

Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

Manoominikie giizis

Manoominikie giizis is the Ricing Moon. The new begins on August 6th. Other names for the month of August are Odatagaagomini giizis or Blackberry Moon and Basikwa'o giizis or Flying Moon.

13 Moons Minnesota Master Naturalist class

By Ricey Wild

For the record, and pertaining to this story, I was born here in Cloquet but lived most of my life in Minneapolis, Minn. and a few other urban cities. My current occupation is Fond du Lac Reservation Graves Registrar and as such I thought it would be a great idea to take the 13 Moons Minnesota Naturalists class offered through the University of Minnesota. I have to be outside as part of my work responsibilities and I freely admit I was ignorant about most of my sentient surroundings.

I also felt I was still being stigmatized by other FDL enrollees as being a (gasp) Urban Indian!

In the 13 years since I've lived up here I've had very little to do with the great outdoors, never mind knowing what the names of local flora and fauna are; when I saw the flyer I knew that this was my opportunity to learn and get out of the office. If I only knew then what I know now. Well first, I wouldn't have to take the class and second, I would have taken it anyway.

For a week this past June, I along with 14 others students, took the 13 Moons Minnesota Master Naturalist class. We had extraordinary instructors who shared their enthusiasm and

knowledge of this amazing space we Anishinaabe call home. All plants were named in Ojibwe then English which is appropriate since this is our native homeland, but actually saying the Ojibwe names gave real significance to my experiences. But don't ask me to go in the woods quite yet, for both our safety's sake because I still don't know north from south, a pine from a cone or why deciduous trees just can't make up their minds?

For me the class became my own "Urban Indian: Survivor" episode. Well, I took off my city apparel, donned what I thought was appropriate outdoor clothing (low heels, skorts, you know...up northy stuff) and prepared to get outside up close and personal. There were some Elder students who took the class too—they tried to show me up with their youthful vigor but I was able to keep up.... just...barely.

Mornings were in-class instruction and afternoons were spent in the field. Like, literally, in the field. I endured humid swampy bogs, blazing hot sunshine, cold rainy sand dunes clustered with poison ivy and vicious bloodthirsty insect attacks. Did I cry or complain? Nope. Not one peep of pain or discomfort came from my lips. My mind is my own.

The first day in the forestry area the

instructors began to give very detailed commentary on the hundreds of plants and trees in the area. I furrowed my brow to indicate I was very interested and somewhat knowledgeable about the vegetation but really I hadn't a clue about any of that stuff and I proved it many times over. I suspect that a few of my brilliant observations made for amusement for the instructors and other students within earshot when I identified plantain as being "like a banana!" and when I spoke knowledgeably about 'fur' bearing trees. You're all very welcome.

Well, I learned a lot thanks to phenomenal teachers; Nikki, Courtney and the (two) Shannons'. They can be proud that I took away very valuable information like American toads can literally puke their guts out, wood ticks are good for bird food and that I can identify poison ivy. Miigwech!

The last day of class I was rolling around on the ground taking pictures of the mini-pond in front of the FDL Museum for my Capstone project. I haven't had such a good time since I splashed in mud puddles as a kid.

NOTE: Look for the next 13 Moons MN Master Naturalist class coming up in the fall!

Gigaawaabimin Dr. Dave Wilsey

By Nikki Crowe

13 Moons Program Coordinator

Anishinaabemowin does not have a word for good-bye. Our word is Gigaawaabimin (see you soon) and with that we wish Dr. Dave Wilsey, University of Minnesota Natural Resources Educator, a good path on his way to his next position coordinating the U of M Master of Development Practice degree program.

A note from Dave: It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that my time with UMN Extension has ended and that I am moving to a new position at the University of Minnesota. I have now been working with Fond du Lac for just over five years. This experience has been one of the greatest of my life and I am extremely proud to have been a part of the development of the Thirteen Moons and Ojibwe Garden programs. I have been honored to meet many excellent colleagues and friends in the community and feel fortunate that my new position should allow me to continue developing new projects and relationships at Fond du Lac, such as the food-system mapping project currently underway. Nevertheless, I will miss the regular contact with everyone. Chi miigwech for letting me be an ever-so-small part of the great Fond du Lac story. I will always carry this with me.

Dr. Wilsey is a co-creator of the 13 Moons Fond du Lac Tribal College Extension program and the Bimmaji'idiwin Ojibwe Garden program. On behalf of the 13 Moons program and the FDL Resource Management staff we like to say chi-miigwech for his work with us.

Upcoming Events:

Sign up to the 13 Moons listserv for the latest information on workshops and events by emailing thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com Don't forget to check us out on Facebook! 13 Moons Ashi niswi giizisoog

This page addresses culture, ecology, and natural resource management. Thirteen Moons is the Fond du Lac Tribal College Extension Program and is a collaboration of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and Fond du Lac Resource Management.

