



Convention Schedule

Welcome To The "Tip Of The Mitt"!

Thank you for joining us and welcome as we go back *Somewhere In Time* to a sleepy little town nestled in the Straits Of Mackinac, connecting two of the Great Lakes, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan
----- Mackinaw City!

We have set aside Thursday, July 11th for all of the attendees to explore the city on their own. Some of the many attractions in the city include Fort Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum as well as many shops to check out.

Mackinac Island

As the previous paragraph suggests, Mackinac Island will be our main attraction. This island, which was featured in the 80's movie *Somewhere In Time*, is just a 20-minute ferry ride from the two docks located in the city. The island does not allow motor vehicles, so the only modes of transportation are bicycles, horse-drawn carriages, horse-drawn taxis and riding horses. You may also walk/hike the 8-mile perimeter or the interior of the island. The two most recognizable sites on the island are The Grand Hotel (featured heavily in the aforementioned movie) and Fort Mackinac but there are many other things to see and enjoy!

Although attendees are free to visit the island any time they like, we have set aside Monday, July 15th for all of us to explore the island together.

- **Ferries** - Star Line Ferry is the ferry dock that is closest to our hotel but Shepler's Ferry is another option if you so choose. The ferries generally start running at 7:30 am with the last ferry leaving the island at 10:00 pm. Attendees must be on that last ferry for the day as there is no other way to return to Mackinaw City until the ferries start running again the next morning. Also, please make sure to hold onto your ferry ticket after purchase for your return trip to the mainland.
- **The Grand Hotel Luncheon** - For those of you that have already expressed interest, a reservation has been made at The Grand Hotel for their buffet luncheon at 1:00 pm on Monday, July 15th. Once you pay your entrance fee for the hotel, you will need to meet in the lobby of the hotel with Karen Quattlebaum at 12:30 pm to purchase your luncheon ticket. The total cost of the luncheon and the entrance fee is \$52.40 (including tax).

Add-Ons (For Tuesday, July 16th/Wednesday, July 17th)

At this year's convention, we had to do things a little differently from previous year's when it comes to our Add-Ons. Because we have a smaller group of attendees than usual, the cost of renting a shuttle bus to drive us to our destinations would have been quite high. So, we have asked for volunteer drivers to shuttle us instead. Although attendees have already paid the fees to attend the Add-Ons, they will also be expected to pay their portion of the toll to cross the bridge and their portion of the fuel costs. These will need to be paid with cash, especially since this is the only method of payment for the bridge toll. Printed maps and car ribbons will be provided to all the drivers, along with a downtown map of Munising to select a restaurant for dinner before Tuesday evening's cruise.

Attractions Vouchers

Discounted vouchers for Mackinaw City/Mackinac Island attractions/ferry tickets are available for purchase at the front desk of our hotel. However, you will still need to present those vouchers in exchange for actual tickets beforehand.

Packing Station

We have set aside an area with USPS boxes, bubble wrap, packaging tape, etc. so that you can package up your goodies for mailing. The Post Office is just down the road from our hotel.

Charity

Our charity this year is one that is near and dear to Laura Beth's heart and one that she has a personal connection with. Our donations will be supporting **PAWS Animal Rescue - "Pets Are Worth Saving"** located in my current city of Swartz Creek, MI. The rescue was founded and is run by a former childhood neighbor of Laura Beth's from Flint, MI. The rescue is being run out of her farmhouse, but they are looking for some land to build a facility. They are a non-profit organization that rescues abused, neglected and abandoned animals in the Flint, MI area. Because of the ongoing Flint water crisis, their dedication to rescue is needed more than ever!

Auctions

Items in our charity and art auctions will start out in the silent auction. Just peruse the items up for silent auction, write down your bid and name and check back often to see if you need to increase your bid. If the item gets less than six bids and your bid is the highest, you win that item. If the item receives six bids, it will go to either of the live auctions.

The majority of the items that make up our centerpieces/decorations will also be up for silent auction. Bid sheets will be at each table so feel free to place your bids on any of the items that spark your interest.

Once the auction ends, come to the auction table and pick up the bid sheet for the item(s) you won. Take those bid sheets to our cashier(s) to pay for the item(s). Finally, take your payment receipt and pick up your item(s).

