

Mackinac Bridge Walk Marks Labor Day Tradition for 49 Years

The five-mile, 49th Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk is Monday, September 4, beginning in St. Ignace.

Time

- 300 preregistered runners begin crossing at 6:45 a.m.
- Walkers begin at 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Parking

- In St. Ignace, designated parking areas are west of the toll plaza.
- For \$2 per person, walkers can ride a school bus back across the bridge to their cars.
- Another option is to board a school bus in Mackinaw City and

ride north, and then walk the bridge. School buses stop at Conkling Park and the State Dock on South Huron Avenue in Mackinaw City and begin transporting walkers at 5:30 a.m.

- Bus service from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace ends at 2:30 p.m.
- Handicap accessible buses will be available in Mackinaw City.

The Walk

- The walk begins at the north end of the bridge in St. Ignace and ends in Mackinaw City.
- The average time to walk the bridge is approximately 90 minutes.

• Two lanes on the east side of the bridge will be used by walkers and the lanes on the west side will be used for motor vehicles.

- There are no restrooms on the bridge, but portable toilets will be located at each end of the bridge.

General Rules

- Baby strollers and wheelchairs are allowed.
- Bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, and wagons are not permitted.
- Pets are not allowed on the walk, with the exception of seeing-

eye dogs.

- Signs and banners are not allowed.
- Walkers must stay away from bridge railings and the center divider, which separates walkers from traffic.

Certificates

- Participants will receive a numbered certificate to commemorate the accomplishment as they leave the bridge. Merchants in St. Ignace and Mackinaw City will display numbers in their store windows and those with matching certificate numbers will be offered a prize valued between \$15 and \$150.

Early Boats to Mackinac Island

- Shepler's Ferry will depart the Island for St. Ignace at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- Shepler's boat will leave Mackinaw City for the Island at 5:30 a.m. for a connection to the St. Ignace boat. A boat will leave St. Ignace for the Island at 6:30 a.m.
- Arnold Transit will offer special boat departures from the Island to St. Ignace at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- Arnold Transit's boat will leave St. Ignace for the Island at 6:30 a.m.

Artists To Demonstrate Skills at Art in the Park in Cedarville

This weekend's Art in the Park in Cedarville will feature a growing group of artists, some of whom will demonstrate their crafts. The art fair will be Saturday, September 2, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the waterfront park in downtown Cedarville. Admission is free.

The program is sponsored by the Les Cheneaux Artisan Cooperative.

Marty Feldhake will provide live music. He released his first compact disc, *Old Quarry Road*, this summer.

Cedarville metal artist Randy Dunn will provide blacksmith demonstrations and said he believes at least a half-dozen others will demonstrate painting, fiber arts, and other crafts. More than 20 artists have said they will participate in the fair.

"We have over 40 members in the cooperative, and approximately 50 percent will be in the show,

which is a great level of participation, since a lot of them don't regularly show," Mr. Dunn said.

He endorsed the event as "a great opportunity for people to see artists doing their work," and he is looking forward to seeing new artists who have joined the Artisan Cooperative this year.

The group's Music and Art Docksides fair in July was canceled because of high winds and rain.

There will be no food concessions at the fair.

"In the past, we have used food sales as a fundraiser, but we are choosing not to have food, to support the nearby businesses that sell food," said Rick Shapero, one of the organizers.

The Les Cheneaux Artisan Cooperative provides support and marketing opportunities for locally made products and their makers. Members hail from the Les Cheneaux Islands, DeTour, and Pickford areas.



Photographer Ron Meyer of Durand will be among 100 artists to display his art work at Arts Docksides in St. Ignace this weekend.

Arts Docksides To Bring 100 Artists To St. Ignace Marina

Arts Docksides will bring 100 artists and craft vendors to the St. Ignace marina for a public show and sale Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3. Arts Docksides will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The event is free of charge.

Paintings, jewelry, pottery, woodwork, and fabric crafts will be among the variety of original works offered at Arts Docksides. A traditional feature of the show in its 28 years has been daily open-air entertainment. Six local favorites will present musical or humorous entertainment at least twice each day. Entertainers will include juggler/comedian Crazy Richard, Jim Bishop, Catholic Girls Gone Bad, the Marquette Folk Dancers, Craig Day, and Kerry West.

