

Wolf's Eye



ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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The Next Fifty Years:

Endowing the future of the Isle Royale Natural History Association

On July 28, 2002 at the annual membership meeting in Rock Harbor, Campaign Committee Chair Rolf Peterson and Committee member Chuck Boyle announced the kick-off of the Isle Royale Natural History Association Endowment Campaign. The Campaign will run for five years and will conclude on the 50th anniversary of IRNHA.

Since its inception in 1957, IRNHA has grown from a small organization of dedicated local people to an organization with 1000 members from many states and countries. Its activities in support of education, interpretation, and research have also grown. As the official education partner for Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park, IRNHA touches every park visitor in one way or another and extends the reach of these small parks through national outreach efforts.

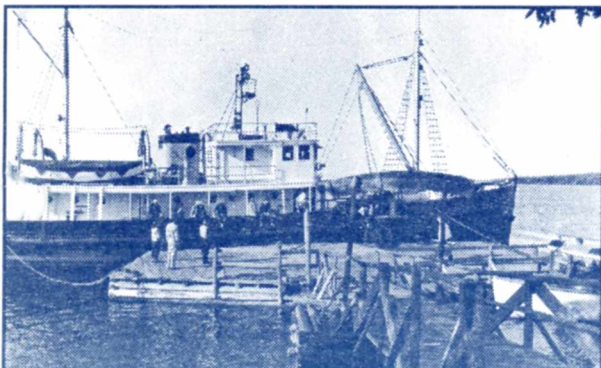
To date, IRNHA has been financed primarily through sales income, with significant help from member dues and donations. Publication, exhibit, and research costs have increased at a much greater rate than park visitation at Isle Royale or Keweenaw has or ever will. Annual income from sales, dues, and contributions, which are closely tied to visitor numbers, cannot keep pace with increased costs.

To help provide adequate funding to fulfill our mission in support of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park for our second 50 years, IRNHA is establishing the Isle Royale Natural History Association Endowment Fund.

This \$600,000 Endowment will provide approximately \$30,000 in annual income to help us expand our efforts in education, interpretation, preservation, conservation, and research.

The IRNHA Endowment will enable us to:

- Increase our publication rate by providing the funding needed to publish new books annually while reprinting past publications as needed. At present our list of anticipated publication projects far exceeds the funding available.
- Increase our financial support for interpretation and research projects at Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park.
- Increase our outreach by providing funds for year-around education efforts in the schools and communities of the Lake Superior Region.
- Improve services to our members by offering programs, speakers, field trips, an expanded Wolf's Eye newsletter, and improved Internet services.



A look back, the old Ranger II.

In the months and years to come IRNHA members will be asked to help in the effort to establish the IRNHA Endowment by making financial contributions, providing services, and helping us solicit gifts and grants from corporations, foundations, and individuals.



A field trip to the ISRO Wolf/Moose research center was a high point of the annual membership weekend. Pictured are IRNHA members & Candy Peterson (3rd from left) & Rolf Peterson (far right.)

Annual Membership Meeting July 27-28

We were once again fortunate to have a beautiful weekend on Isle Royale for the 2002 membership meeting and special events.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a Saturday morning field trip to Rolf and Candy Peterson's Wolf/Moose Research Center. About 35 IRNHA members took *The Sandy* to Edisen Fishery and hiked to the Peterson's where Rolf and Candy gave us a tour, answered questions, told stories, and treated us to homemade cinnamon bread.

Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. President Dave Duchamp called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and introduced IRNHA Board members, IRNHA staff, and NPS staff. President elect Christine Manninen gave the Publications report. Executive Director Jill Burkland gave the Financial Report and Committee chair Mark Gleason gave the Membership report. Charlie Zamzow announced the election results and introduced new board members Sara

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IRNHA Executive Director Jill Burkland & President Christine Manninen admire Rolf Peterson's moose antler collection.

Basso, Don Durfee, and Nelda Liebig. Jill Burkland, along with Campaign Committee members Rolf Peterson and Chuck Boyle, gave some history of the Association and announced the upcoming Endowment Campaign. (See story on this page.)

New IRNPS Superintendent Phyllis Green gave the Superintendent's Report which included information on the Park's

Wilderness Management Plan (see story on this page), the Aquatics and Fisheries Plan, several operational reviews in progress, renewal of the park concessions contracts, and maintenance updates on the Windigo dock, boat and motor upgrades, and trail maintenance.

Photographer and past Isle Royale Artist-in-Residence Dan Urbanski gave a beautiful slide and music program which was followed by a picnic behind the Rock Harbor Lodge.

