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A Scandalous Weekend on Tap at Colonial Michilimackinac

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Who doesn't love a little gossip?

Colonial Michilimackinac will be hosting its first "Secrets and Scandals" weekend September 19-20. This new themed weekend will present visitors with a variety of programs focusing on some of Michilimackinac's lesser known history. Each program will examine an aspect of Michilimackinac's past that caused the original residents to gossip and share secrets with one another.

"Most people secretly enjoy a bit a gossip, and this is our chance to share some, even if the secrets are two centuries old," said Craig Wilson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Curator of History.

All special programs are included with regular admission to Colonial Michilimackinac. The schedule for the weekend includes:

- 9:30 a.m. – Musket Demonstration
- 10:00 a.m. – "The women are no more laborious than the men:" Michilimackinac in 1749 program
- 11:00 a.m. – Matrosses' Misfortune: Artillery Demonstration
- 12:00 p.m. – The Doctor's Secret Journal: Fact or Fiction? Program
- 1:00 p.m. – Patrick Sinclair's Scandalous Summer of 1780 Program

- 2:00 p.m. – Musket Firing
- 3:00 p.m. – Treason? Robert Rogers at Michilimackinac Program
- 4:00 p.m. – Matrosses’ Misfortune: Artillery Demonstration
- 4:30 p.m. – Musket Firing

Appropriate social distancing will take place during all events, and all guests are expected to wear masks inside buildings, when social distancing is impossible, and when interacting with our staff.

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