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## **Join Mackinac Associates for ‘Mingle at Michilimackinac’ September 16**

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Mackinac Associates’ mission is simple yet powerful: Friends preserving and sharing Mackinac’s heritage. With that mission in mind, Mackinac Associates is hosting “Mingle at Michilimackinac,” an evening of fun supporting Mackinac State Historic Parks on Saturday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Much like how the historic residents of Michilimackinac knew how to have a good time, Mackinac Associates has organized an event sure to rival any in the fort’s history, featuring appetizers from The Little Buoy Bakery & Café and beverages from Les Cheneaux Distillers, both located in Cedarville.

Tickets, which include appetizers, two drink tickets, door prizes, and a chance to be selected to fire one of Michilimackinac’s several black powder weapons, are \$100 per person (\$90 for Mackinac Associates members). Tickets also include access to all the historic structures and galleries within Colonial Michilimackinac. Historic interpreters representing British soldiers, merchants, voyageurs, and others, will be on hand to answer questions and visit with guests. Mackinac State Historic Parks’ Chief Curator Craig Wilson will present a brief history of Colonial Michilimackinac, while Membership and Development Coordinator Michelle Walk will provide a brief overview of Mackinac Associates.

“This new event allows us showcase Colonial Michilimackinac to friends old and new in a fun and exciting way,” said Mackinac State Historic Parks Director Steve Brisson. “We’re appreciative of

Mackinac Associates for hosting ‘Mingle at Michilimackinac’ and look forward to a memorable evening in September.”

Colonial Michilimackinac is a 1770s fort and fur trading village located in Mackinaw City, Michigan. It was originally constructed in 1715, and later torn down and moved to Mackinac Island. What remained was burned. The site was transferred to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission in 1909, and the current reconstruction began in 1960. It is also home to one of North America’s longest ongoing archaeological digs.

More information can be found on “Mingle at Michilimackinac” can be found at [mackinacassociates.com](http://mackinacassociates.com). A downloadable version of this release can be found here. Additional pictures are available upon request.

*Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan’s Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks’ rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com).*

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