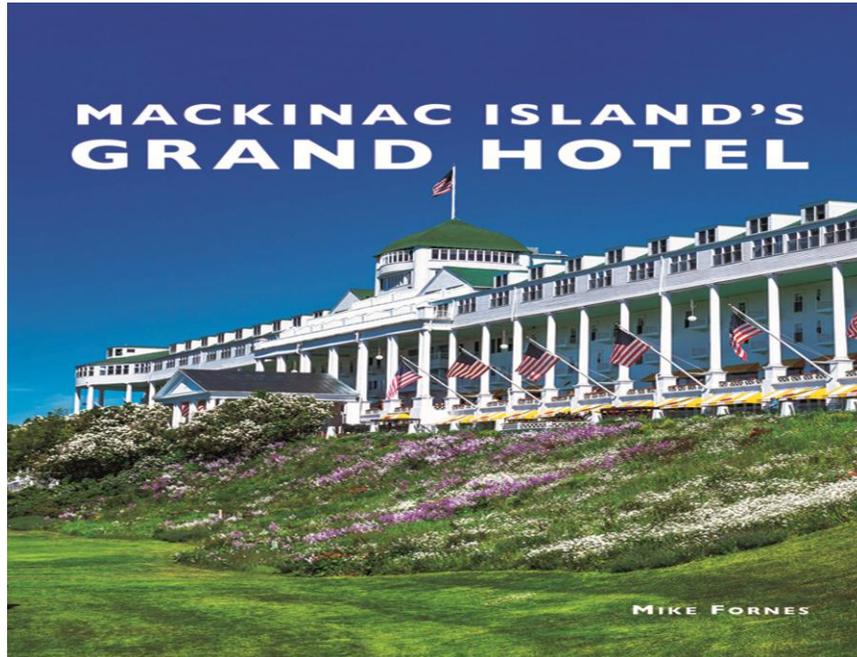


# Mike Fornes

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## *Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel*



Grand Hotel is in its third century as "America's summer place." The ambiance of Mackinac Island combines with the hotel's ultimate level of hospitality, premiere dining, and five-star guest experience for an unforgettable stop on any visitor's itinerary. The setting itself has been captured by Hollywood on film, selected by politicians and the business community for conferences, and explored by those seeking relaxation and top-notch amenities for everything from weddings to family vacations. Grand Hotel has been named a National Historic Landmark and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In *Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel*, author Mike Fornes takes the reader up the red carpeted steps, through the doors, back to the past, behind the scenes, and to today's world of Mackinac Island finery. While operating the Straits Area Step-On Guide Service for three decades, Fornes has escorted many private tours, corporate organizations, and motor coach groups to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century mystique of Mackinac Island. He has also lectured and performed as a musician in Grand Hotel's theater.

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### About the Author

Mike Fornes covered the Straits of Mackinac for more than 25 years for several media outlets in Northern Michigan, including radio and television stations and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune. A resident of Mackinaw City, Fornes is frequently in demand as a guest speaker and presenter to tour groups, cruise ship organizations and historical societies. He has given more than 2,000 tours of the Mackinac Bridge, the USCGC Mackinaw and Grand Hotel from motorcoaches, cruise boats and shore-based presentations. He is also the author of "*Mackinac Bridge – A 50 Year Chronicle 1957-2007*" and "*Mackinac Bridge*" both published in 2007, and "*USCGC Mackinaw (WAGB-83)*," published in 2005, and "*USCGC Mackinaw (WLBB-30)*," published in 2015. Mike is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan.

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### Booking Details

**\*Fee: \$300 \*Program length: 75 minutes \*All equipment provided**

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