

# WOLF'S EYE



Isle Royale Natural History Association

Summer 1995

## SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

These are the programs for the annual meeting of the Isle Royale Natural History Association at Rock Harbor on July 28-30, 1995.

### Friday July 28th

**1:30P.M.** Project Lakewell Voyageurs will be doing an interpretive program on the Ranger III.

**8:00P.M.** Raspberry Island/Sunset Cruise on the M.V. Sandy. Charge \$9.25. The Sandy leaves from the lodge dock and goes to Raspberry Island first and then around Blake Point for sunset over the Sleeping Giant. Sign up at the Lodge Office.

**8:30P.M.** Interpretive Program at the Auditorium at Rock Harbor.

### Saturday July 29th

**9:00A.M. - 1:30P.M.** Edisen Fishery/Rock Harbor Lighthouse Tour. Visit the historic commercial fishery site and take the quarter-mile walk to the newly renovated museum at the Rock Harbor Lighthouse. Sign up at the Lodge Office. Price-\$9.25.

**1:30 P.M.** Project Lakewell Voyageurs will be giving canoe rides ion Tobin Harbor. No charge.

**1:30P.M. - 2:30P.M.** Park Place Tour - The Rock Harbor Lodge first known as "Park Place" has a colorful history. Walk with a ranger back in time and learn of a rich Island resort era. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**2:30P.M.** Dockside Talk - A 15 minute discussion with a ranger about some aspect of Isle Royale's cultural or natural history.

**3:00P.M. - 6:00P.M.** Nature Walk with Bob Janke. Bob will lead a nature tour to Raspberry Island. Boats will leave from the Rock Harbor dock. No charge.

**8:30P.M.** Project Lakewell Voyageurs will be doing the Interpretive evening program at the Auditorium at Rock Harbor.

### Sunday July 30th

**9:00A.M. - Noon** Suzy's Cave Hike with Park Naturalist, Terry Lindsay. Terry will lead an expedition down Tobin Harbor to Suzy's Cave, a sea arch carved out by Lake Superior thousands of years ago. Bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Walk will start at the Visitor Center.

**1:30P.M. - 2:30P.M.** The Nature of Things - Join a ranger on a short guided walk, for a quick glance at the rich natural history that makes Isle Royale so special. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**1:30P.M.** Annual Membership Meeting at the Auditorium at Rock Harbor.

**2:00P.M.** *Superior Silhouettes* - Mary Ann Beckwith, Professor of Art at Michigan Technological University, President of the Midwest Watercolor Association, Artist-in-Residence juror and author of *Creative Watercolor: A Step-by-Step Guide and Showcase* will do a watercolor demonstration conveying her view of Isle Royale. An open discussion of her techniques and the residency program at Isle Royale will be covered.

**2:30P.M.** Dockside Talk - A 15 minute discussion with a ranger about some aspect of Isle Royale's cultural or natural history.

**4:00-4:30P.M.** Chicken Barbecue. Charge \$9.50. The annual outdoor barbecue will be held by the Guest House at Rock Harbor.

**8:30P.M.** Interpretive Program at the Auditorium.

## 1995 Election of Board Members

At the end of July, four of the seven current board members leave the board upon completion of their terms. The Board has decided that three of these four positions will be filled this year as a first step in preparing for annual (rather than the current biennial) elections — please see **“Proposed By-Laws Revisions”** on the next page.

In response to notices in *Wolf's Eye* announcing that board positions would be available, seventeen individuals responded with letters of willingness-to-serve by May 15, when nominations were closed by the Nominating Committee. Two additional such letters were received after that date. The Committee was faced with how to proceed—placing all 17 to stand for election would run the risk of no one “winning” with a majority. Therefore, eight individuals were chosen to be placed on the ballot—hopefully with a balanced mix of “local” and “distant” residences, and a balanced mix of background experience.

Following, listed in alphabetical sequence, are paragraphs excerpted from letters from the eight persons selected by the Committee to stand for election this year (the others will be retained for a future election year). All members of IRNHA are eligible to vote in this election—please select from among the following the **three** individuals of your choice to serve on the Board of Directors, each for a proposed three-year term. Ballot postcards are enclosed, preaddressed to the Nominating Committee (you may mail in an envelope if you so choose). **To be valid, ballots must be received by July 24, 1995.**

### **Alfred J. Angeli, Iron River, Michigan**

I attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1972. I presently own and operate three supermarkets with my brother and cousin in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin. Since first visiting Isle Royale on a family vacation almost forty years ago I have probably made close to thirty return trips. I have camped, hiked, fished, and boated both ends of the Island and many places in between. During these years I have seen many changes, not all of them I think, for the better. I love Isle Royale and hope that my children as well as other future visitors will be able to enjoy the Island as I have. By serving on the board of our association perhaps I can better help this to occur. With our world changing so much and so fast it is comforting to continue to have an experience such as Isle Royale provides.

