



The 2005 Lilac Court with Miss Teen Michigan and 2004 Lilac Queen (from left): Miss Teen Michigan Catherine Laurion, Emily St. Onge, Kristi Kamphuis, 2005 Lilac Queen Blisse Beardsley, 2004 Lilac Queen Jennifer Wightman, Christina McLean, Karlena Mosley, and, in front, Lilac Princess Shelby Mosley.



Artwork used in the 2005 Lilac Festival poster is by Richard Wolfgang.

2005 Lilac Queen, Princess Crowned

**Continued from page 1*

Smith tries to add something new to the queen's schedule every year. Because there is a certain responsibility in accepting the crown, special effort is taken to reward girls who run for queen.

Each year the queen and her court receive a gift bag from Island businesses. This year the Princess and the Queen will each receive savings bonds from First National Bank, a gift from Island Book Store, and flowers from Petals on Mackinac. The Queen also received dinner at Grand Hotel.

The entire court received flowers from Weber's Flowers for the coronation ceremony and from Mackinac Island Florist for the Lilac Parade, and 7th Heaven Salon and Spa did their hair. The girls receive a free game at the Mission Point Resort putting greens, breakfast or lunch at Jesse's Chuckwagon, lunch at French Outpost, a case of pop from Harrisonville General Store, and a gift bag from Ty & Ling's.

Big Parade Highlights Second Weekend of Lilac Festival

**Continued from page 1*

look-alikes and to the dog dressed in a way that fits best with the theme.

Immediately after the parade will be a Dog & Pony Show at Windermere Point. Emceed by Island comic Stu Stewart, the show will include talks by some of the dog world's greatest stars, such as Mike Morgan of Mid-Michigan Kennels. Speakers for Paws With A Cause, K9 training, and dog sledding will be on hand as well.

Other activities include photos taken by Sara Chambers, "Smooch the Pooch," agility equipment, and a silent auction for a "Pooch Porch" and oil paintings. Pre-parade celebrations will be held at French Outpost and the Grand Hotel Jockey Club, while a post-parade party will be hosted at Mission Point Resort's Eurogardens.

Sunday is the grand finale to the Lilac Festival. Beginning at 1 p.m. there will be a pre-parade overture in which the bands entered in the parade will perform a free concert in Marquette Park. Performances will be given by school bands, fife and drum corps, and Celtic pipes. At 4 p.m. the Grand Parade will begin, originating at Mission Point Resort and proceeding through downtown to its destination at Windermere Point.

The Lilac Festival Grand Parade is one of the largest festival parades in Michigan and is distinctive because all floats are

drawn by horses. The parade hosts bands, bagpipers, clowns, veterans, scouts, floats, and carriages. This year, three pipe bands will be performing in the parade, alongside seven marching bands.

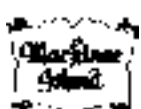
A fan favorite, the Scottville Clown Band, will be returning in its old familiar place, bringing up the end of the parade. All those watching the parade are encouraged to step in after the Clown Band.

Also featured in the parade will be the King and Queen of the Dog & Pony Show, and of course Mackinac Island's own Lilac Queen and Court. Other Michigan festival queens will also be in the parade.

Many Island businesses have entered floats this year, from Mission Point to French Outpost. Dynamite the Clown will be returning to add some humor to the parade. Many of the entrants from the Barkus & Epona Parade will be participating as well.

The theme of this year's Grand Parade is "The Lilac Fairy." The theme is taken from a book written by Victorian author Andrew Lange. All entrants are encouraged to dress and decorate according to the theme, so expect plenty of magical lilacs at the parade.

At 6 p.m., the \$10,000 raffle drawing will be held at Mary's Bistro. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$5,000, while first and second runners-up will receive \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.



Town Crier

34 Market St., P.O. Box 532, Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Telephone: (906) 847-3788

www.MackinacIslandTownCrier.com

For business and subscription matters, phone (906) 643-9150

Volume 52, Number 8

Published 22 times a year, weekly from May through September, once in October, December, February and April.

Subscription: 22 issues a year Mail: \$22 Web: \$20

Periodical postage paid at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Additional postage paid at St. Ignace, MI and Gaylord, MI

USPS Periodical Publication Number - 324-060

Postmaster: Send address change notices to

Mackinac Island Town Crier, P.O. Box 532, Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Publisher Emeritus Wesley H. Maurer, Sr. (1897-1995)

Publisher and Editor Wesley Maurer, Jr.

Associate Publisher/Business Manager Mary Maurer

Associate Editor Karen Gould

Writers Jessica Delaney, Yiping Qian,

Leslie Rott, Ryan Schlehuber

Advertising Marty Wolski

Subscriptions Wendy Colegrove

Festival Merchandise on Sale at Several Stores

For lilac enthusiasts, several Mackinac Island stores are selling merchandise to commemorate this year's Lilac Festival.

Paintings by Wolfgang is selling commemorative Lilac Festival posters for \$9.50 and a limited edition lithograph for \$75. The lithograph is 8 inches by 10 inches and there are only 200 of the museum quality, signed and numbered copies available for sale.

The lithograph is available for the first time this year because many people in past years have asked for a smaller, but still affordable version of the poster, Tourism Bureau Director Mary Slevin said.

Posters at the gallery are designed by the artist, however many other Island stores are also selling the posters, unsigned, for \$9.50 and many stores are selling pins, which have the image of the poster on it, for \$3.

For Lilac Festival apparel,

visit Hunter's Creek on the Hill in the French Outpost shops. They are selling official Lilac Festival logo wear, including T-shirts, fleeces, and more, all

with the new festival logo, which was created by Meg Novak.

Many Island stores are also selling lilac plants.

Capture Mackinac Island



with a subscription to the



Town Crier

To receive a one year subscription please enclose a check or money order.

Subscription: 22 issues a year Mail: \$22 Web: \$20

Mail to:

Mackinac Island Town Crier

c/o The St. Ignace News

P.O. Box 277

St. Ignace, MI 49781

www.MackinacIslandTownCrier.com

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____