

LARGEST MIDWEST KITE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ITS GRAND FINALE

Grand Haven, MI – MACKite of Grand Haven is proud to announce that the Great Lakes Kite Festival is celebrating its 30th Anniversary and culminating festival this year. The dates are May 19-20 at the Grand Haven State Park.

“The Great Lakes Kite Festival has been a remarkable event for the last 30 years” says festival organizer Steve Negen. “We can’t think of a better time to give a distinguished finale performance than on its 30th anniversary.”

The festival has grown far beyond what it started as over a quarter century ago. “The kite flyers, the kite groups, and the kite community all come together here on the shores of our beautiful lake to put on a show that is always breathtaking.” His wife, Lynn, agrees. “Every year when I turn the corner coming to the beach it strikes me again how fabulous our kite flying friends make this.”

Two performers have enjoyed participating in the event so much that they have been to every single one. Eric Wolff of Chicago and Lee Sedgwick of Erie, Pennsylvania make the trip to Grand Haven each year to demonstrate their kite skills for the crowds. Other kite aficionado’s design and sew their own kites and ground displays.

Being the largest kite festival in the Midwest, spectators come from near and far to enjoy the outdoor weekend. “The Grand Haven State Park campground fills up almost as soon as reservations are allowed to be made” says Negen. “We love it that people come every year. It’s great that they enjoy the festival and bring their friends and families.”

The weekend always includes kites that are bigger than school buses, and performances all day on Saturday and Sunday, The biggest crowd pleasers are the performers. They fly routines as individuals or as teams, choreographed to music. “Think the Blue Angels set to music” says Negen.

A tentative schedule of events can be found at www.mackite.com, but all events are reliant on weather conditions.