

# Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

## Ode-imini-giizis

*The new Ode-imini-giizis, strawberry moon, begins June 19. Other names for this moon are Gitige-giizis, Gardening Moons; Waawano-giizis, Egg Moon.*

# FDL Celebrates a Decade of Participation

By Mary Fairbanks and Steve Olson

*Fond du Lac Forestry*

Fond du Lac Reservation is celebrating its tenth year of participation in the National Fire Protection's Firewise Communities/USA Recognition program, a voluntary initiative to protect local residents, their property and natural resources from wildfires.

Fond du Lac Reservation was nationally recognized in 2003, and was one of the earliest adopters of the Firewise Communities/USA process. Since then, the community created and executed a variety of activities to help create the best wildfire prevention plan for the community. FDL's anniversary will be marked by a Special Fire Prevention Day Celebration later this year.

"Because large, damaging

wildfires are more common than ever before, it's more important than ever to take safety steps now," said Travis "Trap" Blacketter, Forestry/Fire Crew Supervisor. Wildfires will happen, and we want to be as ready as possible to prevent damage to our community's buildings, resources, and its residents."

Some of the Firewise activities undertaken over the years include:

- Participate in community events to promote Fire Prevention activities and to educate the community on fire safety and prevention
- Assessments have been conducted for residents living within the reservation boundaries and have been given a rating of Low to High
- Provided Firewise treatments to more than 200 acres of brush and vegetation around

homes and neighborhood structures in the Fond du Lac Districts of Cloquet, Brookston, and Sawyer.

- Conducted Hazard Fuel Reduction prescribed fires in high risk areas

"We are indebted to these early adopters, including Fond du Lac Reservation, for taking the lead in wildfire safety, and for persevering in Firewise activities for the last decade" said Michele Steinberg, manager of the NFPA Firewise Communities program. "Your dedicated fire and safety professionals and motivated residents have truly helped minimize wildfire risk factors, and hard work surely has paid off."

Fond du Lac has treated hundred's of acres in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). The treatments have mostly been mechanical treatments using chippers and masticators. Most

of the wildfires occur in the WUI. These fires are usually suppressed before they become large. FDL's firewise treatments have helped contribute to keeping wildfires small. In the past ten years only one structure has been lost due to wildland fire. Conditions around that structure did not meet the Firewise standards.

Firewise is a cooperative effort between FDL Programs such as Forestry, Housing, Gardening, and the residents. When the last addition was done on the Danielson Road Community, FDL Housing contracted with Forestry to clear the lots. At the same time Forestry completed a firewise treatment between the home footprints. The community addition was treated as it was built. Forestry also has the equipment to do the heavy work while the residents can do the lighter work and maintain

the treatment. A compost site in cooperation with the Garden program is available to the residents where brush and other yard waste can be dropped off. The FDL Forestry crew chips and mixes the composting material. The FDL Ojibwe garden program monitors the composting process. In a couple of years we should have compost available for the community gardeners.

Firewise is a program of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the US Department of the Interior and National Association of State Foresters.

Miigwech to the FDL fire crews for all their hard work and for keeping us safe in our homes.



L-R: Trap Blacketter, Steve Olson, Matt Ammesaki, Matt Weske, Jeremiah Rule, Dusty Martin. Not Pictured: Christian Nelson, Scott Grover, Mary Fairbanks



Prescribed Burning



FDL Wood Chipper

### Upcoming Events:

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

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# Master Garden Interns

By Nikki Crowe

It is official; the Fond du Lac Reservation has been recognized as its own county for Master Gardening service. We have five new Master Garden Interns to help answer your garden and landscape questions. Please feel free to contact us Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the above phone numbers.

So far, we have been out to Tagwii to help plant seeds for sweetgrass, sage, and cedar and we are working with the Brookston 4-H Garden program on getting their garden started too. It is exciting to be out meeting new people, young and old, who have interests in gitiganing. Miigwech



# Word List

Garden / Farm Gitigaan.....	Tobacco
Asema.....	Seeds
Gitigayminon.....	Blueberries
Miinan.....	Blackberries
Odaatagaagominan.....	Cherries
Ookweminan.....	Pumpkins (squash)
Agosimaan.....	Vegetables
Gitigaanesan.....	Cucumbers
Eshkaandamin.....	Cabbage
Gichi-Aniibiish.....	Beets
Mishkojiisan.....	Potato
Opin.....	Carrots
Okaadaakoon.....	Salad
Anooj-Aniibiishan.....	Rutabaga
Jiis.....	Hominy
Gijikonayezigan.....	Farmer
Gitigewinini.....	Roots
Ogeebiccoon.....	Wild Rice
Manoomin.....	Cranberries
Mashkiigiminaan.....	Raspberries
Miskomin.....	Watermelon
Wiishkobanii'agosamaan.....	Peas
Aanijiiminan.....	Corn
Maandaamin.....	Apple
Mishiimin.....	Beans
Mashkodiisiiminag.....	Spinach
Otaagabii'Aniibiish.....	Tomato
Ogin.....	Onions
Zhiigaagawanzh.....	Flower
Waabigwan.....	Grape
Zhoomin.....	Garden

Wordlist courtesy of Red Cliff Mino Bi Ma De Se Win

**About the Fond du Lac Master Gardeners**

The Fond du Lac Tribe is the first tribal nation to be designated as a separate service area or county. This is the first time in the history of the Master Gardener program in Minnesota that a tribal nation or any other non-county has been given that designation.

The FDL Master Gardener cohort is available to assist Fond du Lac community members with their gardening questions and garden issues. We are available to answer your questions Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm by phone or email (listed to the right).

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