

Wolf's Eye



ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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Letter from Acting Superintendent

Although buried in snow with signs of spring still a long way off, the winter staff of Isle Royale is busy with developing work plans and making preparations for the summer's activities. As normal, plans are ambitious. It is challenging to balance a short season and available funding constraints with a lengthy list of needed work projects. The following are just a few highlights on the agenda this summer.

As has been the case for the past few years, the park will continue to snip away at improving the condition of docks throughout the park. This year the dock crew will replace the Grace Island Dock. Additionally, the remaining three finger docks at Snug Harbor will be replaced as well as the fuel dock at Windigo.

Campground improvements are expected at Moskey Basin, Siskiwit Bay, Caribou Island, Malone Bay and Chippewa Harbor Campgrounds. A three-year project started last year to rehabilitate trails in the Feldtmann area will be continued with completion of the Feldtmann reroute and other trail improvements. The Raspberry trail project will also be completed.

Ongoing work to develop and institute a wilderness management plan will continue throughout 2001. A variety of resource management projects are in the works including a study of moose herbivory impacts to the fire regime, a coaster brook trout inventory project, continued air quality monitoring, continued mapping and containment of exotic species and water quality studies of inland lakes.

In the cultural resource arena the upcoming season will see repair work on the Rock Harbor Lighthouse, Edison Fishery building painting and maintenance, re-roofing at Wright Island and project planning for Barnum Island, Crystal Cove, Fisherman's Home and Wright Island structures.

The park expects to enhance its protection of park resources by reaching full compliance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 for the first time this year. The final thrust includes the purchase of an inventory of oil spill response equipment and the staging of the equipment at the island's fuel transfer facilities. Staff training will continue on many aspects of oil spill response and the usage of the new equipment.

The search for a new Superintendent will begin soon and the expectation is that a new person will be in place by early summer. We at the park are looking forward to the beginning of a new era. It is our hope that we can continue to build on our existing relationships, enhance our partnerships and enter this millennium with a new vitality and vision for our mission at Isle Royale National Park. I thank you for your support during this transition period.

Elizabeth A. Rossini
Acting Superintendent

2001 Greenstone

The fourth annual issue of the Isle Royale Park newspaper, The Greenstone, has just come out.

This year's issue includes articles on the history of humans on Isle Royale, the new Backcountry and Wilderness

Management Plan, the park's aquatic invertebrate population, and the Edison Fishery, as well as an update on the wolf/moose populations, transportation and interpretive program schedules, a map and campground chart, a list of IRNHA publications and lots more. For the first time, all IRNHA current members will be sent a complimentary copy of the Greenstone. In order to receive your copy, make sure your membership is paid up for 2001! (See your mailing label for your membership expiration date.)



