

Stuart House Museum Tells Story of Island's Key Role in Fur Trading

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Fur Company and the home of its agent, Robert Stuart. The building still has its original front door and wood-framed windows.

The museum tells the story of

Mackinac Island's key role in fur trading as traders spent winter months exchanging knives and beads with Indians for beaver pelts. The pelts were delivered to Mackinac Island by canoe and then shipped to Europe, where

they were used to make men's hats.

The museum offers a section on fishing in the region and has photographs of early Island life and Island household artifacts, including irons and medicine bot-

les.

Original ledgers from the American Fur Company's retail store, which also was on Market Street, are housed in the museum. The ledgers are a record of charge accounts by customers like Dr. William Beaumont and Madame LaFramboise.

In the future, the displays could be expanded to a second floor, to include artifacts now in storage, say volunteers.

Today, the most common question asked by visitors is if John Jacob Astor died on the *Titanic*, Ms. Perault said. It was his great-grandson, John Jacob Astor IV, who died when the boat sank.

Ten Island residents have volunteered to help at the museum, said Mrs. Smith, who is just beginning to organize volunteer

hours. Overall operation of the museum and building maintenance is handled by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Armand "Smi" Horn, Dan Wightman, and Frank Blowski are committee members, while Kelly Bean, assistant to the mayor, and Dennis Dombroski, city building inspector, serve as advisors to the group.

The city agreed to seek bids for painting the north and west sides. The front of the structure and the east side were painted within the last three years.

City Council agreed May 24 to charge an admission fee of \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children. Until signs can be made to post the prices, admission has been charged by donation. Over the Memorial Day holiday, \$308 was received in donations.



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Eli Urman Earns Business Degree



Eli Urman of Mackinac Island, pictured with his grandparents, Jack and Shirley Cosgrove of Petoskey, was graduated from Alma College and celebrated his 22nd birthday Saturday, April 21. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and plans to live in Petoskey, following a month this summer in England studying English literature. He is the son of Vicki and Gary Urman of Mackinac Island. (Photograph by Vicki Urman)

TV Show To Feature Island Jobs

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really specific way, they are on the cutting edge of 'green.' The way they are composting right now is really important to the Discovery Channel. It's important to Discovery Channel viewers."

The show has produced more than 150 episodes, with two or three segments making up the one-hour show. For the bridge, the initial plan, Mr. Barsky said,

is to produce an hour show focusing just on bridge maintenance. The show contacted MBA three months ago with its filming request.

The show has filmed in 25 states. Mr. Rowe called Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and the Upper Peninsula "dirty jobs country" because of the reception they received here.

"It's unbelievable how you guys have taken to this show. It's ridiculous," he said. "It's great."

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police auction was held Saturday morning, May 26. Auctioneer Mike Carley did an excellent job of selling about 200 bicycles.

Dr. Fran and Lorna Straus and Dr. Chris Straus had a beautiful weekend to plant the summer gardens. They're a showplace, and bring joy and pleasure to everyone who views them.

Graduation was held Friday

evening, May 25, at the Mackinac Island Public School. Kristi Kamphuis and Scott Roguska were the two graduating seniors. Kristi was the valedictorian of the class of 2007. Phil Porter, director of Mackinac State Historic Parks, gave an impressive commencement address. Family and friends joined the graduates on this very special occasion.

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