

Mackinac Associates Will Fund Exhibit, Booklet

A souvenir booklet for Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, a children's discovery exhibit at Colonial Michilimackinac, and personal belongings of a former commandant at Fort Mackinac are among projects that will receive funding from Mackinac Associates this year. The non-profit friends group for Mackinac State Historic Parks designated \$79,500 for programs and projects at a meeting of its board of trustees Saturday, September 16, in Mackinaw City.

Among the grants are:

- \$32,000 for Mackinac State Historic Parks' Education Outreach program, which brings the cultural and natural history of Mackinac to more than 9,000 students around the state each year.

- \$25,000 to help purchase a collection of artifacts relating to William Whistler, who was a commanding officer of Fort Mackinac in 1833. The \$54,000 purchase includes a portrait, two pistols dating to 1820, and a gorget depicting Winnebago Chief Red Bird surrendering to Commandant Whistler.

- \$8,000 toward a souvenir booklet promoting the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse. The restored lighthouse was reopened to the public in 2004.

- \$5,000 toward production of an audio-visual program that will preview Colonial Michilimackinac attractions.

- \$4,000 to replace the entrance banners at Historic Mill Creek.

- \$3,000 toward "Mackinac History," a park publication

that will highlight stories of the Straits area.

- \$2,500 for design of a new hands-on children's discovery area at Colonial Michilimackinac.

Mackinac Associates hosts events throughout the year to raise funds for the preservation of the natural and historical resources at Mackinac State Historic Parks.

The Mackinac Associates board of trustees includes President Glen Young, Vice President Joe Brandonisio, Secretary and Treasurer Peter Marabell, Penny Barr, Ollie Boynton, Katie Darrow, Brian Dunnigan, Tracy Hardin, Tom Lockwood, Mary Maurer, and Lin Sheppard.

Mackinac College Reunion Holds Open House

Those attending the Mackinac College 40th anniversary of the College inaugural on Mackinac Island will host an open house to visit and reminisce with community friends Friday, October 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Community Hall.

Food and beverages will be provided by Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub. Proceeds from a suggested \$10 donation per person for the event will benefit the Mackinac College Legacy Fund.

Established by Mackinac

College alumni, the legacy fund is an endowed fund with the Mackinac Island Community Foundation. The fund provides money each year to support environmental programs and educational projects for Mackinac Island Public School.

The college closed in 1970.

In May, an anonymous graduate of the college said he would match every dollar donated to the fund, up to \$10,000. The challenge was initiated to increase the fund's capacity as a tribute to the 40th

anniversary of the College inaugural.

Jennifer Blowski, executive director of the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, said since May, donors have come forward with an additional \$3,850 to bring the fund total to \$14,581.

Donors who wish to contribute to the Mackinac College Legacy Fund can mail their donation to the Foundation at PO Box 1933, Mackinac Island, MI 49757, or through its Web site, www.micf.org.

Carl R. Nold Recognized for Service to Museums

Carl R. Nold, former Mackinac State Historic Parks director who is now president and CEO of Historic New England, received the Association of Midwest Museums' (AMM) Distinguished Service Award September 26 at the AMM annual meeting in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes long-term career achievements and service to one or more museums or museum associations. Mr. Nold is the ninth person to receive the award in the history of the 79-year-old organization, which supports the work of museums in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

In presenting the award, Nicola Longford, president of

the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, Texas, noted that Mr. Nold provided years of volunteer service to the museum profession while at the Straits of Mackinac.

"Through the Michigan Museums Association and through the Association of Midwest Museums," she said, "he has been a mentor to many and a true leader in our field. He is a hugely respected colleague, a supporter for so many of us in our work, and a welcoming friend to all those interested in museums."

Mr. Nold has served AMM as treasurer and as president of the board of directors.

Ms. Longford noted that even after leaving the Midwest to become president of Historic New England, Mr. Nold agreed

to continue to serve for several years to provide needed continuity for the board and for association programs when the AMM had the challenge of two presidents of the board of directors being unable to serve in the traditional role of past president. He was instrumental in AMM selecting Mackinac Island for its 2007 annual meeting, she said.

Carl Nold served as director of Mackinac State Historic Parks from 1992 to 2003. Now a resident of Winchester, Massachusetts, he was appointed president of Historic New England in April 2003.

Historic New England is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive regional preservation organization in the country and operates 36 historic sites in five New England states.

Island OK's \$974,943 Street Cleaning Contract

Mackinac Island City Council approved two five-year contracts with Mackinac Island Service Company for street cleaning, sweeping, and flushing totaling more than \$1.5 million. The contracts, which cover a six-month period each year, were approved during a special city council meeting Wednesday, September 20. The company was the only business that responded to the city's bid request.