Mackinac Animal Aid Association will host a hot dog stand at Arts Docksides to benefit animals at the county shelter.

Among the artists at this year's show will be nature photographer Ron Meyer, making his first visit to Arts Docksides. Mr. Meyer, of Berkley, a professional photographer since 1963, has been a lifelong visitor to the Upper Peninsula who has grown up camping and fishing in the area, always making favorite stops at Castle Rock, the sandy beaches west of St. Ignace, and Manley's Smoked Fish, he said.

"We caught speckled trout in creeks so small we could step across them," he said of his many U.P. trips. "We would lay out our bedrolls and sleep next to the car at the last place where we stopped to fish each evening."

Mr. Meyer has brought his love of the outdoors to his photography and books. At Arts Docksides, among the variety of art pieces he will offer, he will feature his newest book for children, called "Freddie Fox." Mr. Meyer has traveled to libraries around Michigan, talking to children about wild animal rehabilitation, and reading the story of the fox kit Freddie and his animal family, who help the young fox learn many life lessons.

At Arts Docksides, Mr. Meyer will offer a wide variety of art pieces in his booth. His work has been hung in homes, galleries, resorts, and corporate offices and his photographs have been printed in many magazines and books.

Other photographers who will offer works at Arts Docksides are David Black of St. Ignace and Ruth LaChapelle of St. Ignace. Many artists among the 100 at the festival are returning favorites, said organizer Jennifer Joseph, including Frank and Kathy Wandahsega of Escanaba, with paintings and wood carvings, Lisa Blakeney of Charlotte with appliqued sweatshirts, and Chuck Field of Wolverine with leather goods. St. Ignace jewelry maker Toney Therrian will display her work, Doug Wasson of Beulah will offer personalized pet tags, and Leonard Arden of West Branch will show wood furniture, she noted.



Marty Feldhake, a local musician who recently released his first compact disc recording, *Old Quarry Road*, will be the headline musician at Art in the Park in Cedarville Saturday, September 2.

Historical Museum To Host Labor Day Weekend Events

Les Cheneaux Historical and Maritime museums in Cedarville will offer free admission Sunday, September 3, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The raffle drawings for a wooden canoe and quilt will take place that day.

The winning ticket will be drawn for a 12-foot, cedar strip, "Wee Lassie" canoe at 3 p.m. at the Maritime Museum. The vessel

was built by Paul Wilson of Hessel, assisted by other volunteers.

A ticket will be drawn for the quilt called "Cabin in the Woods," at 4 p.m. at the Historical Museum. The rustic style quilt features a moose, bear, cabin, and tree figures, and has green, tan, red,

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A 12-foot "Wee Lassie" cedar strip canoe will be awarded to the person whose ticket is pulled this weekend at the Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum. The handmade vessel is made entirely of cedar.

Flea Market Called Off at Les Cheneaux

The Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce has canceled its Fall Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, September 2. The Chamber Board called off the event for this year because they did not want to compete with Art in the

Park in Cedarville, also scheduled for that day.

The event will not be rescheduled for this year, said Chamber of Commerce coordinator Bud Lowers, in favor of planning one for next year, probably later in the fall.

Lions Club Barbecue Planned Sunday

The St. Ignace Lions Club will host its annual Chicken Barbecue Sunday, September 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of McCann and South State streets.

The \$7 meal includes chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, and beverage, with proceeds to benefit local Lions Club scholarships.

DeTour Concert To Mark Summer's End Event Will Highlight State's Heritage Sunday

Michigan's heritage will be showcased in the 2006 Summer's End Concert in DeTour Village Sunday, September 3, at the Union Presbyterian Church. The concert will start at 3 p.m., and will be followed by a reception by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council. Glen and Joan Shaw of DeTour will be the honored guests at the concert. Mr. Shaw was a tugboat captain, and retains extensive knowledge of the DeTour area.

The Fine Arts Council will host the concert, which is free, however donations are welcome. This is

the second of the council's Labor Day weekend concerts, and the council expects these to be annual, with a changing slate of performers each year.

