

Labor Day and Mackinac Island

*Continued from page 17

favor in the international marketplace, they have done so because of the skill and productivity of the workers who have made or provided them. It was skilled labor that built these buildings on the hill. Several Island carpenters, such as Charles Caskey and Patrick Doud, passed to the extent that they could serve as their own architects when required. Working with architects, Caskey was the builder of Grand Hotel, while Doud built Stonecliffe (1904). Working as his own designer, Caskey built many of the Hubbard's Annex cottages (1880s); Doud designed and built the Wawashkamo Golf Links clubhouse (1899).

A living reminder of Mackinac Island skilled labor is the carpenter-Gothic detail work that punctuates the interiors and exteriors of many Victorian structures. One example of carpenter-Gothic interior work that is accessible to the general public is the hand-carved walnut altar of Trinity Church.

Skilled labor is required on our Island to this day. It is tough

to remember that life would practically grind to a halt without the everyday, dedicated work of people in Mackinac Island's water works and electrical system.

Piped water and electricity are approximately 100 years old on Mackinac Island. The first

The most spectacular end-result of skilled Michigan labor in the Straits area is the Mackinac Bridge.

generating station and water-works, now razed, was built a century ago on the Island's East Lake Shore Drive north of Arch Rock. The small brick building burned coal and pumped weak pulses of electricity through a primitive wiring system to light a few bulbs. Mackinac Island's electrical needs are now measured in megawatts and the power is carried from the mainland in high-tension, underwater cables. A new water system was installed in 1983, centering on a modern pumping station

built below Robinson's Folly on the eastern end of the downtown area.

The most spectacular end-result of skilled Michigan labor in the Straits area is the Mackinac Bridge, which was being built 50 years ago this year. Organized ironworkers erected the bridge's massive towers and spun the fine net of steel wires that support this most beautiful of all suspension spans. Labor Day was originally a day set aside, in most major U.S. cities, for parades and rallies of various working groups. As more and more workers began to celebrate holidays with drives and trips of their own, the parading tradition declined. It is fitting that the state celebrates this magnificent bridge on Labor Day with the annual Bridge Walk.

One of the purposes of history is to celebrate the skills which are no longer needed in the marketplace. The *Chief Wawatam*, longtime railroad-car ferry in service into the 1980s, was one of the last boats on the Great Lakes to be powered by coal that was hand-shoveled into the ship's boilers. "Firing" a "hand-bomber" vessel was a sweaty craft carried out by strong, dedicated men; now it exists only in books.

Other labor crafts, such as driving a team of horses, blacksmithing, harness making, and carriage building and repair, are kept alive on Mackinac Island and neighboring communities as a result of the Island's horse culture.

Events Calendar

September

- **3 Mackinac Horsemen's Association 4th Annual Labor Day Formal Ride**, 9 - 11 a.m.
- **3-4 Grand Hotel Labor Day Jazz**. Ongoing jazz concerts, open to both hotel guests and non-guests.
- **4 Horn's Labor Day Regatta**. Sail around the island to celebrate Labor Day. Race begins at 2 p.m. at the East Breakwall.
- **4 Meet the Artist.**, Meet and learn from local artist Kathleen Cheney Fritz, 1 - 4 p.m. at Lilacs and Lace.
- **5 48th Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk**. Join thousands of engineering fans in celebrating the "Mighty Mac."
- **5 Veteran's Memorial Ceremony**. The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and include the unveiling of three new names for the monument.
- **10 Annual Walk & Run Around the Island**.
- **10-11 16th Michigan & 102nd Colored Infantry Civil War Reenactors at Fort Mackinac**.

Marching, demonstrations, a Stanton's Guard reenactment, drills, skit, ladies fashion show, and lectures.

• **30 - October 2 Carleton Varney's Antiques & Design Fall Festival**. Grand Hotel and designer Carleton Varney dedicate the weekend to the art of antiques.

