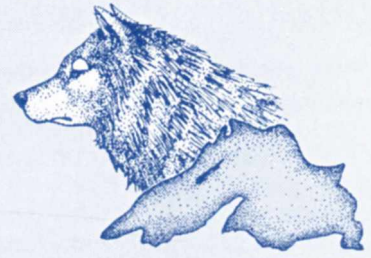


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ISLE ROYALE & KEWEENAW PARKS ASSOCIATION

2010 No. 1



From the Director

After almost fourteen wonderful years as director of Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association/Isle Royale Natural History Association, I will be embarking on a new adventure – retirement. But before leaving, I want to thank some of those who helped me every step of the way and introduce you to the person who will be taking over.

Thanks, first, to the hard-working, dedicated IRKPA

Board of Directors, starting with Bob Linn who showed me the ropes when I took this job in 1997 and right through to our current Board president, Ron Eckoff, who will oversee the transition. People have served on the IRKPA board over my time here, and it would be impossible to find a more talented, selfless, and congenial group of volunteers. Thanks, too, to the other half of the IRKPA staff, Lauren Rastello, who was here before me and will continue after I leave as our mail order and inventory associate, and who has always been here to do whatever I have asked of her and more. Thanks to the NPS staff, especially the Superintendents and Chiefs of Interpretation at both Isle Royale and Keweenaw for their support and cooperation. Finally, thanks to all you IRKPA members who have made our work possible with your donations of time and money.

As a team we have published nine books (including two national award winners), signed an agreement to serve as the cooperating association for KNHP, and published the first park newspapers. We

conducted volunteer service trips on Isle Royale, began offering botany and photography workshops, arranged a traveling Isle Royale Artists-In-Residence exhibit and conducted a series of Isle Royale programs around the upper Midwest. We held an ethnic recipe contest for kids at KNHP. We celebrated 50th anniversaries of both IRKPA and the wolf moose study and, looking to the future, we established an endowment fund with Keweenaw Community Foundation. We have also donated over \$200,000 to our two parks.

This job has been a great adventure for me. I have made almost 50 trips to Isle Royale, and met with other cooperating association folks at Association of Partners for Public Land conventions in some of the most beautiful places in the U.S. I have visited with IRKPA members at our annual membership meetings, and in your homes and offices and met countless Isle Royale visitors on boat mornings in Houghton. I've stayed in historic island homes and on the *Ranger III*, participated in the first Isle Royale service trip and first photography workshop. I have worked with an amazing group of volunteers, authors and researchers from both parks, and had some interesting encounters with moose.

It has been a real dream job, which I am now happy to turn over to Kristine Bradof, who will take over as Executive Director in April. Kristine comes to us after serving for many years as the Community Programs Coordinator at the GEM Center for Science and Environmental Outreach at Michigan Tech. I wish Kristine, the IRKPA board and the association all the best.

Jill Burklund

Call for Board Members

This year, the terms of two of our board members will expire, and we are interested in finding new people to fill those vacancies. If you are a current member of the Association and are interested in becoming more involved, consider running for our board. Board members serve three-year terms during which they are expected to attend three meetings each year, serve on committees, participate in fundraising, and support IRKPA financially as they are able. These are volunteer positions; board members receive no compensation.

This coming year the Board will focus on working with a new executive director and increasing fundraising and membership efforts.

To run in the upcoming election, please send a short biographical sketch indicating educational background and current employment as well as a statement about your connections to Isle Royale and/or Keweenaw National Historical Park. Please include your address and phone number. Nominations should be mailed no later than April 15 to IRKPA, 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI, 49931, or submitted by e-mail to irkpa@irkpa.org.

Ballots will be distributed to all current members in June.

