Indigenous Cultural Arts Day
July 15, 10 am - 4 pm

Performance: 1 pm
Wisconsin Dells Singers & Dance Troupe of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Side Stitch Beadwork Demonstration
Kirsten Betancurt
Learn about the intricacies of this Ho-Chunk craft.

Basketry Demonstration
Kimberly Crowley
Functional & beautiful, baskets represent cultural resilience.

Hide Tanning Demonstration / Hands-On
Jon Greendeer
Try your hand at this historically indispensable skill.

Fingerweaving Demonstration
Josephine Lee
The roots of this Indigenous fiber art run deep.

Modern Ho-Chunk Art Exhibition
Christopher Sweet
Explore Sweet’s works and what they represent.

Historic Indian Agency House
1490 Agency House Rd., Portage
FREE ADMISSION

Co-hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum & Cultural Center
This event is sponsored by...

- The Chipstone Foundation
- The Kohler Foundation
- William O’Connor and Krista Roys

Season Theme: “Cultivating Perspective: The Creative Arts of Converging Cultures”

Creative arts are powerful tools of expression within cultures, offering insights into the hearts and minds of people groups. Unique styles of music, fine and decorative arts, storytelling, and dance flowed into the Fox-Wisconsin portage in 1832 as people from widely dissimilar backgrounds endeavored to live their daily lives in close quarters: Indigenous families, French Voyageurs, Métis, Euro-American and Black settlers, and others with distinctive ethnicities of their own. In the midst of a history which is otherwise saturated with conflict and turmoil, cultural creative arts formed a rich tapestry of creative traditions which tied all people together through shared human experience.

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Upcoming Events:

- July 22: French -Métis Cultural Arts Day
- July 29-30: Enduring Skills Weekend (Cultural Arts Edition)
- August 5-6: Community participation archaeological dig; blacksmithing demonstrations
- August 12-13: Community participation archaeological dig; blacksmithing demonstrations
- August 22, 6:30 pm (Tues): Speaker Series - Sumpter Priddy III - American Fancy
- September 1, 5-7 pm (Fri): Fire-wrought dugout canoe workshop #1
- September 8, 5-7 pm (Fri): Fire-wrought dugout canoe workshop #2
- September 8-10: Scouts BSA Historic Trails Weekend
- September 12, 6:30 pm (Tues): Speaker Series - Mary Antoine - French-Canadian Architecture in WI
- September 16: Living History tours: “Everyday Elegance in 1832” - The Galena Living History Society
- September 22, 5-7 pm (Fri): Fire-wrought dugout canoe workshop #3
- September 23: This Mysterious Old House: History Beneath the Surface fundraising tours (in-person)
- September 30, 6 pm: This Mysterious Old House: History Beneath the Surface (virtual)
- December 9, 1-3 pm: 17th Annual Kiddie Christmas
- December 9, 1-3 pm: Holiday shopping in gift shop

https://landscapeoffamilies.wixsite.com/discovering

Be sure to visit our “Landscape of Families” outdoor exhibit and explore the accompanying website. Nearly two centuries have passed since the start of efforts to wipe an entire culture from the Wisconsin landscape. Rediscover Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk) families of 1832, and appreciate their descendants’ continued journey today. Remember their story.