Next summer's island meeting will be held the weekend of July 27, 2003. The mainland membership meeting will be held October 27 in conjunction with the Keweenaw National Historical Park's Tenth Anniversary celebration (see story on page 3). IRNHA meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to meet other IRNHA members and learn more about our parks and the association.

Plan now to attend!

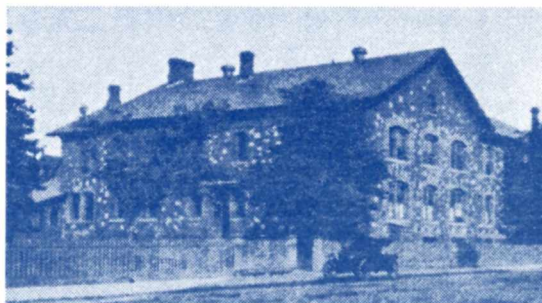
Facelift for C&H Building

It seems only fitting that the Keweenaw National Historical Park will celebrate a landmark event in conjunction with its first rehabilitation project. The focus of the project is the former Calumet & Hecla General Office Building, located at the corner of Calumet Avenue (US 41) and Red Jacket Road in Calumet. A product of four distinct building periods from 1887-1909, the cut stone structure now serves as park headquarters.

The National Park Service purchased the building in December 2000, and the rehabilitation planning effort that has taken place since then will be revealed just in time for the park's 10th Anniversary on October 27. A building rededication celebration is planned for that date.

Exterior rehabilitation work began this summer. The building will be scaffolded for the duration of the project, which will allow craftsmen trained in special preservation skills to perform masonry and brick tuck-pointing and repair. A new roof will be installed, the windows and doors will undergo rehabilitation, and the front entrance will be altered to restore its original design, while at the same time improving accessibility.

Rehabilitation projects will be researched and planned for all park historic structures as funding becomes available and as the park strives to recapture the essence of the historic landscape during the hey-day of the copper mining boom on the Keweenaw.



Circa 1910. Keweenaw NHP Archives.

Isle Royale Seeks Input on Wilderness Management Plan

Isle Royale National Park is looking for public input as it continues to work on its Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan. The fourth and final Management Plan Newsletter is available now.

The main focus of the newsletter is the question of how to handle the park's peak visitor season in order to improve visitor experiences while protecting the island's natural resources. About 70% of Isle Royale visitors come in July and August, most of them between mid-July and mid-August. During that time campsites are filled over capacity and approximately 18-25% of campers are forced to share individual camp sites. For visitors seeking wilderness and solitude, crowding can diminish the quality of their Isle Royale visit.

In an effort to address overcrowding issues, Park administration is proposing several options for managing overnight use.

They are:

- **Option A:** Maintain the existing management direction, allowing for high accessibility to the park for all user groups and the freedom of flexible camping itineraries.
- **Option B:** Establish a night-by-night camping reservation system to reduce the frequency of sharing campsites while also maximizing the number of parties that could be accommodated with existing campgrounds.
- **Option C:** Minimize campground crowding without restricting travel freedoms by adjusting campground capacities and increasing opportunities for camping outside of designated campgrounds.
- **Option D:** Establish entry quotas that would significantly reduce crowding during the peak season and cap the shoulder season at current levels.
- **Option E:** Use a combination of entry quotas and campsite reservations to reduce sharing somewhat during July and August and maintain historic low use times in Spring and Fall.

Public input is being sought now on these options and IRNHA members are urged to make their opinions known. If you have comments to share or would like a copy of Newsletter #4 contact the park at (906) 482-0984 or isro_wbmap@nps.gov. Comments received by September 30th would be most helpful, but will be included if received beyond this date, as well. Please respond as soon as possible.

Upcoming IRNHA Events

IRNHA Annual Mainland Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Administration Office Building

100 Red Jacket Road, Calumet, Michigan

*See Article Below

IRNHA/IRI Speakers Series

We are pleased and excited to announce that IRNHA is working with the Isle Royale Institute to offer an Isle Royale Speakers series with programs at several locations this year. Programs are presently being scheduled for this winter in Houghton, Duluth, and the Twin Cities. We also hope to schedule a program in the Ann Arbor area in the spring.

Further information on these programs will be printed in the *Wolf's Eye* and via our new IRNHA Membership E-mail list.

Isle Royale Loon Research Report with Joe Kaplan

Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.

MTU School of Forestry Building,
Houghton, Michigan

Isle Royale Aquatic Research Program

January (Date and time to be announced)

Great Lakes Aquarium, Duluth, Minnesota

2002/2003 Wolf/Moose Report with Rolf Peterson

Friday, March 14 (Date is tentative.)

REI, Bloomington, Minnesota

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, July 27, Rock Harbor

Get Connected...

