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WOLF'S EYE

This year we mark the 50th anniversary of IRNHA.
We hope you will enjoy this special 50th anniversary issue!

The architect's preliminary "Report of Needs" has been received which states sizes, equipment, etc. Drawings have also been submitted.... and she does look to be a beauty! A ship with a length of 160 feet and beam of 32 feet is proposed. The preliminary specifications will undergo considerable study before a contract is let, however, so it'll be awhile before she steams into Rock Harbor.

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Articles from July 1957 issue of Wolf's Eye:

The Blue Ox and a Clod of Mud

Sent to us by Tom Smith when he was still in East Lansing this spring was a clipping from an East Lansing newspaper. Clarence J. Tinker of the state conservation department spoke to the Rotary at the Hotel Olds on "The Heritage of Paul Bunyan". "... he related how Paul lost his temper with the Blue Ox Babe and flung a clod of mud after him. The speed of the dirt was so great that the friction with the air heated it to oven temperature and baked it solid...the clod fell into Lake Superior and became Isle Royale. The imprint of Paul's four fingers are still visible in the four parallel valleys crossing the island, and if you want final proof, just turn the island over and you'll find his thumb print." WOW!



IRNHA Founding Member
Thomas Smith in 1957

FISHING OR BOAT BUILDING

It's a little hard to tell what occupation goes on at the Edison's these days. Pete has been more or less re-building Kenny Johnson's 14-foot Wolverine sandwiched in between the laying and lifting of nets. Then, too, when Mrs. Lucy Johnson was visiting the Edison's not long ago there were a few days that rather confused everyone. In the process, John Markham ended-up with one of Milford Johnson's fishboats, Milford Johnson ended up with Mrs. Lucy Johnson's "Nancy E" which was dry docked at the Edison's, Bob Linn ended-up with the "Snipe" that belonged to Pete, and Joe LaForniere (Frank Tadeucci's able assistant) ended-up with a skiff of John Markham's. Incidentally have you ever tried some of Pete Edison's Herring fillets? If not, you haven't lived!

The First Fifty Years

The first annual meeting of IRNHA was held in Rock Harbor on Sunday, August 17, 1958.
Those present at the meeting were:

Board Members

H.T. "Coach" Osborn, Chairman
Pete Edison
Bob Linn, IRNP Chief Naturalist
Ruby Johnson

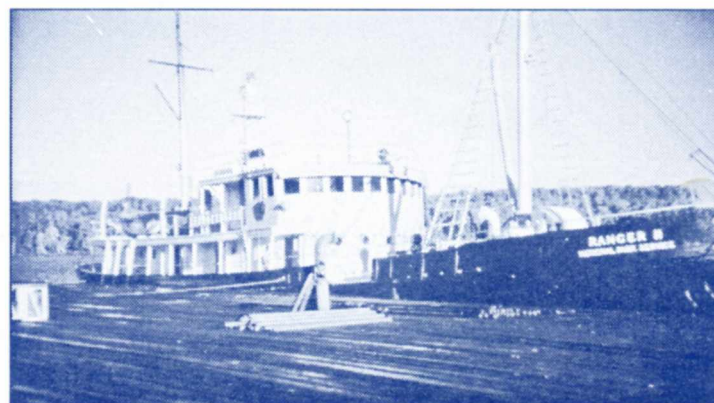
Charter Members

Jack Bangsund
Dennis Glen Cooper
Alfreda Gale
Robert Johnson
Robert G. Johnsson, NPS Ranger
Elizabeth Kemmer,
Holly Linn
Mr. and Mrs. John Markham
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snell
James Munthe
Mrs. H.T. Orsborn
Thomas Smith, NPS Ranger
Mr. and Mrs. Vance Zink

In January 1963 the Isle Royale Natural History Association was incorporated in the State of Michigan.

Signers of the Articles of Incorporation were Bob Linn, Joseph Colombe and Grant Merritt. The stated purpose of the association was much the same as it is today:

The promotion of scientific, educational, historical, and interpretive activities of the National Park Service at Isle Royale National park. To sponsor, prepare, publish and sell books, pamphlets, folders, maps and other printed material concerning Isle Royale and to otherwise aid in the dissemination of knowledge of Isle Royale to the general public.



The Ranger II transported IRNHA members to their first annual meeting in 1958.

In 1968 IRNHA was certified as a 501c-(3) charitable organization with the Federal government.

In 1978 IRNHA signed its first Memorandum of Agreement with the National Park Service, designating IRNHA as the official cooperating association for Isle Royale National Park.

