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October 17, 2011

Dear Friends of Mackinac Island Horsemen's Association (MHA),

As we begin to draw near to the end of 2011, the approaching year-end provides an opportunity to reflect upon the [past 12 months for](#) MHA. This was truly a landmark year of accomplishments. We are an organization "dedicated to the promotion, education and future of horses and horsemanship on Mackinac Island." And what a year of promotion, education, and horsemanship it has been! The season began with the successful initial construction of the Mackinac Community Equestrian Center. This facility was up and running quickly, with approximately 15 horses housed during the summer. With a staff of three instructors and a summer onsite intern, the MHA provided 168 hours of lessons for both adults and children. This included courses in riding skills, grooming care, carting and a number of other special sessions that were held for the Mackinac Island Equestrian Community.

In July the MHA also completed our Third Annual Festival of the Horse. This five-day event included educational sessions from world-class trainers and instructors, as well as local equestrian experts, multiple parades and presentations, children's activities, barn tours, carriage driving competitions, and other activities. Hundreds of visitors from Mackinac Island and surrounding areas attended the festival, which was enjoyed by both "horse" and "non-horse" crowds alike. A short video clip of the event can be found at <http://vimeo.com/28944420>. Also, during August the 41st Annual Mackinac Island Horse Show was held. Over 25 classes were conducted, which ranged from English & Western Equitation to Costume, Trail and Games and included entrants of all ages from the Mackinac Island Equestrian Community.

At this end of 2011, we would like to ask for your help in growing the MHA. First, can we ask for your help in renewing your Mackinac Horsemen's Association membership for 2012? With your help, we are able to bring more equestrian educational events and activities to Mackinac Island. A membership form is enclosed or you can join via our convenient online membership payment feature using PayPal. Please go to www.mackinachorses.org for more information.

We would also like to ask for your help in completing the new Mackinac Community Equestrian Center. This is not our facility but is instead owned by you, the community. No gift is too big or too small. Our goal is to build and enjoy this facility with everyone's help and participation. Over \$185,000 has been raised so far for this project. Can we count on you for a \$50, \$100 or \$250 tax-deductible gift to help complete the barn? If you can donate more it would be great, but every gift is appreciated and will be honored for perpetuity on our "Wall of Honor" at the entrance to the facility. Other opportunities for donation and recognition are also available by sponsoring a stall as outlined on the enclosed Fund a Stall sheet. Can we reserve your space on the Wall of Honor, a stall door or elsewhere?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mackinac Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors

MISSION STATEMENT

In recognition of Mackinac Island's unique ordinance of 1898,
banning the "horseless" carriage,
the Mackinac Horsemen's Association is dedicated
to the promotion, education and future of horses and horsemanship on Mackinac
and inspiring the community's appreciation of why the "Horse is King" on the Island.

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