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**Mission:** Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: friends and family everywhere

From: Cheri and Raven Hill

Date: September 19, 2020

Greetings to everyone!

Another week has come and gone. The reds and yellows of the trees are starting to be visible everywhere and there is a crispness in the air that indicates it is fall. This year, Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am, marks the Autumnal Equinox, when the sun crosses the equator and the night and day are pretty much the same length. Even though Raven Hill has been closed since March, there is somehow a difference in the quietness of this season. I will be out at the Obelisk in the Ancient World on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the day on our ancient calendar.



Raven Hill's obelisk was added to the Ancient World exhibit as part of a 2006 grant award, "Art Across the Ages", from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and matching funds from local foundations and individual donors.



I'll also be checking out our pyramid to see, if by some lucky chance, I can see the "snake of sunlight". "**Kukulcan** ("*Plumed Serpent*" "*Feathered Serpent*") is the name of a Mesoamerican serpent deity. Prior to the Spanish Conquest of the Yucatán, Kukulcan was worshipped by the Yucatec Maya people. During the spring and fall equinoxes in the state of Yucatán, Mexico, the shadow cast by the angle of the sun and edges of the nine steps of the Mayan pyramid combined with the northern stairway and the stone serpent head carvings create the illusion of a massive serpent descending the pyramid."—Wikipedia. Now, Raven Hill doesn't have the serpent's head at the base of our pyramid, but it will be interesting to see if we might have a snake of sunlight on the eleven steps of our pyramid! If so, we might have to work on getting a serpent's head at the base of Raven Hill's pyramid! Stay tuned!

(Above) Kukulcan at Chichen Itza during the [Equinox](#). The famous descent of the snake. March 2009.

(Below) In 2012, Raven Hill added the pyramid, sphinx, Roman arch, stone throne, twin towers and sleeping bear to the Ancient World outdoor exhibit, thanks to a grant award from MCACA and local donors. "Blurred Boundaries" highlighted the fact that much of our history is preserved through art.

Enjoy these beautiful days of fall. Remember the "3 W's" to stay safe—**W**ear your mask, **W**ash your hands and **W**atch your distance. Keep in touch. Email me anytime at [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) or call my cell—231.675.6025.

And RIP, RGB. You made me smile. You opened my eyes.

Take care, *Cheri*