

## Historic Indian Agency House

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## 2024 GIFT MEMBERSHIPS A WHOLE SEASON OF ENJOYMENT

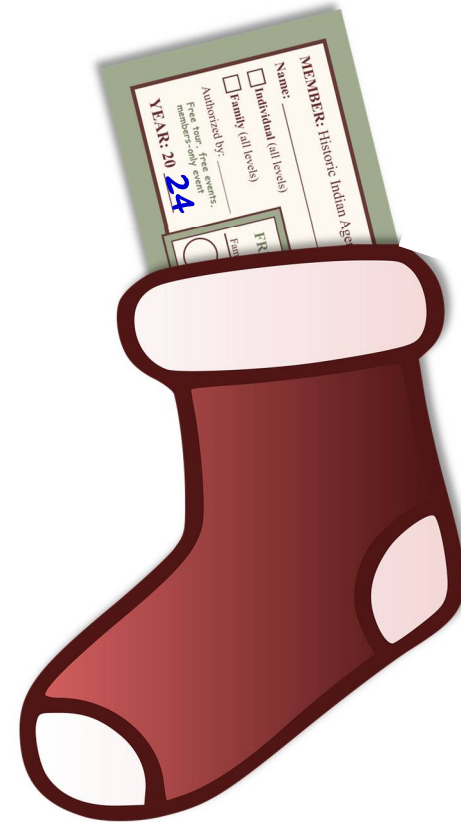
As you make plans for holiday gift-giving, consider gifting a 2024 season membership to those on your list as something unique and special that keeps 'giving' throughout the year!

All membership levels include a free tour, free admission to all on-site events, and a free pass to participate hands-on in a real archaeological investigation at our historic site alongside professional archaeologists.

Our 2024 season theme will be "Trails." Come along on an important journey with us as we learn, discover, and explore to-

gether through a variety of events, exhibits, a speaker series, and other offerings for children through adults. Then let the "trails" bring you back home with a greater understanding of the stories which have shaped our history and so much more.

As you give the gift of a membership to your loved ones, you are also supporting the vital work that we do here—work that benefits the community not only today, but also in generations yet to come as we preserve the historic site and steward the important story it has to tell.



## GIVING TUESDAY TOGETHER WE GIVE...



This year, "Giving Tuesday" is November 28. This special day was founded in 2012 as a day on which people are encouraged to give back to the community and make a difference. As the day approaches, will you consider

coming alongside us with a financial contribution to help us pursue our mission next year?

### ...AND HONOR LOVED-ONES

When you complete the donation form, we invite you to give your support in memory of or in honor of someone special. We are pleased to publicly dedicate our 2024 season to all those extraordinary individuals who are important to you.

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## WITH GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

As our 2023 season comes to a close, we thank all of you who partnered with us to make the programming, events, community outreach, and preservation efforts a success.

A dedicated group of outstanding volunteers, gifted summer interns, and exceptional outreach partners have collaborated with site staff in engaging a wide range of opportunities and challenges over the past year. Special attention has been given to the long-term preservation needs of both our historic structure and the historic landscape of the site. Collections management is progressing through a new artifact categorization plan. The year's programmatic theme afforded an occasion to team up with some highly gifted individuals and amazing organizations with whom we have not had the privilege to partner before now.

We owe a substantial debt of gratitude to *you*—our donors and members—who provide the critical grassroots support that enables us to operate and engage visitors with important history. Our private nonprofit museum relies heavily on your financial partnership in order to do what we do year-after-year...for the past 92 years.

**We are hard at work planning an inspiring and meaningful 2024 season.**

**Would you consider helping us impact the community by supporting our museum's mission with a financial gift?**

With Thanks,

Adam Novey  
Executive Director and Curator

## Remembering and Honoring

Special contributions were given over the past year to dedicate our 2023 season in memory of...

- Mary Louise Banzhaf
- Dr. Marilyn Baxter
- Olive (Cissy) Bryson
- Marilyn Grady
- Donna Harmon
- Nancy Kamlukin
- George L. N. Meyer
- Carole Nye
- Edward (Ted) Rebholz
- Polly Stone

...and in honor of...

- Thomas & Lynn Casper
- Barbara (Bobbie) Collings
- Bobbie Goodman
- Métis First Nation
- Adam N.
- Daniel C. O'Connor
- Dr. Anne Vravick



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



## CULTIVATING PERSPECTIVE... AND HAVING A GREAT TIME DOING IT

“Cultivating Perspective: The Creative Arts of Converging Cultures” was our season theme this past summer. We explored tools of creative expression within cultures and gleaned insights into the minds and hearts of the many people groups who converged here at Portage in 1832. Cultural creative arts are distinctive, but together they form a rich tapestry which ties all people together through our shared human experience.



## THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 GRANTORS AND SPONSORS

Thank you to the grantors and sponsors who supported specific programming, exhibitions, and initiatives throughout the 2023 season:

- The Chipstone Foundation
- The Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin
- The Kohler Foundation
- General Engineering Company
- The Alliant Energy Foundation
- C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund (Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin)
- William O'Connor and Krista Roys
- Cissy VD Bryson Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Great American Treasures - Museum Alliance Grant
- H.L. Palmer Masonic Angel Fund
- The Museum at the Portage
- The Historical Timekeepers
- The Brakebush Family Foundation
- The City of Portage / Portage Tourism
- George L. N. Meyer Foundation
- Wisconsin Historical Society - Wisconsin Council for Local History Mini-Grant
- Nan Rebholz
- Thomas and Lynn Casper
- The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Wisconsin



General Engineering Company has faithfully sponsored our community archaeological dig for four years. This year, they additionally provided free t-shirts to youth participants. The smiles tell the rest of the story!

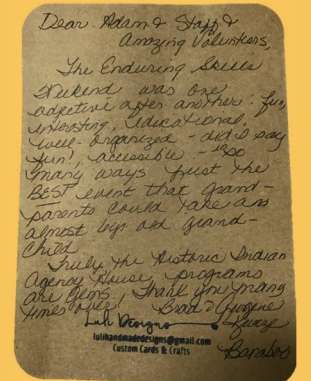
## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We received a letter from a family who participated in one of our events this summer which made us smile:

“Dear Adam & Staff & Amazing Volunteers,  
The Enduring Skills Weekend was one adjective after another: fun, interesting, educational, well-organized - did I say fun!, accessible - in so many ways just the BEST event that grandparents could take an almost 6 yr old grandchild.

Truly the Historic Indian Agency House programs are gems. Thank you many times over!”

Feedback like this really lights a fire in our staff, volunteers, and supporters to keep on serving, giving, reaching out, and investing.



**What we do together really matters!**



A group of young folks from a regional Ho-Chunk youth center was able to attend our Indigenous Cultural Arts Day co-hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center. Your support helped visitors like these enjoy a day immersed in traditional cultural arts and interact with the artisans who still practice these incredible skills. The opportunity meant a lot.