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DOROTHY DRAPER & COMPANY, INC. OPENS OFFICE AT GRAND HOTEL ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Dorothy Draper & Company celebrates its more than 40-year partnership with Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan by opening an office as the hotel opens its 2024 summer season on May 3th.

Among the many memories Grand Hotel guests love to share are descriptions of the hotel's vibrant look. The iconic colors and patterns that grace their guest rooms and public areas are the masterful creations of distinguished icon Carleton Varney, one of America's best-known and most accomplished interior designers. Since 1976, Carleton Varney's creative eye and hand have impacted almost every inch of the hotel. His design philosophy stresses the use of bold, bright colors, large imposing stripes, and audacious floral patterns. His placement of art and antiques from many different time periods and styles helped create the hotel's unique aesthetic. Mr. Varney carefully crafted a look that was elegant but not too serious. He captured the spirit of the hotel as a fun summer place, always comfortable and with impeccable style. Mr. Varney's son, Sebastian Varney, President of Dorothy Draper & Company, along with Dorothy Draper & Company Design Director Rudy Saunders are continuing his legacy.

The space will allow the Dorothy Draper team a place while at the hotel to operate, conduct meetings, and connect with guests. Located on the Lobby Level by the Service Desk allows for guests of the hotel to meet and interact with members of the Dorothy Draper team. Appointments can be made or visit by chance on your next visit to Grand Hotel.

About Dorothy Draper & Company

Founded in 1925 Dorothy Draper & Company is one of the oldest continually operating design firms in the United States creating interiors, furnishings, fabrics and accessories that excite and delight. Dorothy Draper was the first to professionalize interior design and her work continues to inspire today. She is the only interior designer to have had a major museum retrospective of her work, receiving over one million visitors in 2006 at the Museum of the City of New York. From 1966 until his death in 2022 Carleton Varney was president of Dorothy Draper & Company and is considered one of the best known and most accomplished designers in the U.S. He helped shape the way we see the world through his iconic hospitality designs, including The Greenbrier in White

Sulphur Springs, WV; Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island; and The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. In 2022 Varney's son, Sebastian Varney, became President of Dorothy Draper & Company.

About Grand Hotel

Celebrating its 138th season in 2024, Grand Hotel is an iconic and storied property with deep roots on Mackinac Island in Northern Michigan and widely recognized as “America’s Summer Place.” First opened in 1887, Grand Hotel is now a registered National Historic Landmark that welcomes generations of travelers each season. The resort offers 388 signature rooms and suites – of which no two are the same – alongside 13 unique culinary concepts and a host of amenities, including The Jewel golf course, renowned gardens, The Grand Hotel Stables, and the Esther Williams swimming pool. In 2022, the property debuted a new multi-million-dollar recreational facility, The Woodlands Activity Center, with mini-golf, greenhouse, bike rentals, pickleball, and more. For more information, visit www.grandhotel.com.