

WOLF'S EYE



Isle Royale Natural History Association

Winter 1997

About the Park

Greetings from the deepfreeze of the Upper Peninsula. We are all working hard at planning for the visitor season at the park. Snow is heavy again this year and we are hoping that we do not set any records. The depth of the snow affects the island moose herd, but, the length of the winter—and food not being available in early spring—is more critical to moose survival. The length of the winter with snow and ice hanging on until mid-May was the primary cause of the moose mortality that occurred last spring.

We will be completing two major construction projects at Windigo this year. We put in the foundation for a new visitor center last fall. It is on the opposite side of the trail, across from the present comfort station. We will incorporate the Rock of Ages Lighthouse fresnel lens and base into the new building. It should be a striking entrance to view the lens on its base as a visitor walks in. We will demolish the present visitor center. This should really help to "clean-up" the waterfront. We will also complete the fourplex that was begun in 1996. This will give us some badly needed modern housing and allow supervisors to have living space separate from the persons that they supervise. Both structures are being constructed entirely with donated funds from the Isle Royale Employees Housing Initiative and matching funds from National Park Service housing initiative matching funds. The principle funding came from Kellogg and C. S. Mott Foundation grants.

As you have probably heard, Isle Royale will be charging a daily user fee this year. This is different from an entrance fee normally charged at many national park areas. The fee will be \$4.00 per person per day. We are presently working-out methods of collection, and contemplating season passes, FAX and written requests to pay ahead. We are part of a servicewide program of 100 parks in this fee demonstration program. Congress has mandated that park users begin to pay more of the cost for parks. We conservatively

estimate that we can collect and use in the park 80- to 100-thousand dollars through the program. We will not receive this funding until the year **following** our first year—so, the funding will arrive in fiscal year 1998 (which begins October 1st, 1997). We have committed the park to invest this funding in the maintenance/repair of the trails and docks. We believe that every visitor to the park uses these facilities in varying degrees and that this will give us the most bang for the buck.

Winter study is commencing the week of January 13, and we hope to give you some results in the next Wolf's Eye.

We appreciate your continuing support.

Douglas Barnard, Superintendent

1997 Artist-in-Residence Program

Applications are being accepted through February 15 for this summer's Artist-In-Residence program on Isle Royale. Co-sponsored by Isle Royale National Park, IRNHA, and the Copper Country Arts Council, the program offers artists the opportunity to become part of a long established tradition of interpreting the national parks through works of art.

Writers, composers, and all visual and performing artists are invited to apply for the two-to-three week residencies on the island. The selected artists are given the use of a canoe and a rustic cabin, as well as free passage to the island on the Ranger III. Participating artists are asked to share their experience with the public by giving a lecture or demonstration during their stay and by contributing an art piece representative of their residency.

A panel of park representatives and professionals from various art disciplines will choose the finalists. The selection is based on artistic integrity, ability to reside in a wilderness environment, and the artist's ability to relate and interpret the park through their art medium. The program is open to all art forms except those that manipulate or disturb the park's frag-

ile environment.

For further information or to receive an application package, please call 906-487-7152.

Greetings from new Executive Director

After four months on the job as AIRNHA Executive Director, I welcome this opportunity to say hello and thank you to all of you who support the work of the Isle Royale Natural History Association. I am pleased and proud to be working on your behalf to strengthen our support of Isle Royale National Park and to spread the word of the natural and historical wonders of this very special place.

I come to IRNHA after ten years working for public radio, and I well know the importance of membership support of non-profit organizations like ours. I know that it is more important than ever that we find non-government ways of supporting the institutions we value, and it is clear to me that IRNHA members place tremendous value on Isle Royale. Every day I talk to people who call to order our products and stay on the line to share their very special memories of time spent on the island.

You and many others who are not yet members of IRNHA share a deep love for the experience that is Isle Royale, and that enthusiasm, along with a very clear and important mission, make this organization strong and vital. I hope in my tenure with the IRNHA to build on those strengths to increase our support of Isle Royale National Park by expanding our product sales and adding to our membership roles. Toward that goal we are making plans to get our publications out in stores throughout the upper midwest and on the internet as well. We also hope to reach out to present and potential members to help us begin to build an IRNHA endowment that will secure our financial future.

I am very optimistic about the future of IRNHA, and I look forward to working for you and with you. I hope you will

share your suggestions and expertise in working with me to meet our mission to aid and promote the historical, scientific, visitor service, educational and interpretive activities of Isle Royale National Park.

Our office in the Visitor Center in Houghton is always open to you, and you can reach us by phone at 800-678-6925 or by e-mail at irnha@portup.com. I look forward to meeting many of you this

summer at our annual meeting on the island.

Sincerely,
Jill Burkland
Executive Director

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws—Winter 1996-97

The Board has proposed changes in the by-laws that will alleviate confusion concerning the title "Chairman," that is used both for "Chairman of the Board" and "Committee Chairman." The proposed changes are: The term "President of the Board" will replace "Chairman of the Board," and "Committee Chairman" will henceforth be termed "Committee Chair." These changes will be applied to all appropriate sections of the By-Laws.

These by-laws changes will take effect in 30 days following publication of this notice providing that no valid objections are received from the membership.

Copies of the By-Laws will be sent to members who request them.

