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Askwali, kwakwhay! Our plants have blossomed. Corn and beans, squash and pumpkins, chiles and wild greens, watermelons and peaches have matured in the sun's heat and light. The abundant rains moistened the growing plants. Fresh crops are ready for picking. It is now time for feasting, happiness and appreciation.



HIMU HINIWMA? WHAT'S NEW?



A **photography and PhotoShop workshop** - presented by Peter Bungart and Valérie Martin – introduced 5 Hopi youth to the art of taking photos and the skills of graphic design. In a series of sessions taking place over the summer every other Friday at the First Mesa Youth Center, these talented young people developed an eye for photo composition, light and color, literally taking hundreds of pictures. They also learned how to edit their pictures, selecting and using tools in PhotoShop. The final product was the creation of Hopi language flashcards using their favorite photos.





A fieldtrip to the NAU Cline library on July 14 provided a rare glimpse of old Hopi photos preserved in the archives. Peter Runge, director of the Special Collections at the Cline Library, led the group of young Hopi photographers for a tour of the Special Collections Library.



An intergenerational workshop on June 17 was hosted by Anita Poleahla. There, Roanna Kagenveema shared her knowledge with a group of young ladies in a hands-on experience: the group made kutuki (parched corn), following Roanna's instructions in the Hopi language.



On June 24, a gathering with 10 young ladies was hosted by Loretta Goldtooth and her mother in Moenkopi. Speaking Hopilavayi, Joannie Takala shared a recipe on the art of making sakwasiwviqaviki (a blue corn onion tortilla). Loretta and Joannie guided the young ladies to mix the dough, cook and serve their production with beans. Everybody then joined in for a feast!



On July 20 during a Hopi language session at the Supawlavi Youth Center, Anita Poleahla showed *Itam Hopiyu'a'atotani* a Mesa Media DVD. She then led the youth to say the sounds of the Hopi alphabet, build simple Hopi sentences and understand basic grammar.

NAAT AW TUMALA'YYUNGWA: IN PROGRESS:

- The **Hopi language app** on food and agriculture will be ready in December.
- **Natwanit pu' nöösiwqat, itaa tuwiy öqalantotani:** Creating a Resilient Food System in Hopi Communities.
- **Tiny Books**, a multi intelligences learning approach to Hopilavayi learning. The first in this series of ...Readers is available for purchase.

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HAKIMUY HEPNUMYA... MESA MEDIA IS SEEKING...

- **Hopi language speakers**, to record their voices for the new language application. For more information, contact Anita @ 928-737-2255
- Art work for the 2018 Hopiyaasangwni, the 2018 Calendar.



HIN UM AW WUUWA? ANY SUGGESTION?

Our next newsletter will be out in November. Please send your comments and ideas so that we can continue to improve and help with Hopilavayi efforts make it a better one! <https://www.mesamedia.org/contact-us/>



HIN ITAM WUNGWIWWISA? WHAT KEEPS US GROWING?

The work of Mesa Media would not be possible without the generous support of our institutional and private donors. We thank all of our donors and pledge to continue revitalize the Hopi language.

Last but not least, we want to recognize the dedication of our volunteers who give hours and days of their priceless time, and offer their many talents to support the development, production and sharing of Hopi language resources.

Mesa Media gratefully acknowledges the contribution of all that support our work.

Askwali! Kwakwa!

You too can be part of this great journey. Come and join us on the path where good Hopi life and language are vibrant and flourishing. Why not sow your own seeds, and make a difference in the world today and for generations to come? You will glance back once in a while, and be proud of who you are. Contribute your time and talent, or make a donation now...

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