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Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Dear Jim:

I thought I'd drop a line to invite you to the Traditional Values Seminar on Mackinac Island.

We are going to cover many items, both from a traditional and contemporary view point. On hand for this Seminar will be respected elders and community people from many places.

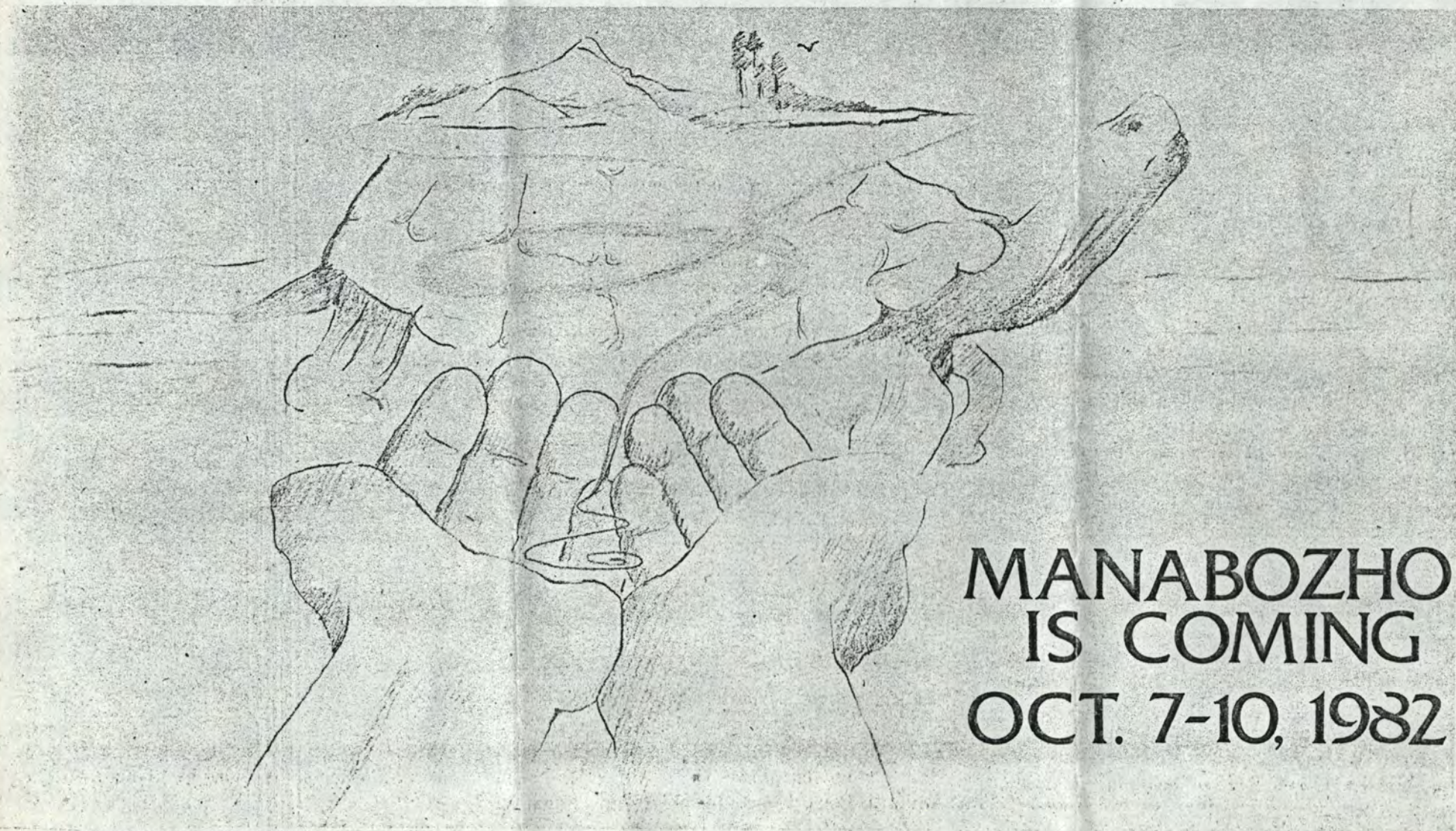
I thought this would be an appropriate meeting for yourself and members of the news-staff to attend: for one of the work-shops will be on the survival of newspapers: members from Abweseness Notes, the Sault Tribe paper, and our educational paper will be on hand. Therefore I think it appropriate that the Mishwaukee News people also be in attendance.

I've already sent John a letter, so I hope to see you there. If any complications come up feel free to give Bill or myself a call.