KNHP UNION BUILDING UPDATE

In mid-December, Keweenaw National Historical Park staff were notified that in addition to a congressional appropriation, the remainder of the construction work for the interior rehabilitation of the Union Building will be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The utilization of the ARRA funds puts the interior project on a fast track to completion. If the project proceeds on the current intended schedule, interior work on the rehabilitation will begin by the end of June of this year with the completion date in May of 2011. After the construction work is completed, the exhibits will be installed and the building will be ready to open in late July or early August of year.

Want to get the latest scoop on what is going on at Keweenaw National Historical Park? Follow park happenings in real time at KeweenawNPS on [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/KeweenawNPS).

Volunteering on Isle Royale

Since 2004, members of IRKPA (formerly IRNHA) have had the opportunity to participate in volunteer work trips on Isle Royale National Park. These volunteer trips provide opportunities for IRKPA members to make hands-on contributions to the national park they value. The work trips have also provided participants with unique behind-the-scenes looks at the organization of a national park and have taken volunteers to areas of the park not usually available to the average visitor.

The volunteer work projects have included the removal of invasive plants at Daisy Farm campground, the stabilization and re-roofing of the historic "school house" at Chippewa Harbor, and a variety of projects in Rock Harbor, including the restoration of the Rock Harbor map near the Visitor Center. Since 2007, the summer projects have been centered on the Dassler Cabin at the end of Scoville Point and on other nearby historic structures in Tobin Harbor.

IRKPA members have been particularly excited to work at this cabin because the Dassler Cabin is used as a base for Isle Royale's "Artist in Residence" program, a project supported in part by IRKPA.

In 2009, we began an expansion of the scope of the Isle Royale volunteer work trips. In order to take full advantage of the educational opportunities of the island, in 2009 we included a group of undergraduate anthropology students as members of the crew. Led by an anthropologist and an archeologist, several students did a complete inventory of the contents of the Stack-Wolbrink cabin on Minong Island in Tobin Harbor. This inventory will be a valuable addition to the cultural resources of the park and will provide useful insights as the park develops interpretation plans for its historic structures. In the future, we plan to include undergraduate- and graduate-level historic preservation students in our efforts to stabilize historic structures in Tobin Harbor.

One of the most enjoyable outcomes of the Isle Royale volunteer work trips is the level of camaraderie that develops among the volunteers. Many individuals have volunteered for several years and keep in contact with one another throughout the year. A great deal of sharing of photographs, reminiscing about past trips, and planning for future experiences goes on among the volunteers.

For the first few years, the volunteer crews were made up of individuals who had been to the island several times over a period of many years. More recently, the crews have been a mix of veteran and first-time visitors. We find that our most successful volunteers are people who have experience and skills in such areas as painting, carpentry, small boat use, gardening, and the use of ladders and hand tools of all kinds. Flexibility is a key attribute of all volunteers.

Volunteering on a wilderness island requires a better-than-average level of physical condition. All volunteers must be able to carry all of their personal equipment for a distance of up to

two miles. Most years, the accommodations have been tents, which volunteers provide. Outhouses are the only bathroom facilities, and running water is miles away. However, time to enjoy Isle Royale through hiking, boating, and contemplating an integral part of the Isle Royale volunteer experience. Other benefits include complimentary passage to and from Isle Royale aboard the *Ranger III* and the waiver of the \$4.00 daily use fee for all participants.

In order to make this volunteer opportunity available to as many people as possible, in 2008 we instituted some changes in the organization of the volunteer groups. In place of a set fee for participation, we ask all volunteers to become members of IRKPA and to make a donation to the Isle Royale "Artist in Residence" program. We do not specify the amount of the donation, but the average donation has been between \$50 and \$100 per volunteer. Additionally, each participant must pay a per diem fee for food. For the safety of participants and the preservation of park resources, the Isle Royale volunteer trips are smoke-

free, drug-free, and alcohol-free activities.

For the next several years, volunteer groups will be working on historic structures in the Tobin Harbor area. Our plans include a great deal of painting, roofing, and carpentry. Volunteers with skills in these areas are especially welcome, and volunteers who are willing to cook for the crew are always highly prized. We are eagerly looking for volunteers with a variety of skills and the desire to serve Isle Royale National Park. Please contact John Dunn at jdadunn@gmail.com for further information and to learn about the application procedure.

