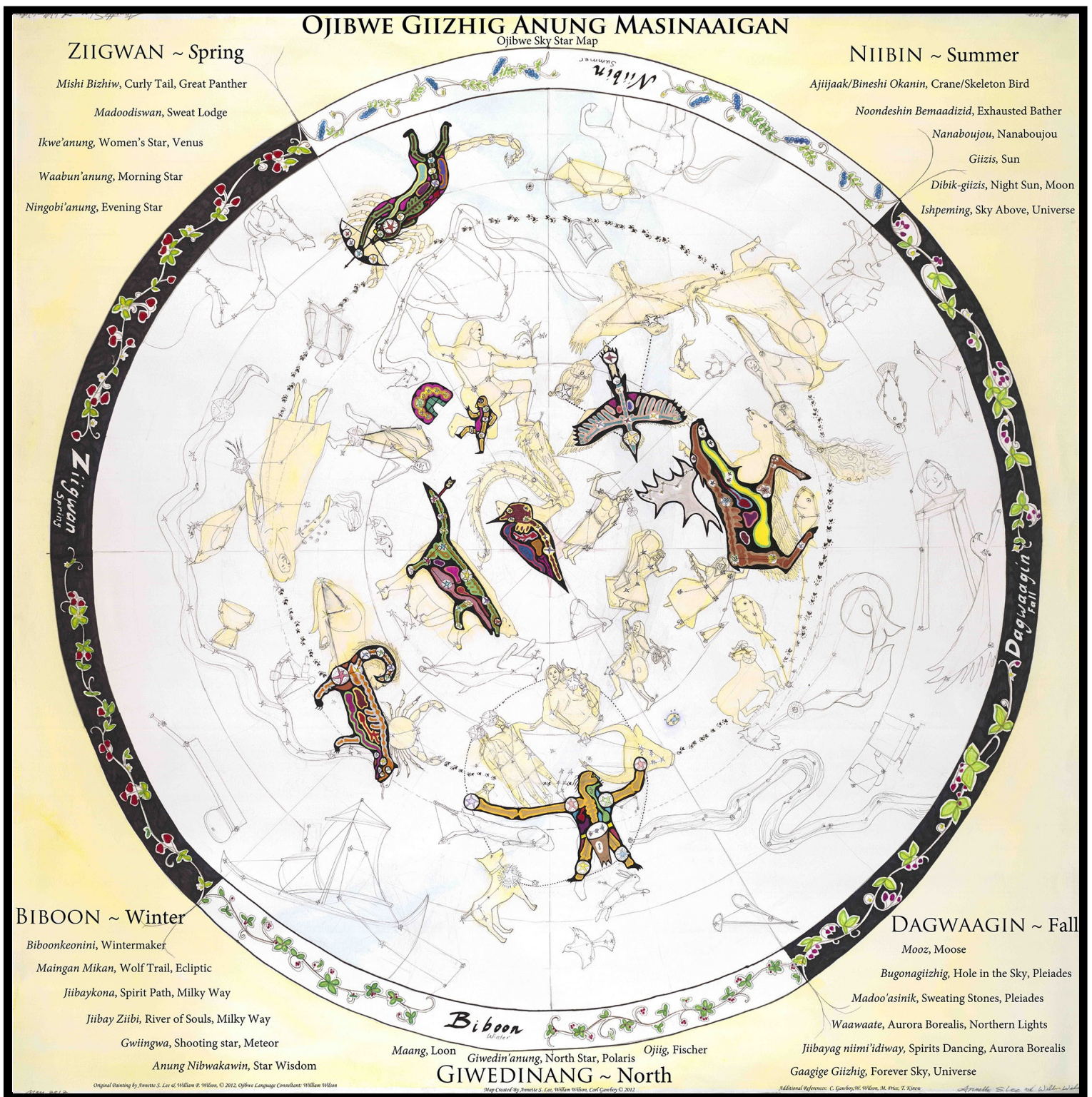


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# Pictographs of Ojibwe Constellations



The Spider lowering the first humans from the Sky World to Earth through Bagone'giizhig (the Hole-in-the-Sky) which is guarded by seven sisters. In Western culture, this is known as the Pleiades constellation.

- Mary and Leonard Moose  
Spring 2018 presentation  
Northern Michigan University



Pictographs of the Wintermaker, the Mooz constellation, and Mishi-Bizhiw (the Great Cat).