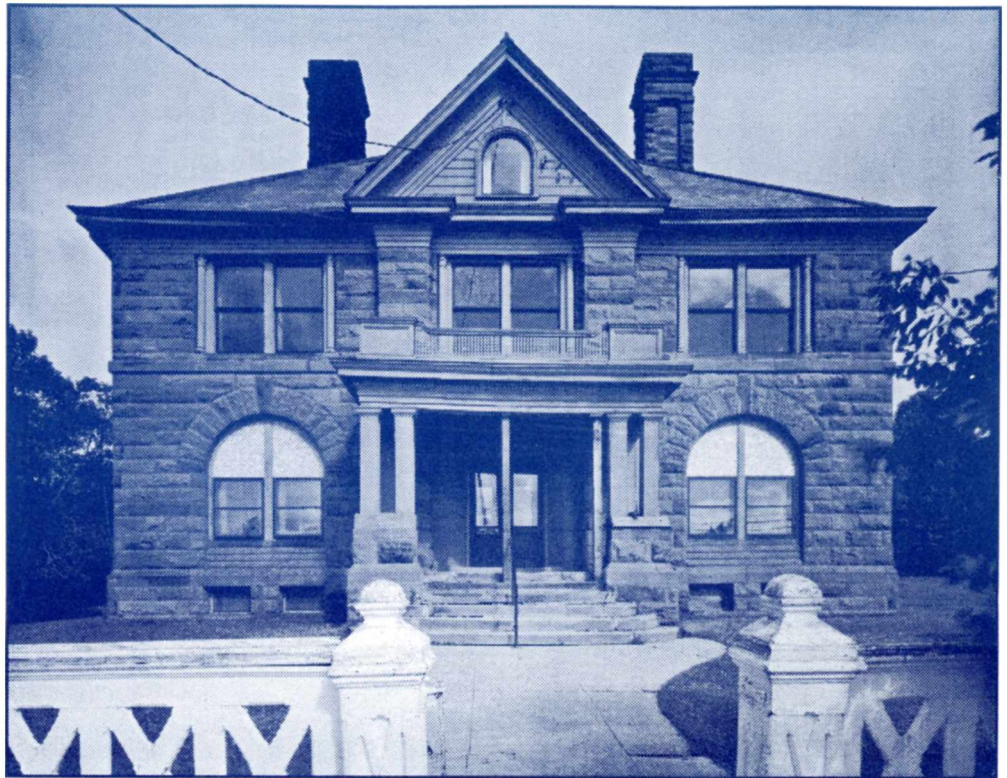
Park Wins Legal Case

The new General Management plan for Isle Royale passed its first legal challenge recently when a federal magistrate found a Michigan boater guilty of violating the park's new regulation on operating generators on boats. In a November decision, Federal Magistrate Timothy Greely found a Michigan boater guilty of operating his boat's generator on Aug. 31 within 100 yards of the Duncan Bay campground.

As part of the new General Management Plan, numerous Quiet/No Wake zones were established in protected bays and coves around the island in order to offer visitors quieter, more natural surroundings. Boats must travel no faster than 5mph through these areas and the use of stereos, portable generators, and televisions is prohibited at campground docks within these zones. Permanent boat generators may be operated in these areas between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. if the vessel is anchored a least a quarter-mile from an on-shore campground.

The Magistrate's ruling also determined that the National Park Service has the right to regulate navigable waters surrounding the islands of Isle Royale and rejected arguments that the generator rule was arbitrary, vague or unconstitutional.

The Isle Royale Boaters Association is continuing its court challenge to many of the restrictions in the new management plan.



Keweenaw Park Makes Building Purchases

The Keweenaw National Historical Park has purchased the second of several historic mining buildings that will form the core of the park's holdings in the Calumet and Quincy areas. In December the park purchased the Calumet and Hecla Administration Building on U.S. 41 in Calumet. The building, which presently serves as park headquarters, will be remodeled as an archives for park holdings and public use. IRNHA will operate a small sales area in this facility.

Other anticipated purchases include the Quincy Mine Pay Office on U.S. 41 in Hancock (pictured above), which presently houses IRNHA staff offices, and the former Calumet and Hecla Library Building in Calumet.

Federal funding for the park has nearly doubled for 2001, up to \$850,000 from \$490,000 in 2000.

From Our Members

Does anyone have the recipe for the barley bread that Esther "Ma" Townsend was famous for when she was head cook at Rock Harbor Lodge in the late 1950s and early 1960s? I would appreciate having it if you would be willing to share it. Thanks,

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If you have a question or something you'd like to share with the IRNHA membership in an upcoming issue of The Wolf's Eye, please send it to us by e-mail to irnha@irnha.org, or regular mail at 800 E. Lakeshore Dr, Houghton, MI 49931.

Board Members Needed

If you are a IRNHA member and are interested in becoming more involved, consider running for our Board of Directors. Three positions for the board will open up this summer. Board members are expected to attend two or three meetings each year in Houghton and a meeting every other year on Isle Royale. Members are also expected to serve on committees.

If you would like to be included in the upcoming election, please send a short biographical sketch indicating educational background and current employment as a well as a statement indicating why you believe you are qualified to hold a position on the board. Please also include your address and phone number. Nominations should be mailed no later than March 31 to IRNHA, 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931, or submitted by e-mail to jburkland@irnha.org.

Ballots will be distributed to all current members in May.