In 1998 both the NPS Memorandum of Agreement and the IRNHA Articles of Incorporation were revised to add the Keweenaw National Historical Park.

Over the years, IRNHA has grown from a small group of local residents to a membership of over 1,200 people from every state in the country. Our financial aid to the park has grown many times over, and our publications have changed from mimeographed brochures to professionally produced full color books, but our mission and reliance on volunteers to fulfill that mission remains unchanged. Today IRNHA has one full time and one part-time year around staff member and a handful of seasonal employees.

IRNHA remains a grass-roots organization relying on the hard work and vision of a volunteer board of directors, several committees, and our members at large.

Isle Royale Natural History Association

2007 Board of Directors Election

Vote for not more than 2 candidates for IRNHA Board

(Ballots must be postmarked by July 25, 2007)

Brian Merritt Bergson, Minneapolis, MN

I have been coming to Isle Royale every summer for the past 42 years. Alfred Merritt, my Great Grandfather, first came to Isle Royale in 1866 to deliver fish kegs to the commercial fishermen in Siskiwit Bay. He later bought property on Isle Royale, and my family has had a family home in Tobin's Harbor since the late 1800's. My family's long association with the island has instilled a sense of responsibility towards the preservation of the history of Isle Royale.

Since attending college at the University of Minnesota, I have served 21 years in the US Army, was elected and served in the Minnesota House of Representatives as a State Representative, worked as a professional pollster and fundraiser, lobbied the Minnesota Legislature for 8 years on behalf of state employees, and I currently serve as the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs for the Minnesota Attorney General. My life long association with the island coupled with my professional work experience makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the IRNHA Board. I humbly ask for your vote.

Jean Borseth, Hiawatha, IA

As a summer resident of Eagle Harbor, Michigan for the past 29 years, I have a strong interest in preserving the history and environment of the Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale. My family has enjoyed multiple trips to Isle Royale, both hiking and kayaking around the island. The family of my husband, John, lived in the Keweenaw area for four generations, with his great-grandfather working as a miner in Red Jacket Shaft. I believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that the beauty and heritage of the Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale is maintained and shared with future generations.

As Director of Development and Communications at Kingston Hill, an organization that offers independent housing for older adults, I am responsible for the annual giving program, as well as major gifts, special campaigns, special events and marketing. We successfully completed the first public fundraising campaign in 105 years with a \$450,000 capital campaign to renovation the Victorian wing.

In addition to my duties at Kingston Hill, I serve as a board member of a grassroots organization that is working to construct a new community center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I have recently completed a three-year term as elder of First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids. During the three years that I served, the church undertook a \$4.2 million capital campaign for a major renovation. I currently serve as board member and Vice President of Programs for the Eastern Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Please see back for more candidates

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_____ Brian Bergson _____ Jean Borseth _____ Michael George _____ Scott See

Michael George, Fenton, MI

A Michigan native, I grew up in Lincoln Park and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Secondary Education from Central Michigan University. I've completed post-graduate work in wildlife management at C.M.U. and Northern Michigan University.

At present I serve as Chief of Interpretive Services for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, a five-county governmental agency that operates 13 parks providing recreational and educational opportunities to the people of southeast Michigan. My present duties involve overseeing the operation of 11 interpretive facilities, including seven nature centers, two working farms, one historic grist mill and a mobile classroom used in educational outreach.

My passion has always been natural and cultural history interpretation and I believe that all children should have opportunities to enjoy and explore the natural world.

My love affair with Isle Royale began some 25 years ago when I first backpacked there. Since then I have been back many times, including a recent Earthwatch expedition with my wife, Karen. Several of the trips have involved transporting voyageur canoes to the island aboard the Ranger III and, along with fellow interpreters, providing historical presentations about the fur trade era to island visitors.

Karen and I are hooked on Isle Royale, always planning our next visit even while we're on the island. We have been members of the IRNHA for many years and support its efforts. It would be an honor to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the IRNHA and help promote its goals.

Scott F. See, Houghton, MI

I am excited that the Isle Royale Natural History Association is increasingly focusing its attention on the Keweenaw National Historical Park. As a resident of Houghton, I am extremely interested in the preservation and interpretation efforts of the park. My own interest in industrial history began during my years as an undergraduate student at Michigan Tech. I thought that the network of small towns and crumbling mining remains throughout the Keweenaw provided an intriguing glimpse into the local history. Although I left the area in 1989, a fascination with old industrial sites went with me. Over the next 15 years, I visited numerous historic mining communities as well as many national parks, monuments, and historic sites. Eventually, I determined that it was time to turn my part-time interests into a full-time career.

