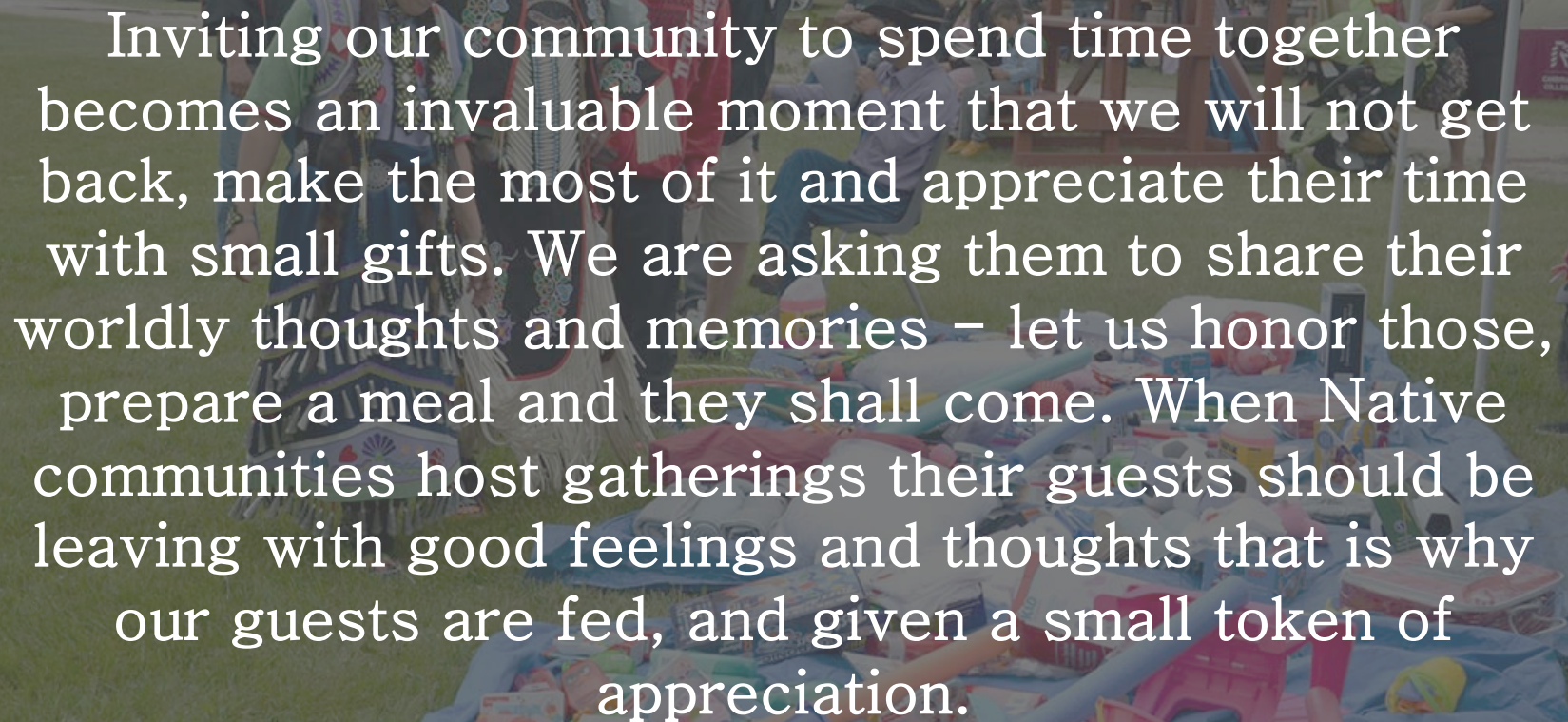


Sharing Our Gifts

A Conversation with Members of the Community Curation Committee
February 27, 2017

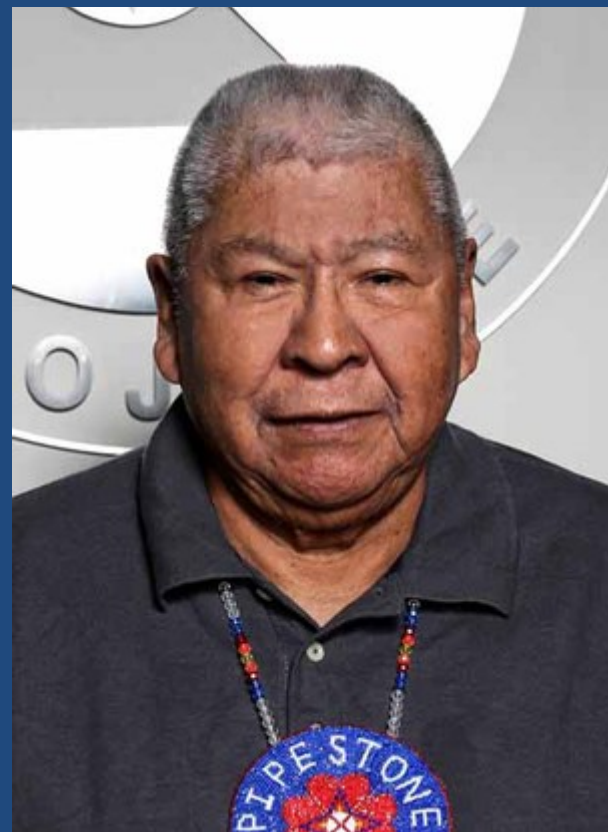




Inviting our community to spend time together becomes an invaluable moment that we will not get back, make the most of it and appreciate their time with small gifts. We are asking them to share their worldly thoughts and memories – let us honor those, prepare a meal and they shall come. When Native communities host gatherings their guests should be leaving with good feelings and thoughts that is why our guests are fed, and given a small token of appreciation.

