

Events calendar

June 24-26: Showcase Dinner Theater, seating begins at 7 p.m., \$43.95 for dinner and show, Williamsburg Banquet Center, 938-2181.

June 24-Aug. 28: 2004 SchussyCat Stage Show, Shanty Creek Resort and Club, Two shows: Road Trip USA 5:30 p.m., Feel the Beat 8 p.m., Mon.-Sat.

June 25: Madrigal Chorale of Southfield; Dendrin's Chapel, Interlochen. 276-7800, (800) 681-5920.

June 25: Ladies Classic Fishing Tournament, Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, 889-5769 or www.mcsfa.com.

June 25: K. Jones & The Benzie Playboys, Benzie Central High School Auditorium.

June 25: Charlotte Ross Lee Concert in the Park, 12:15 p.m., Pennsylvania Park, Petoskey, 347-4150.

June 25: Friday Night Fun Concert, 7-9 p.m., Richardi Park, Bellaire, 533-6023.

June 25: The Phantom Tollbooth, 7 p.m., by Traverse City Children's Theater, ages 7 and up, \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and children, Old Town Playhouse, TC, 947-2210.

June 25: Beach Bards, storytelling, poetry and music on shores of Lake Michigan and Sleeping Bear Dunes, 8:30 p.m. children's hour, 10 p.m. adults, \$1 donations accepted, The Leelanau School, Glen Arbor, 334-5800.

June 25: Observatory viewing, 9-11 p.m., Roger's Observatory, Brimley Road, South of Traverse City, 946-1787.

June 25-26: Stone Circle Gathering; poetry, storytelling and music

around the campfire; 9 p.m. every Fri. and Sat. evening through Labor Day; \$4 adults, \$2 children 12 and younger; 10 miles north of Elk Rapids, turn right on Stone Circle Drive; 264-9467.

June 25-27: Grand Hotel Arts Weekend, Mackinac Island, (800) 454-5227.

June 25-27: Shoot Time at Manistee, muzzleloading shooting competition, Muzzleloaders Range, Camp Road, Manistee.

June 25-27: French-Indian War Reenactment, Wellington Farm Park, 6940 S. Military Road, Grayling.

June 26: Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Grand Opening, Mackinaw City, 800-666-0160.

June 26: Summer Solstice Celebration, Elberta Waterfront Park, Elberta.

June 26: Bird Field Guide Class, 9 a.m., Leelanau Conservancy, Charter Bird Sanctuary, registration required, 256-9665.

June 26: Summer Antiques Market, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., rain or shine, Civic Center, TC, 947-6531 or 947-4695.

June 26: Suttons Bay Classic Boat Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Suttons Bay Coal Dock, 271-4404.

June 26: Magician Ben Spitzer, 11 a.m., Library Meeting Room, Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere, TC, 932-8500.

June 26: Nature Discovery with Jim McGrath, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., birding hike on Heritage Nature Trail at Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center, Mitchell State Park, (231) 779-1321.

June 26: The Phantom Tollbooth, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., by the Traverse

City Children's Theater, ages 7 and up, \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and children, Old Town Playhouse, 148 E. 8th St., TC, 947-2210.

June 26: Reception for artists, 7-10 p.m.; Les Sirenes Galerie D Art, Frankfort; 352-7640.

June 26: World Youth Symphonic Band; John Whitwell, conductor; 8 p.m., Interlochen, (800) 681-5920.

June 26: Maritime Benefit Concert featuring Harbor Folk, Claudia Schmidt and Lee Murdock, 8 p.m., \$15 adults, \$10 children 6-17, The Opera House, Cheboygan, 627-5841 or (800) 357-9408.

June 26: Jane Allen Memorial Concert, 8 p.m., orchestra, Manistee High School Auditorium, Manistee; 723-6724.

June 26: Jackson Men's Chorus, 7:30 p.m., \$8, Trinity Lutheran Church, Arcadia; Arcadia Area Historical Museum, 889-4360.

June 26-27: Fine Arts & Crafts Show, Mackinaw City, 436-5664 or (800) 666-0160.

June 26-27: Top of Michigan Boat Races, Inland Waterway, 347-8273.

June 26-27: Budweiser Pro/Am fishing tournament; Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, 889-5769 or www.mcsfa.com.

June 26-27: Northwood Renaissance Festival, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., games, arts & crafts, food, entertainment, activities, demonstrations, Interlochen, 885-1185.

June 27: World Youth Symphony Orchestra; Jung-Ho Pak, conductor; 8 p.m., Interlochen. 276-7800, (800) 681-5920.

June 27: Log Cabin Day and

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Turtles

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Tortisse, Topiary Turtle, Myrtle the Turtle and Turtle Times.

Incorporating everything from newspaper paper mache, mosaic glass and intricately hand-beaded wire, each turtle has its own personality, Graham said.

"They are so animated and they have so much character that you really grow kind of attached to them," she said. "I think it's kind of spreading throughout the island."

John Slevin, local artist and manager of the Lilac Tree and Chippewa Hotels on the island, painted MacKinac Turtle, which proudly displays a Scottish tartan on its back.

Slevin's goal was to represent the international workers who travel to Mackinac from all over the world, including Jamaica, Thailand, England and Eastern Europe.

"It runs on the international basis of these people coming over for six months, doing their jobs, leaving their families and their homes behind to work on Mackinac Island," he said.

"It could quite as easily just have been a Jamaican flag draping it, or a Filipino flag."

Hailing from Scotland, Slevin decided to model the Tartan plaid to that of Patrick Sinclair's, the first commander of Fort Mackinac.

Renowned Michigan artist and island resident Marlee Brown not only painted two turtles, but will see the direct effects of the auction proceeds through the Marlee Brown Community Arts Fund.

"I started a fund at the community foundation for art in our community," she said. "We just try to support any artistic things that are going on."

Brown's fund has raised money for the art program at the school and supported the Shakespeare performance at the Grand Hotel, where she has her gallery.

Arnold Line sponsored Brown's Trillium Turtle, which represents the flower widely found on the island. Her second turtle, Matisse Tortisse, sits beside the Jewel Clubhouse near the Grand Hotel.

Most of the inspiration for her Matisse Tortisse turtle came from first choosing a name, Brown said.

"One of my favorite artists is Matisse because I'm sort of a colorist and I love his modern shapes," she said. "I thought it would be really fun to call him Matisse the Tortisse and then do a Matisse-type design on it."

The community foundation has maps available so turtle-seekers can locate and read about each turtle and artist.

"Visitors or anyone can pick up a free map and start at turtle no. 1 and go all the way around the island," Graham said. "It's a great way to see the island and also see the turtles."

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