agnes Sunday
Cecelia Sunday
Theresa Sunday
Evelyn Tarbell
Mary Tebo
Margaret Terrance
Cecelia Thomas
George Thomas
Winnie Thomas
Elizabeth Thompson
Julia Thompson
Katie Thompson
Marita Thompson
Mona Thompson
Velma Thompson
Candy Two Bulls
Anna White
Gladys White

To Be Continued Next Week

TAKE A DAY OFF FROM SMOKING

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Dear Mother and Father

Why do you both smoke? I think you should not smoke because it causes cancer and the nicotine raises your pulse and that is not very good for you too. I wish you too would stop. I'll feel a lot better.

Your son

Dear Mom,

I think you should stop smoking because you'll probably die young. Smoking causes so many diseases such as, chronic bronchitis, sinusitis, and emphysema and it raises blood pressure. If you smoke to calm your nerves you should chew gum or something smoking makes teeth yellow and it makes your clothes smell. I want you to stop smoking because I care about you.

Love,
Chris

Dear Dad,

I want to give you this letter because I would like you to stop smoking because I notice that you cough a lot. And also I think that your pulse is very high. I also think that mom doesn't want you to smoke.

From Bart

Dear Mother,

I wish you would stop smoking because it's not good for you and your heart, and lungs because you could easily die and have a shorter life span.

Every time you smoke you get tar in your Respiratory System. And it even collects on your voice box, plus your cough is bad.

All I want you to do is stop smoking because I care for you and I don't want you to die. Stop smoking right away.

Bess

Dear John,

I wish you would stop smoking. It is bad for your health. It gives you high blood pressure because smoke contracts your veins to make your heart beat faster to get more oxygen. Another reason is every cigarette you smoke you lose 14 minutes of your life. Smoking causes cancer. It also ruins your cilia to sweep junk out of your lungs. Please stop it's bad for your health.

Love,
William

Bombay Post Office Changes Location

By JENNIE BARTLETT

Well, I've been thrown out of better places than this was the cliché which entered my mind as I left the Bombay Post Office on Monday morning, November 14th.

We had heard that the post office had moved from its location in the old Cross store across the road in the trailer now parked in the yard of the Country Manor.

Ever on the lookout for an interesting tidbit, I drove to the post office Saturday morning to talk with Priscilla McCabe, the postal clerk and Margaret Steen, the rural mail carrier. We talked and chatted and I took some pictures of the new facilities which, when complete, will be compact and efficient.

Monday morning I thought to add the picture of Bombay Postmaster Dan Mulvana to my collection and get a few questions answered, but I met with less than good fortune. Postmaster Mulvana, it

would seem wasn't interested in getting the facility in the news. He would rather I waited until they were complete.

Every explanation that by then it would be old news went unheard and uncared about. When I finally was told that I had been trespassing, I thought it time to leave, I surely wasn't going to be invited in for coffee.

Anyway, the new post office in Bombay is operating with nary a hitch after spending only one day moving across the road. The size of the lobby won't encourage friendly conversations with neighbors, but it is plenty big enough to tend to the business of sending and picking up the mail.

Usually the postmaster isn't quite so grouchy and when the facility is ready, we might even get a picture of smiling Dan Mulvana.



Charlie Reardon picks up his mail in the new post office lobby. (More pictures on page 5)

The Great American Smokeout

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