Banquet

The theme for our banquet is ***Somewhere In Time*** (clothing worn during the year 1912) and although many attendees take this opportunity to dress up, either in tunnel togs, dress clothes or themed costumes, just wear whatever makes you feel comfortable.

Name badges do not need to be worn at the banquet but you will need your meal tickets to be placed at your place setting.

We will also have name badge stickers that you can use to write your Victorian name to display during the banquet. The legend and instructions for this will also be provided.

Fireworks

There will be two fireworks displays during our time in the city. One that takes place in Mackinaw City on Friday, July 12th and the other that takes place in St. Ignace on Saturday, July 13th.

Name Badges

All attendees are expected to wear their name badges for the three days of the convention.

The UP on your own

The majority of our Add-Ons will be taking place in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan but for those that wish to explore the UP on their own, there are some things that you will need to be mindful of:

- **Fuel** - You will need to make sure to fill up your tank in Mackinaw City as there are very few gas stations in the UP.
- **Food** - You will need to take snacks/water with you as there are very few places to purchase these items once you are in the UP.
- **Insects** - The UP is mostly forest, so this means lots of insects. Make sure to bring bugspray!
- **Maps** - Since the UP can be a bit of a dead zone for some mobile phone service providers, your GPS may not work for directions. A suggestion would be to set your directions before you cross the bridge so that you will be able to use the written directions to get you to your destination.
- **Wildlife** - Along with lots of insects, there is also lots of wildlife such as deer, elk and bear. Please be aware while driving.

The Headlands Dark Sky Park - Because of the need to keep down light pollution in the park, attendees are being provided mini flashlights in their tote bags with red filters attached.

Thursday, July 11th

7:00 AM	Full Breakfast (until 10 am)
10:00 AM	Visit local Mackinaw City attractions: **Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Mackinaw Crossings, Fort Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, McGulpin Lighthouse, McGulpin Rock, Mackinac Old Time Trolley, Historic Mill Creek, Headlands Dark Sky Park
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM	Visit local Mackinaw City attractions
5:00 PM	Registration/convention merchandise pick up
5:30 PM	Dinner on your own
7:30 PM	Visit local Mackinaw City attractions
10:00 PM	"Ashes, Ashes" Ceremony/Bonfire & S'Mores on the beach

	Friday, July 12th
7:00 AM	Full Breakfast (until 10 am)
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony - Announcements (at the ballroom of the Mackinaw Beach & Bay next to our hotel)
9:30 AM	Icebreaker Activity
10:00 AM	Vincent's Big Balls Game
10:30 AM	Celebrity Stories
11:00 AM	Charity Presentation - PAWS Animal Rescue
11:30 AM	Gel Candle craft
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM	Talent Show rehearsal
2:30 PM	Beast Bingo
3:30 PM	Pin The Dangly Bits On Vincent
4:30 PM	Sleepless in Providence
5:30 PM	Catered dinner setup
6:00 PM	Catered dinner (Gourmet Wood Fired Pizza)
7:30 PM	Talent Show
8:30 PM	Pre-boarding for Cruise
	ADD-ON Star Line Mackinac Bridge Sunset
9:00 PM	Cruise/Fireworks
11:00 PM	Ballroom closed

*hour long session times are highlighted in *red*

Saturday, July 13th

7:00 AM	Full Breakfast (until 10 am)
9:00 AM	Daily Announcements
9:30 AM	Bubba Stories
10:00 AM	Paper Lantern craft
10:30 AM	Pictionary
11:00 AM	BATB Heads Up!
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM	Announcement/Presentation for 2020 convention
2:30 PM	Beast Bingo
3:30 PM	White Stuff
4:00 PM	Channie Award
4:30 PM	Banquet set up
5:30 PM	Meet & Greet
6:00 PM	Winterfest Banquet *Tribute To Chan*
8:00 PM	Charity Auction
10:00 PM	Fireworks Over The Bay
11:00 PM	Ballroom closed

