EDWARD S. CURTIS
THE
NORTH AMERICAN
INDIAN
FEATURED IN THE "COMPLETE" EDITION OF PORTFOLIO PHOTOGRAVURES
MAY 11, 2017 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART
SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPANY THE EXHIBITION

APRIL 2017

Community Read
April 11 through May 4
Community Read program by area library systems, focused on Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis by Timothy Egan. Eleven book discussion groups are scheduled at libraries, branches throughout Muskegon County, and in Spring Lake and Grand Haven, as well as the MMA. Participating libraries include Hackley Public Library, Muskegon Area District Libraries, White Lake Community Library, Spring Lake District Library, and Loutit District Library of Grand Haven. All libraries will be distributing free copies of Short Nights in the early spring, compliments of the MMA. Check library websites for details on discussion groups.

ArtSmarts Lecture Series
Tuesday, April 25, May 2, and May 9
7:00 pm
Three part lecture series presented by Friends of Art will feature nationally known Smithsonian scholar Nancy Fuller and Henry Viola, Curator Emeritus, National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution, along with Ben Mitchell, Guest Curator, Edward Curtis: The North American Indian.
Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

MAY 2017

Opening Event
Thursday, May 11
5:00 pm
Exhibition opens to the public.
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Opening Ceremony by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Reception
Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

Bison, Bears and Eagles, Oh My! Super Saturday at the MMA
Saturday, May 13
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Animals play a large role in the life and culture of Native American tribes. Join us as we learn more about native animals big and small – explore the galleries, create a totem pole, watch a film and visit the LMC’s collection of species.
Location: Muskegon Museum of Art and Lakeshore Museum Center

Presenting Timothy Egan
Wednesday, May 17
7:00 pm
Location: Frauenthal Theater
Special Programming continued...

**JUNE 2017**

**Panel Presentation**

*Through the Lens: Exploring the Photographic Techniques of Edward Curtis*

Thursday, June 1

5:30 pm Reception

7:00 pm Panel Presentation

This program will focus on the artistic measures, photography and film, Curtis used to capture Native American life and cultural. Panel participants include Leah Gose Kendall College of Art & Design assistant professor of photography, Toni Perrine GVSU Professor of Film and Video Production, and Anthony Thompson GVSU Professor of Photography. They will discuss how Curtis used photography and film, including printing processes for photogravures, and dry and wet plate photography, videography and all of the challenges he faced fieldwork.

Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

**Panel Presentation**

*Seeing Curtis: 21st Century Perspectives*

Thursday, June 22

5:30 pm Reception

7:00 pm Panel Presentation

Moderated by Ben Mitchell, Guest Curator for *Edward Curtis: The North American Indian*

- DEANNA DART, Curator of Native American, Portland Art Museum
- JIM DENOMIE, Prominent Native artist
- Additional speakers to be determined

Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

**JULY 2017**

**Lecture**

*The Code Talkers of World War II*

Friday, July 7

Time to be announced

This special lecture will feature Peter MacDonald (born 1928), a Native American politician, the only four term Chairman of the Navajo Tribe, and a member of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, who served as a Navajo Code Talker. He will talk about the critical contributions that Native Americans made to victory in World War II.

Location: USS Silversides Submarine Museum

**Michigan Indian Tribes Super Saturday at the MMA**

Saturday, July 8

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Explore and celebrate the rich heritage and culture of the many tribes that are a founding part of Michigan.

Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

**Lecture**

*Little River Band of Ottawa Indians*

Thursday, July 13

5:30 pm Reception/Refreshments

7:00 pm Lecture

Guest speaker will discuss the history and current life of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. (Speaker t.b.d.)

Location: Muskegon Museum of Art
Traditional Pow-Wow at Michigan’s Heritage Park  
**Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16**  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
A Traditional outdoor Pow-Wow at Michigan’s Heritage Park will offer park visitors the opportunities to see traditional dancers, fancy shawl dancers, jingle dress dancers, and grass dancers. Native drummers and singers will perform throughout the weekend. Over a dozen trade booths will offer jewelry, handmade crafts, and bead work. Traditional Native food will be available for purchase including fry bread and soups. Sponsored by Lakeshore Museum Center.  
Location: Michigan’s Heritage Park, Whitehall, MI

**AUGUST 2017**

**Drumming Performances at the Lighthouse Festival**  
**Friday-Sunday, August 4-6**  
Location: Muskegon South Pierhead Light

**Native Storytelling Super Saturday at the MMA**  
**Saturday, August 12**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Storytelling has a rich tradition with Native American tribes. We will explore Native stories and how Edward Curtis sought to preserve and capture those traditions in his images and audio recordings.  
Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

**Taste of History at Michigan’s Heritage Park**  
**Saturday, August 12**  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
This event, hosted by the Lakeshore Museum Center, will include a particular focus on authentic Native food and cooking by the Woodland Indian Educators at Michigan’s Heritage Park.  
Location: Michigan’s Heritage Park, Whitehall, MI

**Film Screening & Lecture**  
*Coming to Light with Anne Makepeace*  
**Thursday, August 24**  
5:30 pm Reception/Refreshments  
7:00 pm Film Screening & Lecture  
Screening of *Coming to Light, Edward S. Curtis and The North America Indians*, followed by Q & A with Anne Makepeace, the film’s writer, director, and producer. *Coming to Light* was an Academy Award finalist for best feature documentary in 2001. Other awards for this film include Best Film, the American Historical Association; Award of Excellence, American Anthropological Association; and Best Documentary, Telluride Mountain Film 2000.

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Community Day – Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 4**  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Free admission for Muskegon County residents
LECTURE

*Footprints with Wallace Ewing*

**Thursday, September 7**

5:30 pm Reception/Refreshments

7:00 pm Lecture

West Michigan historian and author Wallace Ewing will discuss the Indians whose presence shaped the history of Western Michigan and of whom he wrote *Footprints*—his recent book. He will share the stories of individual Native Americans who once walked the Grand River Valley, Lake Michigan’s wooded dunes, and the land between.

Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

**Last day for Edward S. Curtis: The North American Indian**

Sunday, September 10

12:00 – 5:00 pm

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

**Brown Bag Films**

2nd and 4th Thursdays, May 19 – September 7

12:15 pm

The MMA’s Brown Bag series will offer films related to *The North American Indian* during the run of the exhibition. Additional special screenings may be scheduled through run of exhibition. Complimentary coffee and cookies will be provided during each show.

Dates: May 19 and 26, June 8 and 22, July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24, September 7

Location: Muskegon Museum of Art

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Hackley Public Library

Loutit District Library

Michigan’s Heritage Park

Muskegon Area District Library

Muskegon Heritage Museum

Muskegon South Pierhead Light

Spring Lake District Library

Tri-Cities Historical Museum

USS Silversides

White Lake Community Library