



# Lake Huron Discovery Tour October 7-10

Explore our Native American History  
and so much more...



## BESSER MUSEUM TRAVELING EXHIBITS

The Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is providing a Native American traveling exhibit for display at the Oscoda Library, Alcona County Library - Harrisville Branch, and Mackinaw Area Public Library. Exhibits consist of artifacts, three exhibit panels, and a video presentation with regional Native Americans sharing insights into their culture past and present.

Presentation & Conversation Series

### LAND - Mother Earth as the Center of Spirituality (What the Soil Tells Us): Featuring the Naub-cow-zo-win Disks and Their Significance

Friday, October 7 - 2 - 3:30 pm • Oscoda Township Library

The Besser Museum houses a large, nationally recognized collection of Native American artifacts. One of the most significant archaeological finds in this collection is the perfectly round shale discs found only in Alpena. Scholars have aptly named the discs "Naub-Cow-Zo-Win," meaning "Charms of Personal Significance," in the traditional Algonquin language. Richard Clute, Curator of Anthropology at the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan (Alpena), and William Johnson, Curator, the Ziibiwing Center (Mt. Pleasant), will present and invite conversation about the discs and their significance.

### SKY - Navigation by Sky: The Meaning in Native American Life

Saturday, October 8 - 1:00 - 2:30 pm • Harrisville Library

Speaker Michael Wassegijig Price, Native American author, presenter, and professor at Bemidji State University in Minnesota will share his Anishinaabe Star Knowledge. Michael has presented to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian's symposium entitled, "Stellar Connections: Explorations in Cultural Astronomy." He has also been teaching a class called Indigenous Astronomy at Bemidji State University in MN since 2007. Michael Wassegijig Price info is here: <http://www.michaelwassegijig.com/>

### Dark Sky Event -Native American Star Knowledge of the Great Lakes

Saturday, October 8 - 7:00 pm • Negwegon State Park

Michael Wassegijig Price will give a Dark Sky presentation on the shores of Lake Huron at Negwegon State Park. Please note a DNR Recreational Passport is required for park entry. (\$11.00)

### WATER - The Significance of Water - Lake Huron, Thunder Bay, and Inland Waterways

Sunday, October 9 • Mackinaw Library - 2 - 3:30 pm

Scholars and Native American tradition bearers Jim Miller (Willow Winds), Jeremy Stoppa, David Hahah, and Renee Powers will present on the significance of water. Building and navigating birch bark canoes and Native American water rituals will be among the topics explored during the presentation.

### A Celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day: The Path Long Trod - US23 Heritage Route

Monday, October 10 • Besser Museum - Alpena - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Ellis Olson, Cheboygan historian and author, will discuss his discoveries from years of research tracing the history of the Native American trail along the northeastern shores of Lake Huron. Kareen Lewis will share her love and skills for native basket weaving.

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