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Making dreams a reality

Charles W. Jansen authors new book on achieving the dream of becoming a Mackinac Island property owner

Have you ever dreamed of becoming a resident of Michigan's magnificent Mackinac Island?

Author Charles W. Jansen is living that dream. His new book, "Dreams of Mackinac," takes readers on his journey of discovery, sharing his decades-long love of the island and how he is working to make his dream of owning a home and living on Mackinac Island a reality.

Whether you live on the island or just visit for a brief time, it doesn't take long to immerse yourself in the Victorian surroundings and feel as if you've been transported to another era, which in some respects is exactly what happened to the author.

Visiting Mackinac Island is like stepping back into 19th Century America. Horses and bicycles are the primary means of travel; no cars, trucks or trains distract from the beauty and simplicity of the surroundings.

"Seeing Mackinac Island in-person for the first time as a 19-year-old newlywed on my first leave from the Air Force left me with an enduring impression, the significance of which I wasn't able to comprehend at the time," Jansen said. "Nonetheless, the seed was planted. I didn't know it would take another 30 years to grow into the full-fledged obsession I have with Mackinac Island and its way of life."

The obsession led to his authoring this 96-page, full-color, softcover book, which is ultimately about following a dream.

"My dream is simply this: to become a resident of Mackinac Island and to live the lifestyle I have only imagined for the past three decades," he added.

Jansen was born and raised in Fort Gratiot, Michigan. He married his wife, Aneta, in 1975 and they have two grown children and several grandchildren. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he has a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. After retiring from the Air Force and returning to Michigan in 1996, he worked as a Quality Manager in the automotive industry until 2001. He currently works in the mortgage/real estate industry.

To learn more about Jansen's dream, and to acquire your own copy of "Dreams of Mackinac" contact Charles W. Jansen, P.O. Box 596312, Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059-6312, or visit his website, www.dreamsofmackinac.com. The book costs \$15.95, plus 6 percent Michigan sales tax and \$4.95 for shipping and handling.

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