“Have an invocation”

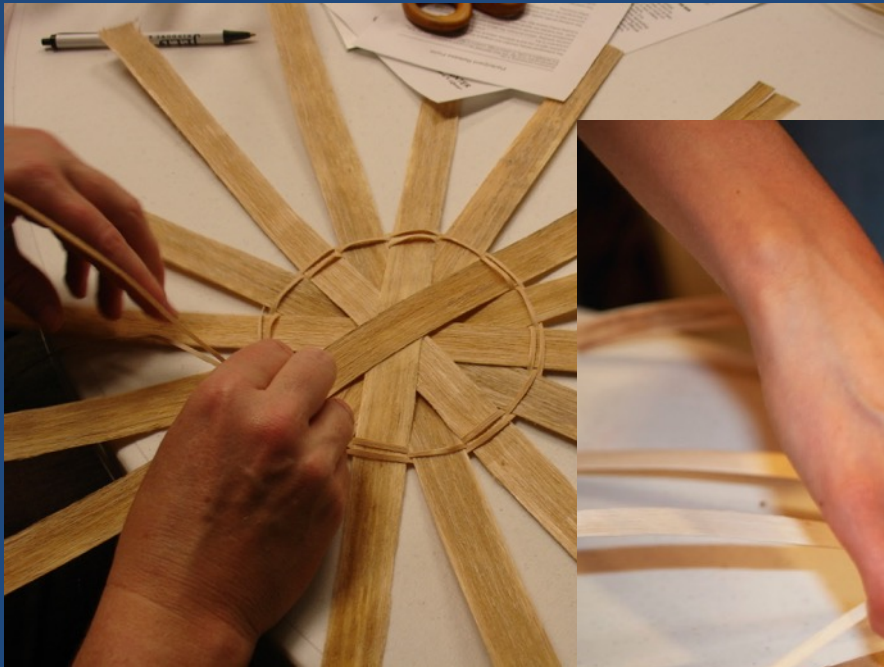
“The tobacco is here, the food is here, then the spirits are here...”



CREATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

“TRUST IN THE PROCESS”

We are trying to weave together (to harmonize) our stories





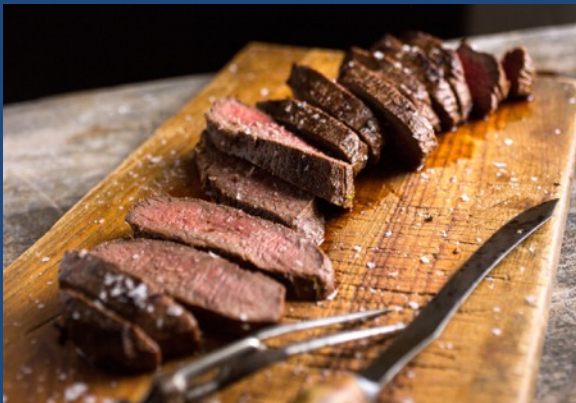
“Water is Sacred”





Sharing Important Foods

knowing their favorites



Encourage feedback and community discussion



Cultural Protocols (know your community)



Your family ties to the community matter!

Have confidence & introduce yourself not by your credentials – but by WHO you are – your relatives – your kin, your ties to your community.

“Balance & Self-confidence”



Conversations-What to expect

- Small, informal gatherings OR 1-on-1
- Emotional Prep
 - Patience
 - Flexibility
 - Courage
- Facilitation not management

What can we gift *BACK* to our communities?



Keepers talk about ways of sharing their knowledge and skills with community members.🗨️

HUMOR



How do we give LIFE to this exhibit?



How we keep on track

- Share your contributions by Wednesday, April 19th
- Submit as many things as you want – photographs, songs, stories, interviews, documents (anything that encapsulates that living essence of “We are Still Here” for your community)
- We’ll weave together (harmonize) our contributions at our next Work Meeting at LCO (May 10 & 11). Registration opening soon!
- Come to the gathering with your thoughts on how all our contributions can be woven together

Sharing Your Contribution

- Submit through greatlakesculturekeepers.org
- Online training to submit on March 31st at 11 CT
- Students want to come help digitize. Let us know soon and we'll arrange their travel.
- Send your digitized copies to us and we'll add them. Digitization standards coming soon.
- Website will allow us all to view each others contributions
- Log-ins for everyone coming by March 1st