

Festivals

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Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas."

The "Food & Wine Experience" begins at 11 am and runs till 4 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 a piece with proceeds benefiting the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation. Each ticket includes a wine glass and 4 tasting tickets good for wine and food.

In addition there will be a series of 30 to 45 minute presentations on the basics of wine, sparkling wine and food and wine pairings.

For additional information visit: www.bayharborconcoors.com or call (231) 938-1811.

ART BY THE POND ART, WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL JULY 10, HOMESTEAD, GLEN ARBOR

Fine art and fine wine (a great combination) will come together Saturday, July 10, 2004 in The Village at The Homestead for an outdoor celebration of summer: Art by the Ponds Art and Wine Festival. Art by the Ponds was created in 2002 with the idea of gathering art of the quality that is typically displayed in a gallery setting and showing it in a beautiful outdoor environment.

In 2003, the winemakers of the Leelanau Peninsula's vineyards and wineries will join the artists of Art by the Ponds. The result? A delightful summer festival amongst the rolling hills, shimmering ponds, whispering woods and sandy beaches of The Homestead, featuring the best artists and wines of the region.

Fine art from northern Michigan's premier artists will be on display and available for purchase in individual,

uniquely designed displays. Stroll along the boardwalk and admire watercolor and oil paintings, color & black-and-white photography and other creations that were created right in our neighborhood.

Also in The Village, visitors and guests will be invited to taste the wines of the member wineries of the Leelanau Peninsula Vintner's Association. Gathered conveniently in a wine tasting tent, guests will be able to taste the wines side by side, a unique opportunity. Whether it's a chilled Pinto Gris, or an Oak-aged Pinot Noir, you'll find it amidst the pines and ponds of The Village.

Tickets for Art by the Ponds will be \$6 in advance (available at The Homestead and all 10 LPVA wineries), \$9 day of event and will include a custom Art by the Ponds wine glass and two (2) wine tasting tickets that can be exchanged for samples or glasses of wine. The event begins at 11 am and goes till 7 pm.

The Homestead's award winning executive chef, Patrick Karpowski, CEC, and his staff will be serving delightful appetizers from the kitchen at Nonna's.

Wine from each of the wineries will also be available for purchase at Cavanaugh's, near the wine and food tent.

For additional information or to purchase tickets call The Homestead (231) 334-5000.

SUNRISE SIDE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

JULY 19, HARRISVILLE HARBOR

Located at the harbor in Harrisville (60 miles east of Grayling) The Sunrise Side Food & Wine Festival enters its tenth year Saturday, July 19. Wine lovers will be in their glory as they sample Michigan wines and try delectable treats from area chefs.

With sparkling Lake Huron as a

backdrop and live jazz music as part of the relaxed atmosphere, wine enthusiasts can spend a few hours, or all afternoon at this annual event in Harrisville. The gate opens at noon and closes at 6 p.m. Area restaurants will have a variety of foods available to compliment the lovely wines produced in Great Lakes State, including several from Leelanau. Fine art will be on display and live music will make the afternoon one to remember. Visitors have a chance to talk to vintners about their products and sample. Admission for adults is \$8.00.

For more information call (800) 432-2823.

RED, WHITE & THE BLUES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL (FORMERLY THE LEELANAU WINE FESTIVAL) AUGUST 7, NORTHPORT

This festival takes place at beautiful Haserot Beach next to the harbor in Northport. Formally the known as the Northport Wine Festival it was taken over by the Leelanau Chamber of Commerce a few years ago and changed to the Leelanau Peninsula Wine Festival.

The festival begins at noon and continues till 5 pm and will feature continuous music throughout the afternoon along with wines from the Leelanau Peninsula and Old Mission Peninsula wineries.

It is also harvest time on the peninsula so a farmers market has been added to the mix of local restaurants serving food.

Tickets are \$8.00 and include a wine glass and two sample tickets. Additional tasting tickets are available for purchase.

For additional information call the Chamber at (231) 271-9895 or (800) 980-9895.

HOPPS OF FUN FESTIVAL OF BEER AND WINE SEPTEMBER 10 & 11 MACKINAW CITY

Conkling Heritage Park on South Huron Avenue in Mackinaw City is the home of Hopps of Fun Festival of Beer and Wine. The Festival is slated to celebrate its seventh year on Friday and Saturday, September 5 & 6, 2003.

The festival started as a way to celebrate the arrival of autumn and at the same time promote Michigan Beer & Wine producers. The Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau with support and sponsorship of The Michigan Grape & Wine Council and local beverage distributors Fabiano Brothers, Huron Distributors, Bayside Beverage, and Griffin Beverage started the festival. Approximately 4000 - 6000 people annually visit the festival to sample the over 100 Microbrews and 30 Michigan Wines. "This year's festival will be bigger and better than ever," said Brad Jones, Executive Director of the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau. "Our location enables us to

expand the product line and accommodate the increasing number of people who enjoy the festival." As in the past, a wide variety of Beer & Wine will be highlighted at the festival this year. The popular Michigan wine area will include twelve Michigan wineries and over 30 distinctive Michigan wines. Knowledgeable brew masters and wine experts will be on hand to educate and inform festival attendees. Hopps of Fun Festival of Beer & Wine boasts free admission and live entertainment. Purchase of tasting tickets is required for sampling wine and beer.

For more information on Hopps of Fun Festival of Beer & Wine visit www.mackinawcity.com or call 800-750-0160.

For additional information on wine events and festivals in the area visit www.lpwines.com or call (231) 938-1911.

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Every Saturday

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SUNDAY WINE BRUNCH

June 13

Brunches feature a buffet selection of twenty-five food items and twenty-five wines from our cellars. 12 Noon - 3 p.m. \$22.50 per person.

FATHERS DAY BRUNCH

June 20

Brunch features a buffet selection of twenty-five food items, Eggs Benedict and Omelets to order. Reservations 12 noon - 3pm. \$22.50 Adults, Children 10 and under \$11.25.



Local wines and microbrewed beer are both big hits at area wine festivals.