- Carl Gawboy  
Talking Sky

# Thirteen Moons

From NMU Center for Native American Studies:

The Anishinaabeg people live in a large area within what is now the United States and Canada. There are actually 13 moons each year, but most cycles follow the 12-month calendar. The Anishinaabe designated the names of the moon to correspond with the seasonal influence within a given location. Because the region the Anishinaabe lived was so large, the moons may not be called the same thing for all areas. For example, the Anishinaabeg in lower Michigan would not have the same activities as the Anishinaabeg in Minnesota.

The Center for Native American Studies adopted this version of moon cycles.

**January:**

Minado Giizis (*Min-ah-doh Gee-zehs*) Spirit Moon

**February:**

Makwa Giizis (*Mah-kwah*) Bear Moon

**March:**

Onaabidin Giizis (*Oh-nah-bid-in*) Snow Crust Moon

**April:**

Popogami Giizis (*Poh-poh-gah-mi*) Broken Snowshoe Moon

**May:**

Nimebine Giizis (*Nimh-eh-bi-neh*) Sucker Moon

**June:**

Waabigonii Giizis (*Wah-bi-goh-nee*) Blooming Moon

**July:**

Miin Giizis (*Meehn*) Berry Moon

**August:**

Minoomini Giizis (*Min-oh-min-i*) Grain (Wild Rice) Moon

**September:**

Wabaabagaa Giizis (*Wa-bah-ba-gah*) Changing Leaves Moon

**October:**

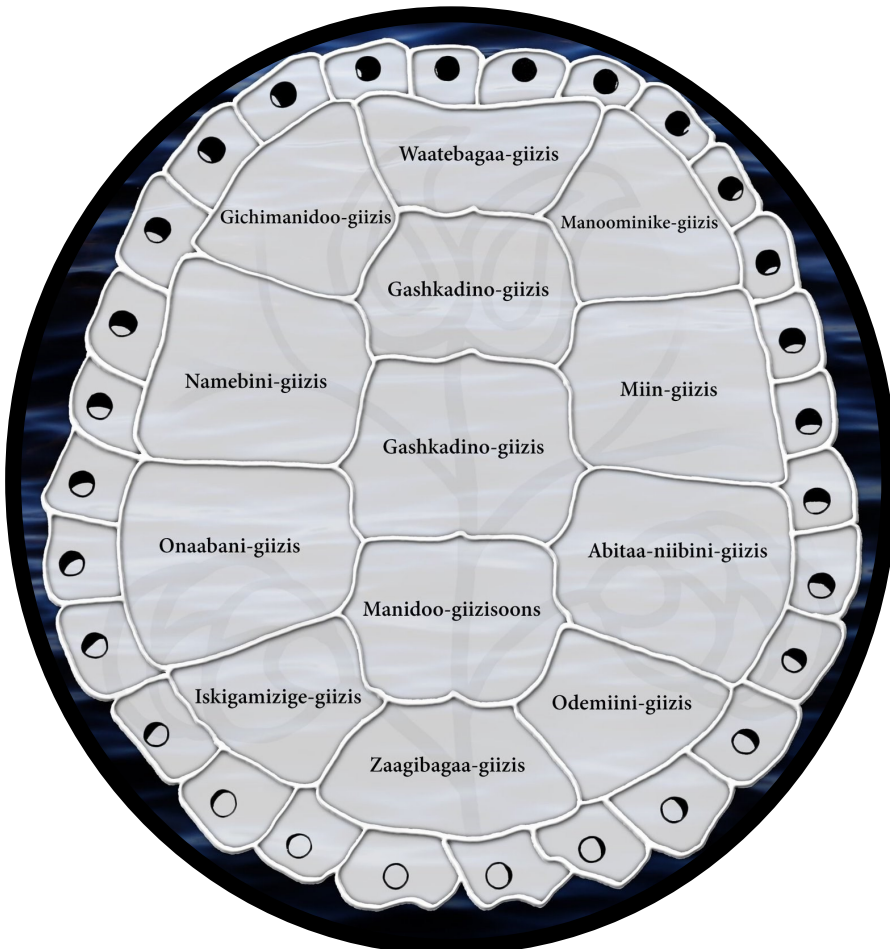
Binaakwe Giizi (*Bi-nah-kway*) Falling Leaves Moon