### **John H. Anderson, Duluth, Minnesota**

I would be interested in serving the association as a board member. I believe my experience in business and environmental organizations and projects could be of value to the Board. The following provides some background. Business experience: Vice President and Financial Consultant of Merrill Lynch; Board of Directors, Duluth Chamber of Commerce. Environmental Experience: Chairperson, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute; Advisory Board, Northland College; Board of Directors, Lake Superior Center USA—Vice Chair of Programs and International Committees; President, Lake Superior Water Trail Association of Minnesota; Co-Leader, Superior-Baikal Connect Expedition (Lake Baikal in Siberia and Lake Superior in North America), with a presentation on this to IRNHA's Annual Meeting. Isle Royale has always been a very special place to me. I worked at Rock Harbor Lodge as a boat pilot from 1970-1975. Over the years I met and became friends with many Island residents and have spent considerable time sea kayaking and hiking the park. Our family has been members of the Association for many years.

### **Scott J. Bradley, Rhinelander, Wisconsin**

I am employed by the Rhinelander Telephone Company where I am responsible for the budgeting, design and construction of the outside plant facilities (fiber optic and copper cables, poles, buildings, property acquisition, etc.). When time permits, I enjoy fishing, hunting, wilderness canoeing, hiking and photography. I am also on the Citizens Advisory Board of our local public radio station (WXPR). And for the past four years I have been the local coordinator of the BRADAAWR (Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River) bicycle tour. While I have backpacked and canoed on the island, my chief interest lies in off-shore sport fishing for lake trout and “coasters” (lake-run brook trout). Isle Royale has one of the few remaining Lake Superior sites that has a viable, but threatened, coaster population. I believe the IRNHA must take a pro-active position with regard to the Park's establishment of it's general management plan. I also believe that IRNHA's input into this process can help temper the “politics” that could easily turn this process into a no-win situation. As we approach the year 2000, it is imperative that we “dig in” and do everything possible to protect this valuable resource.

### **Charles E. Finch, University City, Missouri**

My interest in Isle Royale started about 20 years ago when my eldest son learned about the “wolves and moose” from his junior high school biology teacher. He convinced us that we should visit the park and within a year we had figured out and made the necessary reservations for transportation and lodging. About 10 years ago, we started visiting Isle Royale on an annual basis. Eight years ago I bought a 40 lb. Kevlar canoe, which has enabled my eldest son and me to portage all of the designated trails and lakes. Although our “homebase” has always been the Rock Harbor area, my wife and I have camped at the Windigo end of the island, including an overnight at Huginnin Cove. Both of my sons have backpacked most of the trails from one end of the island to the other and we have obtained permission for some off-trail “bushwhacking.” Several years ago we joined the IRNHA as Life Members and in recent years we have provided financial support for the Artist-in-Residence program. I am currently a member of the National Parks and Conservation Association and have learned a great deal about legislation and related problems from reading *National Parks*.

### **Peg Gardner, Dollar Bay, Michigan**

Reading your last publication of *Wolf's Eye* I noticed that you have openings for new board members. I am interested. I have been a resident of the Hancock-Dollar Bay area for over 40 years. I am retired and am an active senior citizen. I have visited Isle Royale numerous times—took my Girl Scouts on a hiking trek one summer. I enjoy the Island very much. This would give me an opportunity to get involved and know more about the Island.

### **Kenneth E. Rowe, Calumet, Michigan**

As a long time Isle Royale National Park enthusiast and supporter, I would like to be considered for election to the board of Directors of the Isle Royale Natural History Association. My family has strong ties to the island and the park because of our connection with the mining on the island in the 1870s. I am very interested in the future of the park, and in particular, the interpretation of the park and its future. I believe I can bring the perspective of a frequent visitor who understands the importance of the Association.

### **Eddie Soloway, San Francisco, California**

I strongly believe that each of us should help champion the efforts to preserve and help educate people about a particular wild place. For myself, there is no place that I know as well and feel as strongly about as Isle Royale. Last autumn I spent eight days paddling the interior of the island. It was my tenth visit since I was ten, the fourth in the last four years—two of which were with the Artist-in-Residence program, and the visit that convinced me to become more involved. I believe that my fifteen years with the Institute for Earth Education (developing educational programs and conducting teacher workshops), my continuing work on the book helping people experience the natural world with fresh new eyes, and my current work with my photographic print business can all be of help in furthering IRNHA's goals of publishing and selling educational materials.

### **Doug Welker, Pelkie, Michigan**

I have been an Isle Royale visitor on several occasions over the past 10 years or so, primarily as a backpacker and canoe-camper. The island's isolation, wilderness character, and history are fascinating to me, and my background in geology and natural history gives me a real appreciation of the natural world I see there. My current primary line of work is as a Wilderness Ranger for the Ottawa National Forest in Kenton, Michigan, and for that reason I have a strong interest in preserving and interpreting the island's wilderness. I have also held college and high school teaching positions. Earlier this year, I attended the Park Service's initial planning meeting for the new General Management Plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am experienced as a board member in non-profit organizations, having held numerous board and officer positions and having attended several board member training sessions. I am currently a board member of three organizations, and an officer in two of them.