IRNHA members can stay connected with their organization and Isle Royale and Keweenaw National Parks by signing up for the IRNHA e-mail list. Those on the list will receive mailings approximately every other month with news updates from the parks, IRNHA board meeting summaries, notices of special events, and information on new sales products. To add your name to the IRNHA E-mail list, please send your e-mail address to us at: irnha@irnha.org

Thanks to:

JAMES. C. DUNN from Livonia, Michigan who has made a donation of \$15,000 to be used for production and printing costs for *Diaries of An Isle Royale Fisherman*. His gift honors his family's love of nature and the outdoors. Mr. Dunn is the uncle of IRNHA Board member John Dunn.

All of you who have contributed to the IRNHA Annual Campaign. At press time, \$3,000 has been contributed.--\$1,800 to be used as needed, \$450 each for the Publications Revolving Fund and Beaver Count, and the remainder for the Keweenaw National Park newspaper, the Ingot. Our goal for this year's campaign is \$7,500. If you have not yet sent your contribution we urge you to do so today!

All of you who sent us copies of your second edition *Isle Royale National Park; Foot Trails and Water Routes*. The third edition is now in and you should be receiving your copy soon.

New Board Members

As a result of our recent election we have two new members on the IRNHA Board of Directors.

Don Durfee, who lives in Hancock, Michigan is a past employee of IRNHA, having served as our Business Manager in 2001. Don works for the Society for Industrial Archeology at Michigan Tech and is very interested in the Keweenaw National Historical Park as well as Isle Royale. He will serve as chair of our Keweenaw Park Committee and as a member of our Publications Committee.

Nelda Liebig is a retired school teacher from Trempealeau, WI. She is an avid traveler, hiker and camper who has visited Isle Royale on several occasions. She has agreed to serve on our Membership and Finance Committees and has volunteered to help the Isle Royale Institute with upcoming Elderhostel groups.

Both Don and Nelda attended this summer's meetings in Rock Harbor and will begin their official terms with the November Board meeting.

Thanks to all our candidates for being willing to serve, and thanks to all of you who cast ballots in the election.



Keweenaw Park Celebrates its Tenth Anniversary

Sunday, October 27, marks the tenth anniversary of the Keweenaw National Historical Park and the occasion will be marked with a number of events taking place in Calumet that weekend. The park's board of commissions will hold their regular meeting on Saturday morning, Oct. 26 and a Founders Dinner will be held that evening.

Events for the public will held on Sunday beginning with a program at CLK High School at 1:00. The program will feature presentations and comments by park founders, National Park Service staff, and elected government officials including U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

At 2:30 a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the Park Headquarters Building and church bells will be rung throughout Calumet. Refreshments will follow at the CLK school, and newly renovated park buildings will be open to the public for tours throughout the afternoon.

IRNHA will participate in the weekend's events and will hold our annual mainland membership meeting on Sunday at 4:00pm in the Keweenaw Park Board Room. We encourage you to spend the afternoon at the park and stay for our membership meeting.

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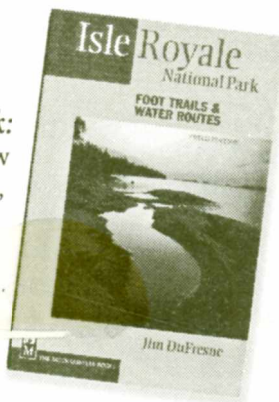
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New Sale Items for Early Holiday Shopping!



Diaries of An Isle Royale Fisherman, the latest IRNHA publication, goes to the press this month and will be on the shelves in time for Christmas. The book is a compilation of the journals and correspondence of Elling Seglem who fished from Isle Royale's Fisherman's Home between 1920 and 1932. A photographer during the winter, Seglem was extremely creative in designing and illustrating newspaper-format letters home to his family in Chicago. The book also contains many of his photographs.
200 pages. \$10.95

*Isle Royale National Park:
Foot Trails and Water Routes* by Jim DuFresne is now available in its third edition. It includes expanded, up-to-date information on trails, portages, and campsites as well as the island's flora and fauna. All new photographs.
175 pages. \$14.95



Keweenaw National Park Tenth Anniversary Medallion

is being designed as a commemorative piece for the park's tenth anniversary. The 2 1/2" solid copper medallion is packaged in a plastic case. \$9.95

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IRNHA is a non-profit membership organization that assists Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park by publishing and selling educational materials to park visitors.

Gifts, bequests, memorials and memberships are U.S. tax deductible.

Membership Categories

Individual	\$20
Household	\$25
Supporting	\$50
Sustaining	\$100
Patron	\$250
Benefactor	\$500
Life Membership	\$1,000*

*Life memberships may be paid in 5 annual installments.

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