

Rock Island Pow Wow by Sandra Massey

The Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island, Illinois hosted the 74th Annual Labor Day Pow Wow from August 30-September 1, 2014.

The event had been coordinated by pow wow committee members of the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma (Sauk) and the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki), the Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation, the Black Hawk State Historic Site, and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The pow wow followed a format similar to the Meskwaki pow wow with two sessions each day and dances unique to the tribe. The program named and described the Friendship Dance, the Meskwaki Dance, the Harvest or Bean Dance, Swan Dance, Buffalo Head Dance, Pipe Dance, Shield Dance, Shawnee Dance, Rabbit Dance, and Victory Dance.

Featured performers were hoop danc-

er and flutist Kevin Locke, the Native Pride Dancers, and Adrian and Wayne Pushtonequa, who danced the Eagle Dance. Their performance was the first time in years that the Eagle Dance had been at the Rock Island Pow Wow.

The Sauk and Meskwaki Veterans' Color Guards together posted the flags of the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, the United States of America, the POW-MIA flag, and the (I can't identify).

Black Hawk State Historic Site is the location where Saukenuk, Black Hawk's birthplace, once stood for nearly a century.

"Rock River was a beautiful country," he said in a speech he gave at Ft. Madison, Iowa in 1838. "I loved my towns, my cornfields, and the home of my people. I fought for it."

The park is now a nature preserve with hiking trails and is maintained by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.



Our Flags (photo by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)



(From Left) Anita Stevens prepares supper for the Veterans. (Right) Geri Stemmons, Black Hawk descendant. (photos by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)



(From Left) Sac and Fox Woman of the Year, Cheryl McClellan attended and was also on the original planning committee (Right) No explanation needed! (photos by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)



Kevin Locke plays a Meskwaki song on his flute to a fascinated audience. (photo by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)



Mary Brown and Sella Wilson offer Southern style cooking. (photo by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)

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In January, we will focus on **Size It Up** to learn about Big, Bigger, Biggest to Small, Smaller, Smallest! Let's see how you measure up!

In February, we will read more about **Animals**, from camels to zebras.

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