

Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

Waabigoni-giizis

The new Waabigoni-giizis, the Flowering Moon begins May 4. Other names for this moon are Zaagibagaagime-giizis, Budding moon; and Waswugone-giizis, Flowering Moon.

May is American Wetlands Month

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American Wetlands Month was created to celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to the Nation’s ecological, economic, and social health and to educate people about the value of wetlands as a natural resource. The annual celebration of American Wetlands Month in May inspires people to work throughout the year to protect, preserve, and expand wetlands. The Fond du Lac Band recognizes that wetlands are fragile natural resources with significant development constraints due to flooding, erosion, and soil limitations. In their natural state, wetlands

provide important Tribal and public benefits and ecological functions. They provide habitat areas for fish, wildlife, and vegetation, water quality maintenance and pollution control, flood control, shoreline erosion control, natural resource education, scientific study, open space, recreation opportunities, environmental niches, and most importantly the traditional, cultural, and spiritual aspects of our heritage. Previous construction, land development, and other direct and indirect impacts have displaced, polluted, or degraded many wetlands. Piecemeal or cumulative losses are a continuing threat to the remaining wetlands.

Damaging or destroying wetlands threatens public safety and the general welfare

of the Band. Preservation of wetlands in their natural condition is necessary to maintain the hydrologic, economic, recreational, subsistence, cultural, spiritual, and aesthetic assets for current and future residents of the Fond du Lac Reservation. The purpose of the Fond du Lac Wetlands Protection and Management Ordinance (WPMO) is to ensure maximum protection for wetlands by discouraging development activities in wetlands and those activities in adjacent upland sites that may adversely affect wetlands. The WPMO was enacted with the intent of providing a reasonable balance between the rights of individual property owners to the free use of his/her property and the rights of present and

future generations.

The Office of Water Protection (OWP), operating under the Resource Management Division is responsible for the application, processing, and review of Wetland Activity Permits and Exemption Certificates under the provisions of the Fond du Lac Wetlands Protection and Management Ordinance (Ordinance #03/06; adopted by Resolution #1165/06 of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee on June 15, 2006). Exemption Certificates are available by submitting an Exemption Certificate Request Form to the OWP at least 10 days before the commencement of the activity. Please see the WPMO for details on Exemption Certificate eligibility. A link to

the form(s) is here:

<http://www.fdlrez.com/RM/wetlandordinance.htm>

May is when our department kicks off the field season to assess the condition of our wetlands. We also encourage you to put some water boots on and get out and enjoy them! There are plants and animals that are unique to wetlands and cannot be seen anywhere else. If you like blueberries and cranberries, or maybe you enjoy a cup of mashkiigobag “swamp tea”, bogs are a must. If anything, enjoy the view and serenity.

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Community Supported Agriculture

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One way to support local food producers and bring healthy organic foods to your table without the hassle and time it takes to grow your own food, meat, and herbal products is through a Community Supported Ag-

riculture (CSA) model. CSA brings in community members through cost shares to help support the farms and share the risks and benefits of food production.

In Wrenshall, Minn., the Food Farm <https://foodfarmcsa.wordpress.com/> is one of the CSA’s that I personally support. The Food Farm has options all

year to meet the needs of your family. I chose the winter share to provide a monthly share of mostly root vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots, parsnips, rutabagas, beets, and squash. This particular CSA will also include newsletters with updates and recipes on the monthly share. To hold down the price of what a CSA can

cost, individuals can share a share and split up the foods or you have options to buy a half share. The other CSA I have participated in is through Three Crows Farm which offers an herbal share of teas, tinctures, and personal care products.

For more information visit Local Harvest at <https://www.localharvest.org/csa/> for CSA’s

serving the Fond du Lac/Duluth area to find a CSA that fits your needs.

For more resources and information on Community Supported Agriculture, please visit this website: <https://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/community-supported-agriculture#intro>

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

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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

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Find the Ojibwe words in the puzzle below

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

Aamoo-wadiswan	beehive or wasp nest
Aamoo	bee
Waabigwan	a flower
Aamoo-ziinzibaakwad	honey
Memengwaa	butterfly
Ogimaakwe	queen
Anokiiwinini	a worker
Makwa	bear
Wiishkobaagamin	it (liquid) is sweet
Ziigwaan	spring
Niibin	summer
Miijim	food