Nominations needed for Annual Election of Board Members

Two members of the Board—President John Dunn and Personnel Committee Chair Bill Rose—complete their second terms as Board members and are not eligible for re-election at this time. The Board's newest member, Nancy Leonard, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of George Anast, will run unopposed for a three-year term.

For each nominee we need a short biographical sketch indicating educational background or some indication of the nominee's expertise, current employment, a statement indicating why you believe the person (who may be yourself) is qualified to hold a position on the Board, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address if available.

Board members are expected to attend Board meetings held in Houghton, Michigan, three times a year, and on Isle Royale once a year in July.

The election will be held in May 1997, and we need nominations no later than March 1st. Send nominations to Executive Secretary, IRNHA, Isle Royale National Park, 800 E. Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931.

Isle Royale

Natural History Association

800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI
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Membership Categories

Individual Membership	\$10.00
Family Membership	\$15.00
Supporting Membership	\$35.00
Life Membership	\$250.00
Corporate Sponsor	\$1,000.00
Corporate Patron	\$5,000.00

Life Memberships may be paid in two annual installments of \$125.00 each.

Board of Directors

John Dunn, President; Doug Welker, Treasurer; Alfred Angeli; David Duchamp; Nancy Leonard; Bob Linn; Gary Pethe; Bill Rose; Charles Zamzow. Nadine Janke, Board Secretary.

Staff

Jill Burkland, Executive Director; Lorie Honrath and Lauren Rastello, Membership and Mail Order Managers.

Visitor Center Christmas Sale

We broke with a five-year tradition this Christmas; rather than taking our books and shirts to the mall, we invited our customers to come to us—at the Visitor Center. We held a special holiday open house on December 7 in conjunction with the Poor Artists Sale which is held each year next door to the visitor center in Dee Stadium. We decorated the center, put out all of our merchandise and had hot cider and cookies for our visitors. We had about 350 people come through the center and we sold over \$2000 worth of books, shirts, and videos. We held a drawing for a free sweat shirt and from that gleaned many names for future contacts. (The winner of the drawing was Ida Allan of Pelpie, MI.)

By holding our Christams sales at the Visitor Center we bring in many people who have never been to the center before. It's our hope that they will continue to visit us here throughout the year. Although we probably cannot expect the volume of sales we have had at the mall, we believe that our net profits will be up

and there will be a year-around impact.

We hope to continue and expand this new holiday tradition by being open all four Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas next year.

Don Anderson—1926-1997

We are saddened to announce that long-time Isle Royale employee Don Anderson died in Marquette, Michigan on January 13, after having suffered a stroke the previous week. We was 70 years old.

Don began his 23-year career on the island in 1965, and worked in a variety of jobs, seasonally for eleven years and then as a permanent employee from 1976 until his retirement in 1988. As the Utility Systems Repairer Operator, Don was responsible for appliances, water, sewage, and heating systems on the island. Don was well known and respected for his tireless dedication to serving park staff and visitors and for his ever-present wit and humor. Don and his wife Jan have been life members of IRNHA since 1987. Many of you will remember them from our annual summer meetings on the island, which they never missed.

We are very pleased to announce that we have just published our second printing of *Diary of an Isle Royale School Teacher*, the account of Dorothy Simonson's days as a school teacher on the island in the winter of 1932-33. *The Diary* has been one of our best selling books since it was first printed.

Another of our favorite books, *The Life of Isle Royale*, is being revised. The manuscript by Napier Shelton has been completed and was edited by association member Russell Tabbert. Christina Watkins, who designed our award-winning *Isle Royale: Moods, Magic & Mystique*, is working on the design for the new book. The book, under a new title, probably *Superior*

We have two projects underway with artists from our Artists-in-Residence program. Alain Briot, who works in computer photography is designing a new sweatshirt for us and painter Tyke Ganz has donated an image of wolves, ravens, and birch trees for what should be a very striking new poster. Check upcoming newsletters for photos and order blanks.

Sweatshirts	\$20.00
Tee-Shirts.....	\$14.00
Kids' Sweatshirts.....	\$12.00
Kids' Tee-Shirts.....	\$ 9.00



The Diary of an Isle Royale School Teacher



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Summer 1997 Park Reservations

Some important dates for those of you who are planning to travel to the Island this summer

- ❖ **Immediately** Reservations for **Ranger III** taken by phone, mail, fax, or in person.
- ❖ **February 3** Group camping reservations taken by fax or mail.
- ❖ **February 18** Group camping reservations taken by phone, mail, fax, or in person.

Phone number: 906-482-0984
Fax number: 906-482-8753
Address: 800 E. Lakeshore Dr, Houghton, MI 49931

- ❖ **Immediately** Reservations for **Isle Royale Queen** taken by phone, mail, fax, or in person.

Phone number: 906-289-4437
Fax number: 906-289-4952
Address: Box 24, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

- ❖ **Immediately** Reservations for **Voyageur II** and **Wenonah** taken by phone, mail, or in person.

Phone number: 715-392-2100
Address: 1507 N. First St., Superior, WI 54880

- ❖ **Late May** Reservations for **Seaplane** taken by phone.
- ❖ **Immediately** Reservations for **Seaplane** taken by mail.

Phone number: 906-482-8850
Address: PO Box 371, Houghton, MI 49931

Save These Dates

July 12-13

Summer Membership Meeting
Rock Harbor, Isle Royale

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