After spending 12 years in information technology roles at Intel Corporation, I returned to Michigan Tech in 2004 to pursue a master's degree in industrial archaeology. Currently, I am a PhD student in the new Industrial Heritage and Archaeology program at Michigan Tech. As a graduate student, I have focused the majority of my research on the resources and operations of the Keweenaw National Historical Park. I also recently joined the board of the Quincy Mine Hoist Association. Ultimately, I want to combine my past management experience with my interest in industrial history in order to help preserve and protect our important industrial heritage. I am thrilled about the opportunity to join the board and I look forward to assisting with the educational and interpretive activities promoted by the organization.



Key Ingredients: America by Food Coming to Calumet this Summer

Calumet, MI, home of Keweenaw National Historical Park, is one of 150 sites selected from around the U.S. to host a special Smithsonian exhibit on food and history this summer. The exhibit will be on display at the Keweenaw Heritage Center from July 13 through August 26.

Our recipes, menus, ceremonies, and etiquette are directly shaped by our country's rich immigrant experience, the history and innovations of food preparation technology, and the ever-changing availability of key ingredients. *Key Ingredients: America by Food* explores the connections between Americans and the foods they produce, prepare, preserve, and present at the table – a provocative and thoughtful look at the historical, regional, and social traditions that merge in everyday meals and celebrations. The exhibition and web site are developed by Museum on Main Street, a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils in service to museums and citizens of rural America.

Through a selection of artifacts, photographs, and illustrations, *Key Ingredients* examines the evolution of the American kitchen and how food industries have responded to the technological innovations that have enabled Americans to choose an ever-wider variety of frozen, prepared, and fresh foods. *Key Ingredients* also looks beyond the home to restaurants, diners, and celebrations that help build a sense of community through food.

Key Ingredients stimulates comparisons of "back then" and "right now," "over there" and "right here." The exhibition will engage audiences everywhere, creating conversations and inspiring community recollection and celebration.

A number of special events are being planned in the Copper Country to link our wide variety of local ethnic food specialties to the national story told in the exhibition. A calendar of events and lots more information on the Key Ingredients Exhibit are available online at:

www.keyingredients.org.

2007 Isle Royale Natural History Association 50th Anniversary Member Meetings on Isle Royale

Come help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of IRNHA at this summer's annual membership weekend in Rock Harbor!

Friday, July 27

8:00 p.m. Friends of Fashion
Isle Royale Historic Fashion Show,
Rock Harbor Auditorium.

Saturday, July 28

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Ranger led botany walk.

2:00 p.m. Tobin Harbor Canoe Trip and Historic Home Tour.

8:00 p.m. "Wildflowers: Folklore and History" program by photographer Bob Giuliani
Rock Harbor Auditorium.

Sunday, July 29

10:00 a.m. Yoga for ages 8 – 88. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag
Rock Harbor Auditorium.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting. Rock Harbor Auditorium.

3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Membership Program: "An IRNHA Retrospective,"
Rock Harbor Auditorium.

5:00 p.m. Whitefish and brats picnic on the Rock Harbor Waterfront.
\$12 for adults, \$6 children.



ALL MEMBERS AT ANNUAL MEETING WILL RECEIVE A FREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PIN!

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Island Life: A Isle Royale Nature Guide

The latest in IRNHA's long list of publications is due out later this summer, our 50th year of operation and our 50th year in the publishing business. *Island Life: An Isle Royale Nature Guide*, is a single volume that brings together the flora and fauna of the island in one attractive and easy-to-use guide. Co-authors Ted Gostomski and Janet Marr present concise descriptions of over 300 species of the island's most common plants and animals, each illustrated with a color photograph or line drawing. A great guide to carry **along on** the trails or to study before your next trip to the island. It will be printed in **Houghton, MI, this** summer with the financial help of many IRNHA members.

Island Life is just the latest in a long line of IRNHA publications. The IRNHA publication program has been ambitious from its inception in the 1950s. Through the efforts of a cadre of dedicated volunteers and a small staff, IRNHA has produced an outstanding number of high quality, low-cost, publications.



NEW 50th ANNIVERSARY PIN

Enamel lapel pin with Isle Royale Natural History Assoc. logo in blue and green with white band. 1957 - 2007 in gold lettering. Limited edition of 200. \$4.50

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Membership Categories

Individual \$25	Household \$35
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Patron \$250	Benefactor \$500

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*Life memberships may be paid in 5 annual installments.

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