

Brian Jaeschke Begins New Job, Park Registrar

By Eric Fish

Last summer, Brian Jaeschke was helping construct exhibits at Fort Mackinac. This year, he's beginning his first summer as the new Mackinac State Historic Parks Registrar. Splitting his time between the mainland and Mackinac Island, Mr. Jaeschke's duties as registrar mainly involve maintaining objects of historical and archaeological significance.

and he agrees.

"I've always enjoyed the park sites and coming to the Island," he said. "In a way, it's a bit of a dream job."

Mackinac State Historic Parks includes Fort Mackinac and Mackinac Island State Park on the Island, several downtown museums, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek, and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse in Mackinaw City.



Brian Jaeschke was named the new registrar at Mackinac State Historic Parks last October and splits his workload between Mackinac Island and the mainland. His duties include maintaining objects of historical and archaeological significance.

"Basically, it's a lot of cataloging, computer work," he said. "I deal with the transportation of the artifacts when we bring them in from the Island or the mainland."

Mr. Jaeschke began working with Mackinac State Historic Parks last May as an exhibit technician and became the registrar last October. With an affection for the outdoors, history, and nature, Mr. Jaeschke's new profession seems perfect,

Mr. Jaeschke was born in Evanston, Illinois, and grew up nearby in Glenview before his family moved to Wyoming, Michigan. It was there that his family began making regular trips to Mackinac Island.

"We usually came up and stayed two or three days here and camped," he said. "I liked the history of the Island and all the buildings. I like being around the water. I'm an outdoors person."

Following high school, Mr. Jaeschke enrolled at Lake Superior State University and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18 through July 28

MAY

May 25
 Wine Makers' Dinners in the Colonial Room, Mission Point Resort, 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

May 25
 Epicurean Garden Experience, Mission Point Resort, 24-hour advanced reservations required (until September 2).

May 27
 Christophorus-Kantorei Choir, a cappella youth choir of Altensteig, Germany in concert on Mackinac Island, 6 p.m., Mission Point Resort Theatre, free to public.

May 28
 Mackinac Island's American Legion service at Veterans Memorial Park, 11:30 a.m.

May 28
 Fort Mackinac, tribute to past soldiers, 8:30 a.m.

May 28
 Memorial Day Dog Walk; Marathon Race.

JUNE

June 4
 Beer Tasting Dinner at the Round Island Bar & Grill, Mission Point Resort.

June 6-August 29
 Governor's Summer Residence Tours, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

June 8-17
 58th Annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival.

June 9
 Mackinac State Historic Parks Downtown historic buildings open for season, daily 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., except for Mission Church, noon - 4 p.m.

June 10
 Stable Orientation and 4-H Riding Lessons Sign-up.

June 12
 Mackinac Horseman's

Association's 4-H Summer Lessons Start.
 June 14
 Lilac Festival Gala Fundraiser, The Green's at Mission Point Resort, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

June 14
 A Taste of Mackinac, Harbour View Inn, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

June 15
 Lilac Festival 4H Barn Tour and Feast of Epona Blessing of the Animals, Mission Hill Stables just past Ste Anne's Church, 4 p.m.

June 16
 Epona & Barkus Parade, Mackinac Island Public School, Victorian Fairy Tales, free, 1 p.m.

June 16
 Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Dog & Pony Show, Windermere Point. 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., free.

June 16 - 17
 Wawashkamo Junior Club Sign-Up, registration downtown.

June 17
 Lilac Festival Grand Parade.

June 17
 Grand Hotel Arts and Wine Appreciation Weekend.

June 17
 Mackinac Associates G. Mennen Williams Celebration, 6 p.m.

June 21
 Wawashkamo Junior Club starts.

June 22
 Grand Hotel Arts Weekend presents the finest music, art and theatre from the College of Arts and Letters at Michigan State University.

June 25
 Sunset Cruise, \$15

adults, \$7 children, departs Mackinac Island 8:30 p.m., Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry (Mondays).
 June 28 - July 1
 The Wheelmen Association 18th Mackinac Island Meet.

JULY

July 2
 Michigan Beer & Wine Festival, Mission Point Resort, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

July 4
 Star Spangled Fourth of July, Fort Mackinac has 1880s Independence Day celebration, American Picnic, 6:30 p.m.

July 4
 Around the Island Yacht Race, Mackinac Island Yacht Club.

July 4
 Stone Skipping Tournament, 10 a.m., children's games & contests 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

July 4
 Fireworks at dusk, Windermere Point.

July 6
 Mackinac Horsemen's Association Carriage Rally.

July 13
 Mackinac Associates Commanding Officer's Ball, Fort Mackinac.

July 14 - 17
 99th Annual Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.

July 21
 Vintage Base Ball Game, Fort Mackinac Scout Barracks; the Fort Mackinac Never Sweats vs. the Grangers of Rochester.

July 21 - 24
 Port Huron Bay View Mackinac Yacht Race.

July 28
 50th anniversary celebration of the Mackinac Bridge.

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