John Dunn



HISTORY SMACKDOWN DONATION

In April, Keweenaw National Historical Park will host its eighth annual History Smackdown. The competition offers teams of high school students an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of the history, geography, and geology of Keweenaw, Baraga, Ontonagon and Houghton counties.

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association is pleased to be a part of the Smackdown this year by providing participating schools with complementary copies of several books that have been selected to help students prepare for the competition. IRKPA will donate the following books to thirteen local school libraries:

Minong – The Good Place by Timothy Cochran

Fort Wilkins – Yesterday and Today by MI Historical Center

French Canadians in Michigan by John DuLong

Finns in Michigan by Gary Kaunonen

New Perspectives in Michigan's Copper Country History by Hoagland, Nordberg and Reynolds.

The total value of the IRKPA donation is \$1,035.00.

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Income and Expense for Years Ended September 30:

Income	2009	2008
Sales & Shipping Income	\$97,779	\$118,392
Member Dues	\$27,777	\$37,317
Donations/Grants*	\$21,609	\$20,366
Programs	\$11,382	\$10,173
Interest/ Misc. Income		\$46
Auction & Special Events	\$115	\$943
Total Income	\$158,664	\$187,237
Cost of Goods Sold	\$52,287	\$65,335
PROFIT	\$106,377	\$121,902
Expense		
Operating Expense	\$83,430	\$84,408
Net Annual Income	\$22,947	\$37,494
Aid to the Park	\$20,447	\$16,759
Net Increase/Decrease	\$2,500	\$20,735

* Donations do not include gifts to KCF Endowment

Balance Sheets for 9/30	2009	2008
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$11,690	\$4,767
Receivables	\$1,283	\$2,592
Inventory	\$139,129	\$151,162
Total Current Assets	\$152,102	\$158,521
Fixed Assets (Equipment)	\$117	\$577
Total Assets	\$152,219	\$152,679
Liabilities and Equity		
Accounts Payable	\$16,087	\$13,544
Grants Payable	\$0	\$2,000
Bank Loan/Credit Line	\$13,847	\$23,270
Total Current Liabilities	\$29,934	\$38,814
Equity	\$122,285	\$113,865
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$152,219	\$152,679
KC Foundation Endowment		
ISRO Gifts to Date	\$112,666	\$107,629
KNHP Gifts to Date	\$2,000	
Initial Agency Endowment	\$1,129	\$1,102
Total	\$115,795	\$108,731

Aid to Park

Cash Contribution	2009	2008
Greenstone Newspaper	\$4,730	\$2,540
ISRO Kids Newspaper		\$951
KNHP Newspaper	\$2,839	\$1,971
Free Park Brochures		\$1,379
Artist in Residence Program	\$404	\$210
Interpretation materials		\$100
Superintendent's account*	\$74	
Natural Resources	\$10,900	\$3,
Author/Designer Fees	\$1,500	\$6,150
Other		
Total Cash Contribution	\$20,447	\$16,759

Isle Royale Nature Photography & Botany Workshops

Enjoy and photograph the treasures of this pristine National Park with professional photographer Guiliani, June 11–16.

Designed for the beginner and intermediate photographer using film or digital, participants will have the opportunity to learn the many aspects of nature photography using the treasures of Isle Royale for their subject.

Bob Guiliani has been photographing professionally for over 30 years. He and his wife, Linda, own and operate a portrait studio and art gallery in Clare, MI. His images have received national and state awards. He has had his images published in various magazines and teaches photography at Mid-Michigan Community College.

