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## **See Why *Mackinac Rocks!* June 19 at The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum**

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks will host the grand opening and awards reception for *Mackinac Rocks!*, the 2024 juried art exhibition at The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum on Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

*Mackinac Rocks!* is the 15<sup>th</sup> annual juried art exhibition at the art museum. From looking in wonder at the natural curiosity that is Arch Rock to skipping rocks at Windermere Point, to maybe enjoying some ‘rock’ at a local establishment, or the fact that Mackinac Island itself is a large rock, it is safe to say that *Mackinac Rocks!* Mackinac State Historic Parks encouraged artists working in all media to share their artistic visions of what *Mackinac Rocks!* means to them.

Juror for the show is Kristine Granger, Art Faculty and Fine Arts Coordinator for Bay College in Escanaba. Granger earned her Master of Fine Arts degree and Women’s Studies Certificate from Stony Brook University in New York. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, focusing in photography, from the University of Oregon-Eugene School of Architecture and Allied Arts. She also received a Certificate of Completion from The Paris Fashion Institute, and an Associates of Science in Fashion Design from Plaza Three Academy in Phoenix, Arizona.

94 pieces were submitted for consideration, and Granger chose 20 pieces for the show. From those 20 pieces, Granger will select Best of Show, second and third place, and three honorable mention

pieces. Each winner will receive a cash prize. The Best of Show winner will also receive The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum Gold Medal and their name on the list of annual Gold Medal winners, displayed at the museum. All prizes are donated by the Mackinac Arts Council and Mackinac Associates.

*Mackinac Rocks!* will remain on display through Oct. 6, 2024. More information can be found at [mackinacparks.com](http://mackinacparks.com).

*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, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek, 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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