October

- **5 Jamaican Gospel Concert**. Join Jamaican workers at 10 p.m. at Ste. Anne's Church for their final, farewell concert of the season.
- **14 3rd Annual Oktoberfest**. Food, live Bavarian music, scarecrow decorating contests, pumpkin painting, and a Streusel contest, held at Mission Point Resort.
- **14-16 "Somewhere in Time" weekend**. Guest speakers including actors, directors, or producers from the film remind guests what it means to time travel for unrequited love. Guests wear Victorian couture for a memorable weekend. Hosted by Grand Hotel.
- **29 Great Turtle Trail Run-Half Marathon & 5.7 Mile Run/Walk**.

Mackinac Island Entertainment Guide

French Outpost

DAILY

- Steel Drum Band on the Patio, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner Music on the Patio with Gil Lewis
- Entertainment from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.
- Sundays, Karaoke Night
- Monday, Ladies, 80s and More with Brevin Cawthorne
- Wednesdays & Thursdays Steve Thomas

Grand Hotel

DAILY

- Grand Hotel Terrace Room - Alex Graham and Grand Hotel Orchestra 9:30-11:30 p.m.
- Dining Room - Jazz from 6:30-9 p.m.
- Parlor - Afternoon Harp with Ashley Lancz Toman
- Tea in the Parlor from 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- Demitasse from 8-9:30 p.m.
- Jockey Club - Piano with Chet Miller from 6-10 p.m.
- Woods - Piano with Hosea Taylor from 6-10 p.m.
- Cupola Bar - Piano with a View music from 5:30-7:30 p.m and 8:30-11 p.m.

Iroquois Hotel

- Nightly Piano Bar with Joe Martin, 5:30 p.m.

Horn's Bar

Nightly Entertainment at 10 p.m.

- Sept. 2-3 Bump Band
- Sept. 4 DJ with Doug Dietrich
- Sept. 5-6 Myk Rise
- Sept. 7 DJ Night with AJ
- Sept. 8 Michelle Chenard Solo
- Sept. 9-10 Aaron Vaughn Band

Lilac Tree Hotel

- Sept. 1-4 & 9-10 Stu Stuart's Comedy Show, 9 p.m.

Mission Point Resort - Movies

- Movie: The Stealth, Sun., Sept. 4 at 9 p.m. The Fantastic Four, Mon., Sept. 12 at 9 p.m.

Round Island Bar & Grill

- Evening Entertainment 8 p.m. until midnight
- Sept. 2-3 Wayne Faust

Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub

- Weekends starting at 10 p.m.
- Sept. 2-3 Blue Lake Acoustic Trio
- Sept. 4 DJ
- Sept. 8 & every Sunday through October DJ Cawthorne
- Sept. 9-10 Tricky Dicky & the Spoonmen

Inn at Stonecliff

- Weekend Entertainment at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Mary McGuire

Pink Pony

- Nightly Entertainment at 10 p.m.
- Sept. 2-4 Myk Rise
- Sept. 5-6 Nelson Olstrom
- Sept. 7-8 Kurt Strauss
- Sept. 9 Mary McGuire



Professional Photographers of America
THE WORLD'S GREAT STORYTELLERS.

Resort Photography

Toll-Free (877) 847-5100 • resortphoto.com

Casual Indoor and Outdoor Dining



A most perfect spot to stop!

- Happy Hour 4-6pm
- Great Soups and Sandwiches
- Daily Pizza Specials
- Outdoor Seating
- Frozen Drink Specials
- Dinner Menu after 5pm



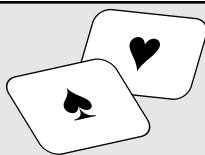
Lunch • Dinner • Cocktails

ICE HOUSE
BAR & GRILL

We're located behind the Island House Hotel across from the marina. Walk around the path to the left of the hotel or enter through the hotel.

Hours: 11:30am-8pm
Dinner Menu after 5pm

Mackinac Island Yacht Club Bridge Results



In Mackinac Island Yacht Club Bridge League games for the week ending Wednesday, August 31, Dorothy Sharer placed first, Howard Burdett placed second, and Susan Bankard placed third.

PATRICK M. SHANNON

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MACKINAC ISLAND
906-847-8139
906-847-8140 Fax

SAULT STE. MARIE
906-632-4706
Fax 906-635-1724

P.O. Box 503, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
P.O. Box 1901, Mackinac Island, MI 49757