## **Proposed By-Laws Revisions**

### **Two Basic Revision Items of the By-Laws are Proposed Below:**

#### **1. To Resolve Problems Associated with Board Member Turnover and Continuity**

- a. To prevent a situation in which half or more of the Board members complete their terms of office in the same year—thus leaving the Board with too few members of long experience, and the resultant loss of "institutional memory."
- b. To "even-out" the turnover of Board members on a regular basis, with a staggered election schedule.

Current by-laws call for a Board consisting of 5-to-11 members. Members may serve two terms, the first of which is for two years and the second of which is for four years. Elections are held every two years. This has resulted in an occasional year when over half of the board leaves office—such as this year, 1995.

To resolve these issues, it is proposed that Article IV, Sections 1, 2, and 3, be revised as indicated below, and the elimination of the current Section 4 of this article.

- B. The terms of office of the directors shall be for three (3) years. These terms shall be staggered in such manner as will allow three (3) directors to be elected each year.
- C. Elections for directors shall take place during the final year of the expiring terms.
- D. An elected Board director may serve no more than two (2) three-year terms, consecutively. Any director who, for any reason, serves less than a two year term shall be eligible to serve two full three-year terms, consecutively, in addition to any term of less than two years that he/she has served.
- E. Any directorship that becomes vacant prior to the expiration of its term may be filled by appointment by the remaining Board. The term of office for such an appointed director shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term being filled; however, the person filling such unexpired term shall be eligible for reelection upon the completion of the stated term, subject to the restriction stated in Subsection D above.
- F. Elected Directors, and appointed Officers, shall assume their offices, duties, and responsibilities on August 1st following their election.

#### **Article IV—Organization and Administration**

**Section 1. General.** The Association shall have the following:

- A. A Board of Directors consisting of nine members elected by the membership. The elected Board shall elect a Chairman and a Treasurer from among those elected to the Board by the Membership.
- B. An Association Coordinator who shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Isle Royale National Park with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- C. An Executive Director who shall be hired by the Board of Directors.
- D. Other employees, as determined necessary by the Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Composition of the Board of Directors.** Only a qualified voting member may become a director of the Association. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members.

**Section 3. Method for the Election of Board Members.** The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership of the Association in the following manner:

- A. Annual Elections. Beginning in 1996, an annual election of Board members shall occur in the early summer of each year.

#### **2. To Assist the Park to Alleviate Crowded Conditions During Heavy Visitor Use Periods**

The last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August are the heaviest visitor season weeks at Isle Royale. IRNHA's by-laws call for the annual meeting to be held at the peak of this heavy visitor use—the last Sunday of July. It is proposed to change the by-laws to give flexibility to our annual meeting date, which could help alleviate crowded conditions at this time of the season. The proposed change follows.

#### **Article V—Membership Meetings**

The Association shall hold an Annual Membership Meeting during the summer months at an appropriate place and time as determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meeting date shall be announced no later than November of the previous year, and the agenda for that meeting shall be given by mail to all members of the Association at least one month prior to the meeting date by newsletter or by special mailed notice. The Chairman shall conduct the meeting, and shall arrange for the presentation of the annual report of the Association's activities and its plans for the future. The Executive Director and/or Treasurer of the

business at the Annual Membership Meeting. Unless otherwise stated in these by-laws, meetings will be conducted according to "Rules of Order" by Henry M. Robert.

The chart below illustrates the annual election plan for Board Directors in the by-laws revisions proposed on the preceding page.

| <b>IRNHA ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR BOARD DIRECTORS</b>                 |           |           |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>A Nine Member Board of Directors • 3-Year Terms • Staggered</b> |           |           |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>ELECTION YEAR →</b>                                             | <b>95</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>97</b>   | <b>98</b>   | <b>99</b>   | <b>2000</b> | <b>01</b>   |
| <b>3 YEARS TO SERVE →</b>                                          | 8/95-7/98 | 8/96-7/99 | 8/97-7/2000 | 8/98-7/2001 | 8/99-7/2002 | 8/2000-7/03 | 8/2001-7/04 |
| <b>Incumbent's<br/>NAME</b>                                        |           |           |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>1</b><br>_____                                                  | <b>E</b>  |           |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |             | <b>E</b>    |
| <b>2</b><br>_____                                                  | <b>E</b>  |           |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |             | <b>E</b>    |
| <b>3</b><br>_____                                                  | <b>E</b>  |           |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |             | <b>E</b>    |
| <b>4</b><br>_____                                                  |           | <b>E</b>  |             |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |             |
| <b>5</b><br>_____                                                  |           | <b>E</b>  |             |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |             |
| <b>6</b><br>_____                                                  |           | <b>E</b>  |             |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |             |
| <b>7</b><br>_____                                                  |           |           | <b>E</b>    |             |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |
| <b>8</b><br>_____                                                  |           |           | <b>E</b>    |             |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |
| <b>9</b><br>_____                                                  |           |           | <b>E</b>    |             |             | <b>R-E</b>  |             |

(E)=Newly Elected Director  
(R-E)=Incumbent Director eligible for reelection.