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Bowers Harbor Inn's Chef Paul Olson shows his flair for local food

June 24, 2009, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN – Chef Paul Olson of Old Mission Peninsula's Bower's Harbor Inn, will be featured among the culinary talents at the first-ever **Summer Celebration** party, presented by the Michigan Land Use Institute's Taste the Local Difference initiative.

With a focus on locally-grown foods and plenty of tantalizing dishes to taste, the event runs from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, 100 Grand Traverse Village, Acme, Mich. Summer Celebration offers patrons a chance to meet the area's finest chefs, farmers and food producers.

"I am so pleased to have the opportunity to participate in an event that focuses on fresh, local fare," said Olson, who joined Bowers Harbor Inn in April 2008. "I am a firm believer in using high quality local ingredients in our dishes and will present some of those at the Summer Celebration."

Executive Chef Ted Cizma will present live cooking demonstrations and patrons will have a chance to sample a variety of wine and beer. The Glenn Wolff/Angelo Meli Trio will provide live entertainment.

Tickets to the event are \$10. Space is limited. To purchase tickets or learn more about Summer Celebration, call (231) 534-6430 or send e-mail to conciierge@gtresort.com.

The Bowers Harbor Inn is located at 13512 Peninsula Drive on the Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City. It was built in the 1880s and remodeled in the 1920s as a retreat for Chicago lumber baron J.W. Stickney and his wife. In 1974 the Inn was transformed into a fine dining establishment. In 2006 Jon Carlson and Greg Lobdell purchased the property to preserve it as a significant historic site and award-winning restaurant. Call (231) 223-4222 or visit www.bowersharborinn.net.

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