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Sunday, July 14th

7:00 AM	Full Breakfast (until 10 am)
9:00 AM	Daily Announcements
9:30 AM	Woven Hearts Craft
10:00 AM	Linda & Teri's Writer's Panel
11:00 AM	Beast Bingo
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM	Art Auction
4:00 PM	Passing of the torch to 2020 convention committee
4:30 PM	Closing Ceremony
5:00 PM	Meeting Room tear down
6:00 PM	Catered dinner (Up North BBQ)
8:00 PM	Dance/Karaoke party
11:00 PM	Ballroom closed

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Monday, July 15th

12:00 AM	Full Breakfast (until 10 am)
7:30 AM	First ferry from Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island
9:00 AM	Ferry from Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island (from Star Line dock — travels under Mackinac Bridge)
9:30 AM	Ferry from Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island (from Star Line dock — travels under Mackinac Bridge)
	**Mackinac Island Carriage Tour, Grand Hotel Luncheon, Fort Mackinac, Bike Rental, Horse Rental
12:00 PM	Grand Hotel luncheon
2:00 PM	Luncheon ends
6:00 PM	Ferry from Mackinac Island to Mackinaw City (from Star Line dock — travels under Mackinac Bridge)
6:30 PM	Ferry from Mackinac Island to Mackinaw City (from Star Line dock — travels under Mackinac Bridge)
10:30 PM	Last <i>Star Line</i> ferry to leave Mackinac Island for Mackinaw City

Ferry schedules for Star Line and Shepler's Ferry companies, with alternate ferry times going to and coming from Mackinac Island, can be found all over Mackinaw City.

Tuesday, July 16th	
7:00 AM	Full Breakfast
9:00 AM	Lobby meet up for Tahquamenon Falls/Pictured Rocks shuttle
9:30 AM	Leave for Paradise, MI (Tahquamenon Falls State Park)
11:00 AM	**ADD-ON** Tahquamenon Falls
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own (either boxed lunch or lunch at Tahquamenon Falls Pub & Brewery)
1:30 PM	Leave for Munising, MI (Pictured Rocks Classic Cruise)
3:30 PM	Arrive in Munising, MI (Dinner on your own)
6:00 PM	**ADD-ON** Pictured Rocks Classic Cruise
8:00 PM	Leave for Mackinaw City
10:00 PM	Arrive back at hotel

Wednesday, July 17th	
5:45 AM	Early "Lite" Breakfast
6:00 AM	Lobby meet up for Soo Locks caravan
6:30 AM	Caravan leaves for Sault Ste. Marie, MI
8:00 AM	**ADD-ON** Soo Locks Lighthouse Cruise (boarding @ 7:45)
8:30 AM	***Free Full Breakfast (on the cruise)
12:30 PM	Cruise ends and caravan leaves for Mackinaw City
1:30 PM	Caravan arrives back at hotel

Fun Facts about Michigan

1. Although Michigan is often called the "Wolverine State" there are no longer any wolverines in Michigan.
2. Michigan ranks first in boat registrations.
3. The Packard Motor Car Company in Detroit manufactured the first air-conditioned car in 1939.
4. Sault Ste. Marie was founded by Father Jacques Marquette in 1668. It is the third oldest remaining settlement in the United States.
5. Michigan's state stone, the Petoskey, is the official state stone. It can be found on various beaches and inland locations in Michigan, with many of the most popular being those surrounding Petoskey and Charlevoix.
6. The Mackinac Bridge is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. Connecting the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan, it spans 5 miles over the Straits of Mackinac, which is where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet. The Mighty Mac took 3 years to complete and was opened to traffic in 1957.
7. The western shore of Michigan has many sand dunes. The Sleeping Bear Dunes rise 460 feet above Lake Michigan. Living among the dunes is the dwarf lake iris the official state wildflower.
8. Michigan is the only place in the world with a floating post office. The J.W. Westcott II is the only boat in the world that delivers mail to ships while they are still underway. They have been operating for 125 years.
9. Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world.
10. Michigan has more shoreline than any other state except Alaska.
11. Michigan has 116 lighthouses and navigational lights.
12. Michigan was the first state to provide in its Constitution for the establishment of public libraries.
13. The first auto traffic tunnel built between two nations was the mile-long Detroit-Windsor tunnel under the Detroit River.
14. The Upper Michigan Copper Country is the largest commercial deposit of native copper in the world.

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