Some of the topics to be covered are:

- What all the dials and buttons mean and do on the camera
- How to read and understand your histogram effects of shutter speeds and f/stops
- Achieving the proper exposure
- Using flash to illuminate your subject
- How depth of field effects your image

Workshop activities will include lectures in the auditorium, critiques of participants' photographs and excursions around the Rock Harbor area. Some hiking and canoeing will be involved.



Experience four days in Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park and learn to identify the diverse plants that live on this incredible island June 14–19.

This special botany workshop taught by botanist Janet Marr, is open to anyone with beginning/intermediate knowledge of plant identification and who is interested in learning to identify the early summer native flora of this species-rich Lake Superior island.

Botanist Janet Marr, the workshop instructor, has had many years of experience studying plants across Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale. Janet taught the 2007 - 2009 Isle Royale botany workshops as well as many botany and aquatic plant workshops in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. She is co-author of the Isle Royale Natural History Association's Island Life, an Isle Royale Nature Guide.

Workshop participants will spend four days on Isle Royale learning native plant species, using such tools as a dichotomous key and hand lens to identify plants. Other topics will include discussion of island plant communities, rare species, ecology, and invasive species.

Workshop activities will take place mostly outdoors. Optional evening sessions will also be offered to review plants learned earlier. Field trips will include Tobin Harbor, Scoville Point, and Raspberry Island, places that are all located in the vicinity of Rock Harbor. Workshop participants should be able to hike up to 7 miles in one day with a daypack on rocky, sometimes steep, trails and bedrock, sometimes slippery, shoreline.

Information for Both Workshops:

- Participants may camp for free at a Rock Harbor group site or stay in the Rock Harbor Lodge or housekeeping units at their own expense.
- Total cost for the workshop \$650 per person (\$625 for IRKPA members. Fee covers instruction, camping, all meals, and transportation to and from the island on the *Ranger III*.
- **Enrollment is limited to 12 participants.** A letter with suggested equipment and material will be sent to participants the first week of May. Contact Jill Burkland at 906-482-7860 or jburkland@irnha.org for more information or to register for the workshop.
- In order to attend this workshop participants need to pre-register and send a \$100 deposit to be received by May 1st to:

Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association
Attn: Jill Burkland
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, MI 49931

Bob Linn Scholarship

The Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association will again offer a scholarship in memory of a founding member of the Association and former Hancock resident, Bob Linn. Bob was Park Naturalist for Isle Royale National Park for many years before becoming Chief Scientist for the National Park Service.

The Bob Linn Scholarship is designed to pay tribute to Bob by providing financial assistance to students interested in nature and the environment. Last year two scholarships were given, one to Gabriella Jukala from Baraga High School and one to Haley Juntunen from Chassell High School.

The Bob Linn scholarship will provide \$250 annually to a high school senior with plans to major in biology, forestry, or earth sciences. The scholarship is open to all students in the Copper Country Intermediate School District and to IRKPA members or children of IRKPA members. For more information, please call Jill Burkland at 906-482-7860.

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2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Plan now to attend this summer's Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association meeting in Rock Harbor on Isle Royale. The meeting, program and picnic will be held on Sunday, July 25, with special member events also scheduled for Saturday, July 24.

Look for more information on this year's membership events in the next issue of the "Wolf's Eye" and on our website www.irkpa.org.

Martin Christenson Remembered

Martin Christenson of Yuba City, CA, died on Nov. 8, 2009 at the age of 97. In his position with the National Park Service Martin was the Chief Administrator of the team that developed Isle Royale National Park. He later became the National Park Service's Financial Officer for the Midwest Region and concluded his career with NPS as Budget Director for the Northeast Region in Philadelphia.

Martin was a life member and generous contributor to Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association.

Don't Let This Be Your Last Issue of Wolf's Eye

Thanks to all of you who have given IRKPA your support for another year by renewing your membership for 2010. We urge those of you who haven't yet renewed your support to do so today. The mailing label on this newsletter includes your membership expiration date. If it says 12/31/09 we urge you to renew today by sending a check or contributing online at www.irkpa.org.

Thanks!



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