Blessing and Dedication

_A Place to Sit_

by

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Mother Nature may not have been as cooperative as we would have liked, but the Blessing and Dedication of _A Place to Sit_ was a memorable event. We are grateful to those of you who were able to attend and participate.

Our heartfelt thanks to: Mr. Roger Thomas, Bad River Lake Superior Ojibwe Elder for the Blessing; to Mr. John Clifford, Rosebud Lakota Elder for the Smudging; and Mr. Alan Kuhn, Menomonie-Ojibwe Pipe Carrier for the Honor Song, and Traveling Song—along with his singing companions.

kathryn e. martin the artist, said this about her work

"The high-back chairs of _A Place to Sit_ honor the spirit and people of Wisconsin's American Indian tribes. In their tradition of cooperating with others to share in the bounty of the Menomonee Valley, all are invited to gather and share in the rich history and promising future of this area."
The Gathering of Elders and Friends
The Dedication begins:

Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail Art Committee Chair, Annemarie Sawkins, Ph.D.

Mr. John Clifford, Rosebud Lakota Elder, Smudging (on right)
Blessing by Mr. Roger Thomas, Bad River Lake Superior Ojibwe Elder (right), Mr. Alan Kuhn, Menomonie-Ojibwe Pipe Carrier (second from right), Mr. John Clifford, Rosebud Lakota Elder (Rose on back of jacket).
Mr. John Clifford, Ojibwe Blessing

Mr. Alan Kuhn sings Honor Song
kathryn e. martin, the artist with Mr. John Clifford as the Dedication continues
Traveling Song by Mr. Alan Kuhn and singers

The Scattering
Trista at the refreshment tables
An Objibwe Blessing of the food (above). Looking west from 13th Street Bridge [Emmber Lane](below)
kathryn e. martin (left) speaking with guests
kathryn e. martin, artist with spouse
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