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GLIFWC Healing Run/Walk 2013

By Nikki Crowe
13 Moons Program Coordinator

On July 17, runners from the Fond du Lac Resource Management helped support the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Healing Run/Walk. The run/walk connected eight Ojibwe reservations in northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota starting

July 13 at the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation; Lac du Flambeau; Mole Lake; Lac Vieux Desert; Bad River/Red Cliff; Fond du Lac; St. Croix; and ending at Lac Courte Oreilles on July 19 for the purpose of healing ourselves and our communities, including the land, water and air. FDL RM staff ran a combined total of 27 miles for the healing of our communities. Miigwech.



Congratulations 13 Moons MN Master Naturalists! L-R: Tabby Skogland, Kristine Shotley, Nikki Crowe, Instructor; Courtney Kowalczak, Instructor; Suzan Desmond, Mike McConnell, Mary Stone, Rick Gitar, Tom Mattila, Tim Dwyer, Mary Dwyer, Barbara Reed, Gerry Korhonen; Front Row: Shannon Judd, Instructor; Shannon Kesner, Instructor; Cord Timo, Iris Korhonen. Not pictured: Sarah Bonnette

Fond du Lac Resource Management
3rd Annual
Ganawenjigewin Maawanji'idiwin
Taking Care of Things Gathering



Friday Sept 6th 1pm-6pm
Behind FDL Ojibwe School
49 University Road
Cloquet, MN 55720
Contact: Shannon Judd
218-878-7123
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Join us to learn about FDL Resource Management!

To reserve a table for the Farmer's Market call: Nikki Crowe 218-878-7148 nikkicrowe@fdlrez.com FDL Food License forms must be signed before first transaction. Miigwech.

FDL Resource Management Displays
Energy Audit Sign Up
Raffle items, Archery
Manoominike Demonstration
Farmer's Market,
Information Booths
Activities
Supper Served at 4:30pm

Inclement Weather - School Gymnasium and Commons



Dave Wilsey's beaded bracelet by Naakiiyaa Wilson-Green



Shannon and Kari trying to cool off in the high humidity and heat



FDL RM Runners L-R Shannon Judd, Shannon Kesner, Tim Krohn, Kari Hedin, Cristina Bunch, Reggie DeFoe



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Anishinaabemowin Lessons

Basic Ojibwe words and phrases:

Double Vowel Chart

This is how to pronounce Ojibwe words.
All consonants sound the same as in English.

“Zh”- sounds like the “su” in measure
“a”- sounds like the “u” in sun
“aa”- sounds like the “a” in father
“i”- sounds like the “i” in sit
“ii”- sounds like the “ee” in feet
“o”- sounds like the “o” in go
“oo”- sounds like the “oo” in food
“e”- sounds like the “ay” in stay

Four Medicines

Cedar- Giizhikaandagoons
Sage- Bashkodejiibik
Sweet Grass- Bashkodemashkosiw
Tobacco- Asemaa

Source: www.ojibwe.org/home/pdf/ojibwe_beginner_dictionary.pdf

Ashi-niswi giizisoog BIGADA'WAA WORD SEARCH

Find the Ojibwe words in the puzzle below

G R O C L V Y F C Z N R P O M L E S E I
O T L A D J R A I A P I N S G D S Y Q E
Z B N H B G Z J L P S M N C C B E A G E
M H I A O N P R N X E N C I G Q R G C D
I O S I Z K O C Z I J G K S K P Q G B C
T L H W N D I O C V S I Z N C U Y I V J
X Y T A W I A L D Q D H L I J U B C C O
S I I T H I K J T N E I K P Y W C P W J
L C G E T M N A W I I I N I N I J T M M
N I W K B B Y A A S K N W K I Q Q S K T
I Y A P O M V J N D U F H W L N V I W U
N S A D Y X B I F E C S Y A N U Z G F N
Z U N Z K E I D E C D T K N G Z K H N M
I Y R G J J D S Z W P N F M F B D X I V
D D L H N M M N W N Q I I B V J G B M G
C L U I S E A M I N H H Q N T J A P S Y
I P N P J R A P V N W C T X M K T V A I
L I P Q P G R R O A K T U G C E S W D L
N O E D K K I G H Z N A A J N I H U Z Z
J J N I T A W A G J U S V Y Y S B O C Y

Ojibwe Wordlist

Arm.....Ninik
Back.....Nipikwan
Ear.....Nitawag
Eye.....Nishkiinzhig
Finger.....Nininjiins
Foot.....Ninzid
Head.....Nishtigwaan
Heart.....Ninde
Hand.....Ninij
Leg.....Nikaad
Mouth.....Nindoon
Nose.....Injaanzh
Stomach.....Nimsad
Toe*.....Niibinaakwaanizidaan
Tongue.....Nindenaniw

*NOTE: Toe, Niibinaakwaanizidaan is not in the puzzle.

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