



MACKINAC HOOFBEATS MACKINAC HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2006

Mission Statement

In a recognition of the unique ordinance of 1898, banning the "horseless" carriage on Mackinac Island, and in that the "HORSE IS KING" on Mackinac Island, The Mackinac Horsemen's Association Is dedicated to the promotion, education, and future of horses and horsemen on Mackinac Island.

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INTRODUCING MICF "SALSA"

Welcome Salsa to our horseback riding lesson program. Salsa was purchased with the remaining grant money awarded to us by the Mackinac Island Community Foundation. She is a 17 yr. old Hosteiner mare from Three Oaks, MI. She is 15 hands tall (short for that breed) and wears her official brand from her German heritage on her hip. She's been a three day event horse and was shown last year in a walk-trot class. She will arrive on the Island June 2nd with Andante.

Elizabeth Pollie 2006 Art Show and Painting Raffle

"WHILE PAINTING DOES NOT ENABLE ONE TO IMPROVE UPON NATURE ITSELF, THE ACT OF REPRESENTING IT, GREATLY IMPROVES ONE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH IT SO THAT SOMEHOW A NEW LANGUAGE IS FORGED. THIS IS WHAT I FIND THRILLING."

ELIZABETH POLLIE

Well known artist Elizabeth Pollie has generously donated an original painting from her series "Mackinac Horses—the Horsepower of the Island" to be raffled this summer to benefit the Mackinac 4-H Horse Clubs and the Mackinac Horsemen's Association. Her art will be on display in the Mackinac Island Public Library during the month of July and our raffle art will be at various locations throughout the Island. There will be a reception held at the Library July 1st from 4 to 6 p.m. Raffle tickets will be available at the reception, The Island Bookstore and by calling 906-847-3853.

The painting to the right is just one of many of Elizabeth's work. To view more of her art please visit her web site at www.elizabethpollie.com

The Mackinac 4-H Horse Clubs and the Mackinac Horsemen's Association are proud to promote the art of Elizabeth Pollie and thank her for her support of our programs.

Mary Kay McIntire, The Iroquois Hotel and the Mackinac Community Foundation are also contributors to be thanked!



Thank you!

*The Mackinac 4-H Horse Clubs and the Mackinac Horsemen's Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Manoogian and Musser Families** for their generous donations. The **Mussers** donated two Wintec saddles, pads and bridles for our program. They will no doubt be put to good use by our eager horseback riding students. The **Manoogians** for their donation of the purchase and installation of a hot water tank for the stable. The horses will definitely appreciate this addition, no more cold showers.*

*We also want to thank **Chuk Kleber** for his assistance with setting up our MHA by-laws, an ongoing process!*



Mackinac Horsemens Association and 4-H Horse Club 2006 Events**MAY*****HORSES, HORSES, HORSES!!!***

GET READY TO RIDE! SIGN UP FOR LESSONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST

AT SCHOOL 3:15 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

ELIZABETH POLLIE ART RAFFLE – "HORSEPOWER-THE HORSES OF MACKINAC"DRAWING AUGUST 13TH – 4 P.M.MACKINAC ISLAND HORSE SHOW
GREAT TURTLE PARK**JUNE*****STABLE ORIENTATION AND LESSON SIGN-UP***SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH

1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

MISSION HILL STABLE

4-H SUMMER LESSON PROGRAMS STARTTUESDAY, JUNE 13TH

1 P.M.

GREAT TURTLE PARK

THE FEAST OF EPONA

BLESSING OF THE HORSES & STABLE TOUR

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH

4:00 P.M. TOUR

5:00 P.M. BLESSING

MISSION HILL STABLE

HORSE CARE CLINIC—NUTRITION

DAY & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

JULY***ELIZABETH POLLIE RECEPTION AND ART SHOW – "HORSEPOWER – THE HORSES OF MACKINAC"******RECEPTION:*** SATURDAY, JULY 1ST—4 TO 6 P.M.***ART SHOW:*** SATURDAY, JULY 1ST THRU MONDAY, JULY 31ST

MACKINAC ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

HORSE & CARRIAGE RALLYTHURSDAY, JULY 6TH

TIME & LOCATION TBA

LESSON & SADDLE FITTING CLINIC

DAYS & TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

4-H STABLE TOUR & LEMONADE—8TH ANNUAL 4-H HORSE CLUBS FUNDRAISERSUNDAY, JULY 30ST

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

MISSION HILL STABLE

HORSES, HOOFBEATS & HORS D'OUEVRES—8TH ANNUAL M.H.A. FUNDRAISING EVENTSUNDAY, JULY 30ST

4 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

MISSION HILL STABLE

AUGUST***4TH ANNUAL M.H.A. HUNTER PACE***SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

GREAT TURTLE PARK HORSE RING

6TH ANNUAL FUN & GAMES SHOWSUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

1 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

GREAT TURTLE PARK HORSE RING

36TH ANNUAL MACKINAC ISLAND HORSE SHOWSUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH(RAIN DATE - AUG. 21ST)

9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

GREAT TURTLE PARK HORSE RING

SEPTEMBER***5TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY FORMAL RIDE***SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

9A.M. TO 11 A.M.

May, 2006

Hello to everyone!

