

# Grand Hotel



WORLD'S LARGEST SUMMER HOTEL



MACKINAC ISLAND

**Margaret Musser Cunningham  
Vice President  
Grand Hotel**

Margaret (Mimi) Cunningham is Vice President of Grand Hotel, a 390-room historic hotel built in 1887 on Michigan's Mackinac Island, where no motorized vehicles are permitted and horse-drawn carriages are the preferred modes of transportation. Along with her brother Dan Musser, III, Mimi is part of the third generation of Musser family ownership and operation of Grand Hotel, the world's largest summer resort.

Mimi manages the retail outlets at the hotel which include buying inventory during the winter and merchandising every spring. When starting in 1983, there were three shops in operation, today she is responsible for managing fourteen outlets. She works very closely with Carleton Varney, Grand Hotel's longtime interior designer on design projects at the hotel. She also assists with the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Exhibits and organizes the hotel's summer Children's Programs. In addition, she oversees the yearly planning for the hotel's gardens and works with Grand Hotel's Executive Chef on menus for the Main Dining Room and six off-site restaurants. When she has time, she works in Grand Hotel's floral shop, Margaret's Garden as a floral designer which is something she is very passionate about.

Since joining Grand Hotel full time in 1984, Mimi has held a variety of positions to gain a thorough understanding of all aspects of the hotel. She held positions in housekeeping, food and beverage, hotel shops and convention sales. Since the beginning, she has chaired the Scholarship Committee for Mackinac Island High School students which she is very active in today. Before Grand Hotel, she worked at The Ritz Carlton in Boston.

Mimi received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 1982. She lives on Mackinac Island during the hotel's season and in East Lansing, Michigan the remainder of the year.