This year's featured group is Collecting Consort, a family act from Lakeview featuring Anne Wakenhut on the Celtic harp, Gary Wakenhut on the hammered dulcimer and flutes, and their daughter, Jennifer Hetzman-Holmes, who will narrate the montage of drama, stories, nature sounds, and original music covering Michigan's history from the Ice Age and the Native Americans, to the preservation of its future. The

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Pride of Baltimore II Will Offer Tours This Weekend

Will Cruise Under Mighty Mac Monday

The *Pride of Baltimore II*, a reproduction topsail schooner, will be at St. Ignace Labor Day weekend to offer deck tours, a reception, and a Labor Day sail under the Mackinac Bridge. St. Ignace Hospitality Growth is hosting the ship, which will be at the Arnold Line dock, as it is too large to use the city marina.

A reproduction of an 1812-era clipper ship, the *Pride II* calls the Chesapeake Bay region home and is owned by the citizens of Maryland. The ship sails the globe to provide an educational platform about the maritime sciences and promote Maryland trade and tourism. Commissioned in 1988, she is a sailing memorial to her predecessor, the original *Pride of Baltimore*, which was the first Baltimore clipper built in 150 years when she was crafted in 1977. The original *Pride of Baltimore* sailed more than 150,000 nautical miles before she was struck by a freak squall and sunk off the coast of Puerto Rico in 1986.

Pride of Baltimore II will arrive at St. Ignace Friday evening, and offer \$5 deck tours Friday,

September 1, through Sunday, September 3.

A cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception with deck tour will be offered Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., featuring entertainment by Mike Ridley. Tickets cost \$50 per person. Proceeds from the reception will go toward bringing future tall ships to the city through St. Ignace Hospitality Growth.

A highlight of the weekend will be a Labor Day cruise, when the ship will take passengers under the Mackinac Bridge during the annual Bridge Walk. The five-hour cruise departs at 9 a.m. and will include lunch for \$100. The cruise is limited to 34. Tickets to the Labor Day cruise aboard *Pride of Baltimore II* are available by calling David Swope at 643-9666.

Tickets to the weekend events are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

St. Ignace Hospitality Growth hosted the schooner *Roseway* at St. Ignace last summer. *Roseway*, built in 1925, is a National Historic Landmark and the main educational platform for the World Ocean School of Camden, Maine. Sponsors of the *Pride of Baltimore II*'s visit, along with St. Ignace Hospitality Growth, are the Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau, and Arnold Transit.

Art on the Lake Festival Will Take Place Saturday at Curtis

Artists, Musicians, Local Chefs To Show Skills

Curtis will host its annual Art on the Lake Festival Saturday, September 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artists, craftsmen, and musicians will gather on the shore of South Manistique Lake for the day. Entertainment will end at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The event includes live enter-

tainment from Doc Woodward Blues Trio, Diamonds and Gold, and Steppin' In It. The "Taste of Curtis" food tent will feature Upper Peninsula specialties prepared by local chefs; wine and beer will be available.

For more information, call the Curtis Area Chamber of Commerce at (906) 586-3700.



Chasin' Steel will play Thursday.

Chasin' Steel, Simplified To Perform at St. Ignace

Chasin' Steel will perform Thursday, August 31, at 7 p.m. at a Bayside Live! concert at the St. Ignace Marina. The concert is free of charge.

The group's name is taken from a reference to band members' favorite pastime of steelhead fishing, as they perform "bluegrass, on the fly." Jonah, Jacob, and Jason Kuhlman and Adam Carpenter make up the traditional bluegrass group and feature mandolin, guitar, hammered dulcimer, bass guitar, banjo, and vocals. They are based in Marquette.

A free Locals on the Bay concert will feature a performance by Simplified, with Chris Sheridan, Wednesday, August

30, at 7 p.m. In addition to Mr. Sheridan, originally of St. Ignace, the band includes lead vocalist Clea Laster of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, drummer Tim Lail, and bassist Chris Lynch, both from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Simplified's music, said Mr. Sheridan, can be described as rock with some southern flair, but it has many elements of reggae, blues, funk, and some "mild country." The band's third album has been popular throughout the southeastern part of the country, Mr. Sheridan said, where the band has been averaging five shows a week. A fourth album is due in September.