

Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

Manoominikie giizis

Manoominikie giizis is the Ricing Moon. Other names for the month of August are Odatagaagomini giizis or Blackberry Moon and Basikwa'o giizis or Flying Moon.

Manoominikie

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Manoominikie giizis heralds the maturing and subsequent harvest of manoomin, the good berry, or wild rice. Ripe manoomin brings manoominikie, the harvest, which is followed by manoominikewin, the finishing of manoomin. Harvest and finishing represent a beautiful interplay of several natural resources that feature predominantly in Anishinabe culture.

From the landing, harvesters step carefully into the wiigwaasi jiimaan,

a masterpiece formed of wiigwaas, giizhik, wadab (spruce roots), and bigiw (pitch). Once the craft takes to the water, it is propelled by a pole often formed of zhingob (balsam) and oziisigobimizh (diamond willow). In the beds, manoomin is coaxed into the jiimaan with rice poles carved from giizhik or other woods. Back at the landing, manoomin might be spread and dried or quickly parched over carefully regulated heat. Parched rice is hulled in bootaagan, a pit dug for this purpose. Often special moccasins of deer hide are worn. Next, manoomin is winnowed in nooshkaachinaagan of

wiigwaas, oziisigobimizh, and wiigob. At this point, manoomin is ready to cook or store for future use and sharing.

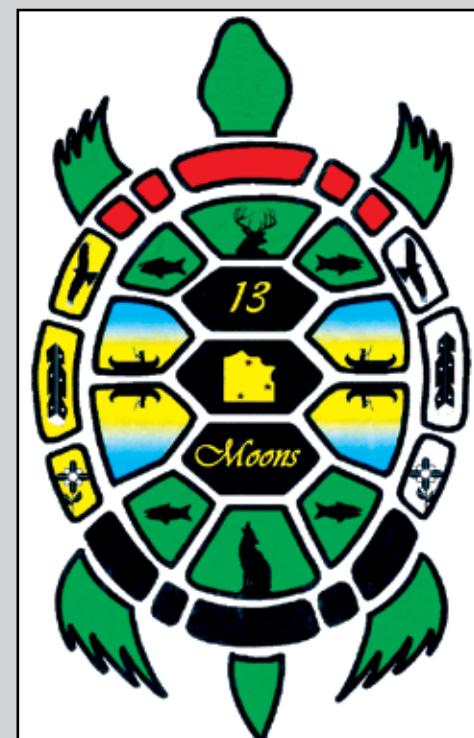
In early September, Thirteen Moons will host a Manoominikewin Camp. Charlie Nahgahnub will demonstrate manoomin finishing. The event is tentatively planned for the first week of Sept. but is subject to change as timing is dictated by the manoomin. Please check the FDL website under "NEWS and EVENTS" or sign up for the 13 moons listserv by sending an email to thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com

And the winning logo is...

We have finalized our decision for the Thirteen Moons logo design contest. Bragging rights go to Melody Diver. We have four runner ups: Warren Barney, Herb Fineday, Karen Savage Blue, and Victoria Smith.

Each runner up will receive a gift basket for their designs. Melody Diver will receive a \$200 award for her design.

The 13 Moons logo will be featured on the 13 Moons newspaper page, flyers, and Facebook. Please congratulate our contributing community members for their outstanding design submissions.



Melody Diver's winning 13 Moons logo design.

Anishinaabemowin Resources

By Nikki Crowe

Howard Kimewon teaches the Ojibwe language at the University of Michigan, and he was one of the language consultants at the FDL Ojibwe Language Immersion camp in June.

Kimewon, along with Margaret Noori, contributes to a University of Michigan website promoting the Anishinaabe language. Here is one example from the website, in Ojibwe and English:

Miigwech (Thank you) Prayer

Gizhe Manidoo
(Creator)
I'iw nama'ewinan,
maaba asemaa, miinwaa
n'ode'winaanin gda-bagidin-
imaagom.
(We offer our prayers, to-
bacco and our hearts.)
Miigwech gda-igom
n'mishomissinaanig miinwa
n'ookomisinaanig jiinaago
gaa-iyaaajig, noongom e-
iyaaajig miinwaa waabang
ge-iyaaajig.

(Thank you for the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of yesterday, today and tomorrow.)
Miigwech manidoog iyaajig noodinong, iyaajig nibiing, iyaajig shkodeng miinwa iyaajig akiing.
(Thank you spirits of the winds, water, fire and earth.)
Miigwech manidoog iyaajig giwedonong, waabanong, zhaawanong miinwa epangishimok.
(Thank you spirits of the north, east, south and west.)
Daga bi-wiidokawishinaang

wii mino bimaadiziyaang.
(Please help us to live a good life.)
Ahow!

For a copy of this poem and more information on the Ojibwe language resources please go to www.umich.edu/~ojibwe/

Miigwech!

Upcoming Events: The Fond du Lac Resource Management Division is hosting Ganawenjigewin Maawanji'idiwin August 4. Contact Shannon Judd at (218) 878-7123 for more info or to set up a booth for the Farmer's Market.

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