- Jeff (Dickinson)



# **MACKINAC ISLAND TRADITIONAL VALUES SEMINAR**



**MANABOZHO  
IS COMING  
OCT. 7-10, 1982**

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# Indian Education

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Dear Indian Educator and Advisor for youth,

The Mackinac Island Traditional Values Seminar is coming! This year our annual cultural values sharing "learn by doing" event will take place from October 7-10 on Mackinac Island. This is a Thursday through Sunday.

The Third Annual Mackinac Island Traditional Values Seminar (T.V.S.III) is made possible through the very close cooperation of the Mackinac Island State Parks Commission; the Pointing the Way newspaper; ANIMIKIG, L.S.S.C. Native Student Organization; the Sault Ste. Marie Title IV-A Indian Education project, and volunteer Native American educators committed to the ideal of transmitting a values based communication of Native Culture from one generation to that of the next, our youth.

In carrying out our cultural instruction ideal the T.V.S. has in the past provided an experience which has shared the universally common nature, philosophy, and teachings of Indigenous People from throughout the Western Hemisphere. Some of the past instructional contributors to our event have been drawn from not only our own Great Lakes Anishinabe folks but also from world reknowned orators such as Muskogee/Creek elder, Phillip Deer. We've also heard from members of what was once known as The White Roots of Peace, presently known as the Voices from the Earth. We've heard messages from our most highly educated Michigan Anishinabe; messages from tribal elders; insights from the women and their men from the Six Nations' Indian newspaper, the Akwesasne Notes. We've heard from our own community grassroots members and their equally important concerns; and we've learned the warnings and wisdom from recovering alcoholics and clergy who sounded a message with a common theme promoting self discipline and a lifestyle worthy of respect. And truly, respect has long been the single most important ingredient in developing and maintaining the concept of leadership by Native people in our communities.

The Traditional Values Seminar each year provides an environmentally based experience which reflects the traditions and values as taught to Indigenous People by the Creator, our Father, and the Earth, our Mother. These values teach us that we must teach our young to do "not only as we say, but also as we do."

Our intent in providing the Traditional Values Seminar is to plant cultural seeds from which character will sprout in our youth. Our goal is to share cultural insights which will activate our conscience and provide direction in our adult decision making and activity to make us aware of our responsibility to our most gracious benefactor, the Earth Herself.

The Mackinac Island T.V.S. is a carefully orchestrated statement reaffirming the worth of the culturally knowledgeable Indigenous (Original) People in a contemporary world. We look forward to your participation in our event.

Aneen, Bill Church T.V.S. Coordinator  
September 14, 1982



T.V.S. III - VITAL INFORMATION

SEMINAR DATE: October 7-10, 1982  
SEMINAR SITE: Mackinac Island, Michigan  
SEMINAR COST: \$80.00 registration per person. (\$5.00 more than last year). This covers meals including buffalo, whitefish, and other traditional foods, and lodging. Bring your own bedding; (most people bring a sleeping bag). It also helps cover resource persons cost.

FERRY COST: It'll cost you approximately \$5.00 per person for a round trip fare to the Island from either St. Ignace or Mackinac City depending upon which direction you come from. The Arnold Line is a good line. (Sounds like a song) The last ferry to the Island leaves at 4:00 p.m. daily. Once you're on the Island you're home free.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: We have undertaken the task of developing a special T-shirt which will be available at the Seminar for all registered participants. It's real heavy-weight, comes in a variety of colors (the culturally pertinent design is four colors itself) and comes in many, many sizes. Of course our Rainbow Riders will be sharing fruits of their energy again this year and will host a "give away" during the T.V.S. And we'll have the usual array of great teachers and thought provoking cultural values sharing as always. Butch Elliott and singers from the four directions will be with us for your benefit.  
MAKE CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, ETC. PAYABLE TO: "POINTING THE WAY" The Indian Education/community information newspaper which is sponsoring the T.V.S. event this year. Each participant will receive a year's subscription to "Pointing the Way". Send registration fees to:

Pointing the Way  
c/o Indian Education Program  
460 W. Spruce  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

Or you may bring your registration along. (If you need to make other arrangements just give us a call and we'll develop a plan to suit your needs.)

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY: This may be done over the phone. Call the Sault Title IV-A office and let us know how many are coming and approximately when they'll arrive. Our capacity is 75 and we're already getting reservation requests. Make your reservations early so as to not disappoint your youth.

SPECIAL NOTE: The trees are changing color early up here this year. This does not mean snow up here in Sault Ste. Siberia. But it reminds us that we should be prepared. Bring a warm coat and Grandfather Sun will surely shine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS - Call (906) 635-1531 ext. 254. Ask for Bill Church (or Janis Wilson). See you later.