



Fort Gratiot Light Station Sand Sculpting Festival and Competition

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BLUE WATER SANDFEST CANCELLED FOR 2020

Rescheduled for August 6-8, 2021.

Port Huron, MI – April 6, 2020 – The Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light regretfully announce the cancelation of Blue Water SandFest, which had been scheduled for August 7-9, 2020.

For the past seven years, SandFest has been a family-friendly event held at the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park, bringing visitors to the park from St. Clair County and all around the world to watch Master, Advanced Amateur and Amateur sand sculptors compete in the Michigan State Championships of sand sculpting.

SandFest serves as a fundraiser to support the historic restoration of the buildings and grounds at the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park. According to David Brooks, Chairman of the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light, "although a lot of planning has been done, and some funds have been raised through sponsorships, the majority of available sponsorship money in the community will and should be directed towards local and national relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to bringing the event back next year bigger and better than ever."

The dates for SandFest next year are August 6-8, 2021. New events planned for this year will be added to next year's event, including an arts & crafts show and Corn Hole competition.

About Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light

Working Together to Keep the Light Burning Bright - The Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light (FFGL) share a passion for the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park that has exhibited itself in many ways over the years. At first, the focus was financial to support restoration on the oldest lighthouse in Michigan, the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse. Once that goal was met, the focus shifted to the other historic buildings and the grounds of the park. This created a growing opportunity for volunteers to fulfill their passion by continuing fundraising along with supplying physical labor and guidance in the restoration effort.

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