**November:**

Baashkaakodin Giizis (*Bah-shkah-koh-din*) Freezing Moon

**December:**

Minado Giisoonhs (*Min-ah-doh Gee-soonhs*) Little Spirit Moon



## Anishinaabe Giizisoog

by Beth LaPensée

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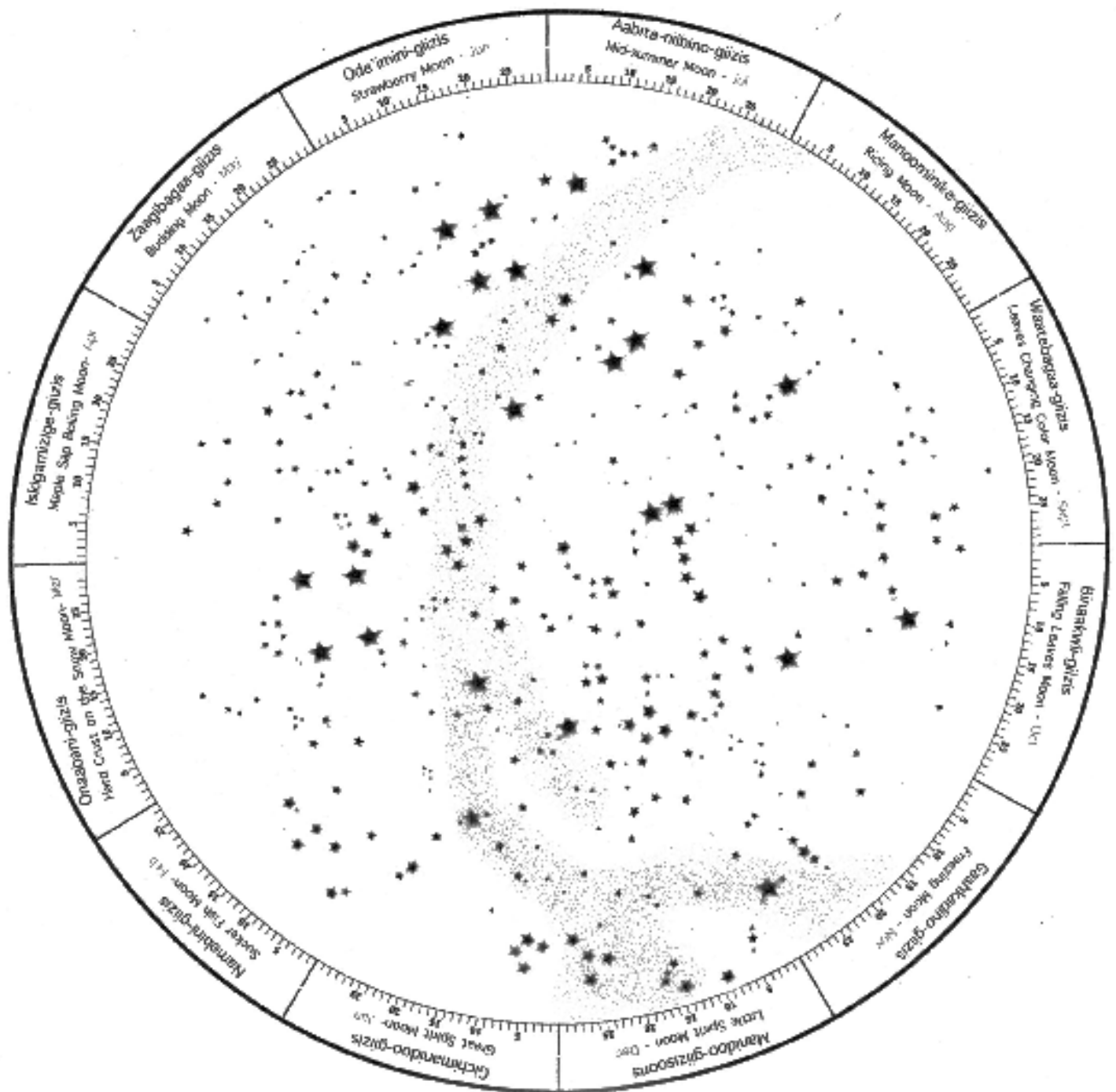
The outer rim of a turtle's shell holds scales representing the twenty-eight day moon cycle. The inner scales of a turtle shell represent the thirteen moons in a year.

- Ontario Native Literacy Coalition

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