

Fundraising to Replace Broken Tipi Poles

Last summer on Friday, July 10th, the day was beautiful but windy. That evening we were scheduled to welcome Mike (Winds Before the Storm) Colescott to present Native American drumming and Ojibwe teachings.

About an hour before the presentation just before guests were scheduled to arrive, a tumultuous storm appeared. A microburst of wind came at just the right angle, picked up the tipi, drug it across the gravel pad (the drag marks on the ground are shown below) and deposited it in a tangled mess over the nearby wood-pile, breaking several of the tipi poles. A tent sitting near the tipi was left unscathed. Yet another tent further away was launched over the fence of the pig yard.

In order to once again put the tipi in place for classes, workshops, ceremonies and visitors, we need to order more tipi poles and cover the shipping costs of the poles as well. The poles are an impressive 27' in length, so shipping is a bit costly.

We will order them from Nomadic Tipi Makers, the source of our 22' wide tipi. Our total cost to replace the damaged poles, and

order a few extras to have on hand for emergencies, is \$825.

Tax-deductible donations toward this expense are greatly appreciated so we can continue to provide guests with the peaceful energy of the tipi during the 2021 outdoor season. If you have ever experienced an event held in or around the tipi, chances are you know and understand exactly what we mean.

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Donations can be made on-line or by mail.

Contributions via PayPal or credit card can be made at www.whitebarnhealingarts.org. Checks or money orders may be made payable to: White Barn Healing Arts Center, 5180 Hayes Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. We truly appreciate your support!