One contract includes city streets and the other is for Main Street from the library to Mission Point Resort, much of which is reimbursed by the Michigan Department of Transportation because it is part of the state highway, M-185, which encircles the Island.

The money to be spent on city streets totals \$974,943 over the five-year period. The money to be spent on the designated section of M-85 totals

\$607,231.

The contract builds in a three-percent annual increase over the five years and also allows adjustments for minimum wage increases and the manure disposal fee charged by the Department of Public Works. Sweeping is contracted from April through October.

In other business, Council approve two temporary motor vehicle permits for Grand Hotel for landscaping work on Lakeview Boulevard for October 23. Two additional temporary motor vehicle permits were issued to the hotel

for irrigation work at the Grand Nine Golf Course beginning October 16.

Two temporary trailer permits were issued for Keith Shuger Brothers Tree Service of Indian River to remove tree stumps.

An on-Island business application was approved for Haan's 1830 Inn on Main Street. Three off-Island business licenses were approved for Keith Shuger Brothers Tree Service, Pat Emery for maintenance work, and Bunker Construction of St. Ignace.

Hotel Proposes Porch Removal

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Cousino, pending architectural review. Commissioners noted the number of rear windows may exceed the maximum 50-percent wall coverage and this would be considered during the

architectural review process.

Commissioners took no action on Commissioner Kay Hoppenrath's suggestion that all approved decisions should be contingent upon architectural review.

Beaumont Hospital May Sell Physician's House to City



A small child walks along Franks Street, past the house where the Mackinac Island Medical Center's year-around physician and family live. The Medical Center has leased the two-story house from William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak since 1981. Beaumont now wants to sell it to the Medical Center. The property has yet to be appraised.

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have to move anywhere."

Dr. Weersing lives in the two-story house with his wife, Karen, who is a registered nurse at the Medical Center, and their children, Jill, Sam, and Kristi Kamphuis.

"William Beaumont Hospital wants to sell the property to free up the cash it can get from that and direct it to its operations in Royal Oak," said Colette

Stimmell, the director of public relations for the hospital.

The Beaumont Hospital acquired the house in 1981 when it was under contract with the Medical Center to provide administrative, managerial, staffing, and recruiting services. The Medical Center merged with Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace in 2000 and Beaumont Hospital continued to lease the building to the Medical Center.

The City of Mackinac Island Recreation Board

would like to thank the following for their contributions and support of recreational programs for our Island community.

Your efforts are appreciated and acknowledged.

Thank you!

- Tim Leeper** – Winter 2006 Cooking Class
- Pam Finkel** – Winter 2006 Drawing Class and Yoga Class
- Richard Bolander** – Winter 2006 Dartball League
- Mary Patay** – Winter 2006 Fitness Program
- Wawashkamo Golf Club** – Summer 2006 Youth Golf Program (**Thanks! Fritz**)
- Grand Hotel** – Summer 2006 Youth Swimming Lessons
- Grand Hotel** – Summer 2006 Youth Tennis Lessons (**Thanks! Jerry**)
- Jack & Terrie Armstrong** – For their support of the 2006 Summer Tennis Program
- Nancy Sherman** – Summer 2006 Yoga-Pilates Fusion Class sponsored by the Mackinac Arts Council
- Lee May** – Summer 2006 Dance Lessons
- Mackinac 4-H Horse Clubs** – Youth Horseback Riding Lessons – Anne Miller, Leanne Brodeur, Grethen Coleman and Libby Benjamin
- Mackinac Horsemen's Association** – Horseback Riding Clinics – Karin Beilfeld, Rondi Wuerfel and Moira Martinchek
- Coaches and Staff** from Saginaw Valley State University Soccer Team – 2006 Youth Soccer Camp
- MIPS Soccer Coach Ken Straight** – support and assistance for camp
- Marysville Viking Volleyball Coach John Knuth** – 2006 Youth Volleyball Camp
- South Haven Basketball Coach Sam Cornett** – 2006 Youth Basketball Camp
- Gene Hagenbaugh** – Summer 2006 Youth Softball
- Linda Hepker** – Summer 2006 Arts & Nature-in-the-Park (**Jackie Bradley, too!**)
- George & Darlene Olson** of Olson's Gymnastics – (**21 years of service to Mackinac youth - Happy Retirement!**)
- Chippewa Hotel** -2006 Host Hotel for the Youth Soccer and Youth Basketball Camps
- Mission Point Resort** – 2006 Host Hotel for the Youth Volleyball Camp
- Mackinac Island Community Foundation** – Grants
- Mackinac Island Public School** - Facilities
- Mackinac Island Public Library** - Programs
- And to all the artists, musicians, poets and writers who add a recreational diversity of their own to enrich our Island life.**

Michael Hart, Chairman

Barbara Fisher

Armand Horn

Michael Gamble

Paul Wandrie

Leanne Brodeur, Recreation Director