Truly, it is hard to believe winter has once again passed and we are looking ahead to a summer on Mackinac Island. For many, January and February are the hardest months to cope with if you are not living on the Island. Winter seems like either it will never end, or you are far enough removed from a horse and a trail so that the aspect of once again reunited with your steed and in the woods is remote, at best.

I was frankly, quite tired to empty our frozen water buckets down in Grass lake, Michigan, even in March, because even though I was able to ride, I wasn't "home" to ride. Most of you understand and the adjustments all of us make to be able to be on Mackinac are both personal and passionate.

Suffice to say, we eagerly look forward to any news about the Island, the horses, and the interconnection with them her that we all share. I know that this year the Mackinac Island Horseman's Association will be in full gear, and the season will fly!

There will be the annual fun activities like the Blessing of the Horses in June, an evening dedicated to a Carriage Ride in July, the Hunter Pace in August along with a fun show and the Annual Horse Show and a clinic on Showmanship this year.

The Tack Sale and the West Bluff Rummage Sale will not be a part of MHA this year, rather we hope all of you come to the Art Opening for Elizabeth Pollie at the MI Public Library, buy a raffle ticket or two and maybe keep your eyes posted and ears open for a spur of the moment Horsemen's Ice Cream Social TBA.

All of us on the Board of the MHA look forward to seeing you. Remember, we are only as strong as our membership. If you have a suggestion, criticism or comment- let us know! In the meantime take care, June is just around the corner! Candice Dunnigan



Thanks! Ostman Family for a great winter! Come visit often. Love those treats!

Our 8th Year!

Wow! How time flies!

Compare the photos below of some of our riders, then and now, and close your eyes to us "oldsters", please!

We have had such a good time together. Our program is strong and growing, we have a good string of horses, lots of young riders and tons of support from everyone.

Without Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, Inc. we would not have a stable for our horses, without Mission Point Resort we would not have food and drink for our party, without our Board of Directors we would not have our great fundraisers.

And without YOU we would not grow and thrive.

YOUR donations in time, money and support have made the Mackinac Horsemen's Association and the Mackinac 4-H Horse Clubs what they are today!

Take a look at the faces of our young riders as they go by you and see how your support has paid off.

Thank you! Leanne



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Please check out Country Supply for your online horse supplies at www.horse.com. If you order online they donate 5% of purchase to MHA. Our Care Code is mackinchorsemen

- A new bike rack for the barn—6 or more bikes
- New fencing for the annex pasture—Lenfesty's (thank you for the use)
- A three step mounting block for GTP Horse Ring

MACKINAC 4-H HORSE CLUBS MEMBERS



GALLOPING GLIDERS

- List of names for Galloping Gliders members, including Allison Jones, Danielle Wightman, Shannon Haan, Lily Porter, Patric Schelhuber, Scott Brandoniso, Claire Dunnigan, Lucas Karhoff, Barbara Dunnigan, Natalie Hribar, Codie Steensma, Kate Dupre, Kaia Olson, Jane Finkel, Audie Murray, Emily Benjamin, Katie Porter, Gabrielle Salerno, Annie Porter, Emily St. Onge, Veronica Gough, Christi Gough, Morgan Anding, Anna McDonnell, Amelia Musser, Paul Wandrie Jr., Diana Dupre, Adreinne Rilenge, Rachael Spitzer, Megan Pennick, Loren Menke, Codie Steensma, Morgan Brodeur-Bunker, Zhane Nash, Thomas Rilenge, Zola Murray, Brita Olson, Amelia Roe, Laurel Young, Amy Sweeney, Katy Penny, Drew Poirer, James Dunnigan, Scott Poirer, Audry Benjamin, Jessica Beaune, Devon Poirer, Colton Fisher, Maggie Sweeney, Rebecca McCurley, Lindsey McCurley, Devon McCurley, Burton Gough, Libby Benjamin, Annia Anding, Emily Benjamin, Brian Bradley, Kyra Kolatski, Mackenzie Bean, Hailey Bean, Sarah Spitzer, Kayla Pennick, Christina Mclean, Hailey Armstrong, Lanye Compton

AND WE DON'T WANT TO FORGET OUR YOUNGER RIDERS

GIDDY-UP & GO CLASS

- List of names for Giddy-Up & Go Class members, including Willy Barnwell, Michael Luciani, Jackie Brandoniso, Caroline Jaquiss, Alexis Sanford, Mary Bailey, John Luciani, Ethan Urzagaste, William Jaquiss, Audrey Jaquiss, Kyle Bailey, Ted Sweeney, Evan Menke

HONORARY GIDDY-UP & GO MEMBER

Grace Irish

If we forgot your name on the list please forgive us and let us know, so you'll be included in the next edition of Hoofbeats.

HORSE BITES

- Four bullet points regarding Mackinac Island Community Foundation grants, summer events, website updates, and an honorary member notice.

M.H.A. MEMBERSHIPS

Table with membership options and prices: M.H.A. SPONSORSHIP (\$500.00), M.H.A. PATRON (\$200.00), M.H.A. CONTRIBUTOR (\$150.00), M.H.A. FRIEND (\$75.00), FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$45.00), INDIVIDUAL (\$20.00).

Name: _____

Summer Address: _____

Winter Address: _____

Phone #: Summer: _____ Winter: _____

E-mail: _____

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