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HIGHLIGHTS

In 2000 IRNHA • Published *The Island Within Us; Isle Royale Artists in Residence 1991-1998*, a full color coffee-table book in hardcover and paperback. Our most ambitious publishing project to date, *The Island Within Us* has earned excellent reviews in magazines and newspapers throughout the country. Although printing costs were high, the book brought in record sales for Christmas 2000 • Planned and participated in Isle Royale's Millennium Celebration in Rock Harbor in July Events included a program and book signing by 16 past Isle Royale Artists in Residence, a history symposium, an afternoon of Isle Royale stories and reminiscences, performances by an Ojibway Drum Group, and an IRNHA membership picnic • Presented a program by Artists in Residence to a standing-room only audience at the Community Arts Center in Hancock in July • Participated with IRNP staff in a program on Isle Royale sponsored by the Lake Superior Center in Duluth, MN in January • Attended the bi-annual convention of the Association of Partners for Public Lands in Anchorage in March • Had a booth at the Great Lakes Book Sellers Association annual trade show in Toledo, OH in September • Increased our staff by adding a part-time position of Business and Membership manager • Moved IRNHA staff offices to the historic Paymaster Building in Hancock • Participated in the formation of a new Comprehensive Interpretive Plan for Keweenaw National Historical Park • Contributed \$18,500 to Isle Royale National Park for publications, exhibits and research • Contributed almost \$7,000 for staff assistance at Isle Royale visitor centers.

2000 Aid to Isle Royale National Park

Cash Contribution

Greenstone Newspaper	\$3,339
Free Park Brochures	\$3,027
Shipwreck Exhibit	\$2,125
Houghton VC Exhibit Fund	\$2,500
Designer Fee for The Island Within Us	\$4,554
Beaver Survey	\$900
Wilderness Plan Printing	\$682
Artist in Residence Program	\$642
Junior Ranger Program	\$398
Programs	\$180
Miscellaneous	\$206
	\$18,553

In-Kind Contributions

Staff Assistance at Visitor Centers	\$6,735
Administrative Assistance	\$2,000
Book and Map Donations	\$40
	\$8,775

Total Aid to the Park **\$27,328**

Statement of Income and Expense for Years Ended September 30:

Income	2000	1999
Sales Income	\$115,249	\$125,799
Member Dues	\$21,126	\$21,132
Donations/Grants	\$21,519	\$6,268
Interest	\$1,768	\$1,936
Shipping & Handling Income	\$4,682	\$5,097
Total Income	\$164,344	\$160,232
Expense		
Cost of Goods Sold	\$69,557	\$69,686
Operating Expense	\$99,526	\$85,086
Total Expense	\$169,083	\$154,772
Net Annual Income	(\$4,739)	\$5,460
Aid to Isle Royale Natl. Park	\$18,553	\$14,315
Net Increase/Decrease	(\$23,292)	(\$8,855)

Balance Sheets for 9/30

Assets

	2000	1999
Current Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$26,550	\$61,229
Receivables	\$5,108	\$2,114
Inventory	\$149,494	\$117,629
Total Current Assets	\$181,152	\$180,972
Fixed Assets (Equipment)	\$2,216	\$4,152
Total Assets	\$183,368	\$185,124

Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable	\$6,355	\$5,800
Payroll and Sales Tax Payable	\$2,243	\$542
Bank Loan	\$20,000	\$0
Total Current Liabilities	\$28,598	\$6,342
Equity	\$155,570	\$178,782
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$184,168	\$185,124

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Artists-in-Residence Collection at Great Lakes Aquarium

Each of the artists that participates in Isle Royale's Artists-in-Residence Program contributes a piece of work inspired by his or her stay on the island. The collection of paintings, drawings, photographs, poetry, and music has grown since 1991 to make up a beautiful and unusual collection of art. Many of the works from that collection are presented in our latest book *The Island Within Us: Isle Royale Artists in Residence 1991-1998*. Now the collection is reaching another audience through the Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth, MN. The exhibit of 35 works by 33 artists is on display now through May at the new aquarium in Canal Park.

Tom Beery, education coordinator at the aquarium worked with IRNP ranger Greg Blust and IRNHA director Jill Burkland to coordinate the exhibit and the opening program which featured poets James Armstrong and Louis Jenkins as well as musician Sheila Larkin. "We really want to elevate the idea that artistic expression is a legitimate way to learn about the lake...Lake Superior brings out artistic urges and expressions that teach the rest of us a great deal," Beery said.

Duluth arts writer Joan Farnum reviewed the exhibit. She writes, "Certainly the photos and paintings, as well as the poetry on

display, open up new ways of seeing this beautiful island. All kinds of views of the island sing through this display—moose, wolves, light filtering through pines onto rugged coastlines and moods of Lake Superior are just a few of the images that attracted artists. Writers and poets had a field day, too, responding to the island with passion and love."

The exhibit moves to the Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock, MI for June and July and on to the Muskegon Museum of Art in downstate Michigan in August and September.

ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Isle Royale Natural History Association, in partnership with the National Park Service, promotes the public's understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park.



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