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Wolf's Eye

Newsletter for the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association

2020 Annual Meeting

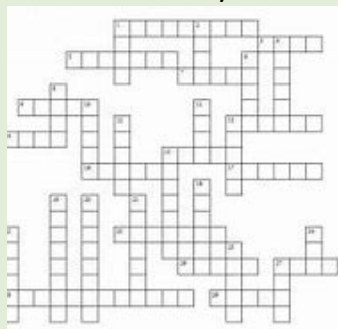
Due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, IRKPA's Board of Directors has decided to postpone this year's annual membership meeting until the fall. Plans are being formulated for a virtual meeting. More specific information will be distributed by email and posted on the IRKPA website when plans are finalized.



Test Your Knowledge?

Would you like to test your knowledge of all things Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks? We've started a brand-new page of crossword puzzles and word games. www.irkpa.org/puzzles-and-word-games

We'll add more as they're created!



COVID-19 Affects OUR Parks

By IRKPA's Executive Committee

This newsletter comes to you at an unprecedented and challenging time for our nation, our national parks, and our association. As of this writing, due to the coronavirus pandemic, Isle Royale is expected to open for the current season in a limited way, with no visitor ferry service on the *Ranger III*, nor on privately run commercial ferries. In addition, the Rock Harbor Lodge will be closed for the year. Consequently, IRKPA's park stores in two visitor centers on the island will operate with greatly reduced stock and hours when and if the park opens to visitation. The Houghton Visitor Center has tentative plans to open. Please check the park's website for hours of operation.

Keweenaw NHP's visitor center in Calumet, including IRKPA's park store, is currently closed, but may tentatively resume operation later in the summer or fall. All community events and interpretive programs have been cancelled until further notice. Please check the park's website for further information. A number of the Heritage Sites associated

with the park are now open but may have changed the hours of operation posted on their websites. If you plan to visit any of these sites, we advise that you contact them directly to confirm their availability.



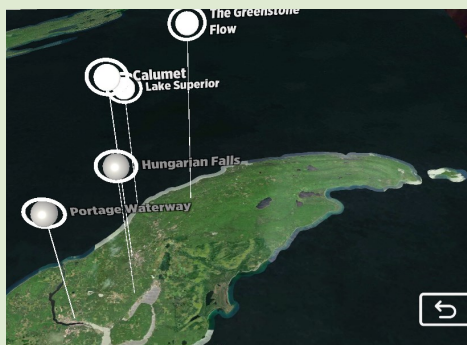
Calumet Theater, a KNHP Heritage Site Photo: S. Trynoski

For IRKPA, the closure of our stores in park visitor centers has meant a substantial loss of income that provides most of our operating revenue. The cancellation of this season's two popular botany workshops led by Janet Marr and photography workshops taught by Shawn Malone and Bob Giuliani are other disappointing losses caused by pandemic concerns.

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Virtual Reality Map Experience

In the best of times, Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park are a challenge to visit, due to their remote locations and snowy winters. And currently, both parks are closed to visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to share a glimpse into these fascinating national parks, the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association, in partnership with Keweenaw National Historical Park, Isle Royale National Park, and



TimeLooper, Inc. has created an interactive map experience for you.

After downloading the app on your phone or tablet, you'll be able to see a giant topographic map of our parks on your floor or table. You can "visit" a total of 12 locations, learning about geoheritage at each, through narrated videos or a 360 degree image.

To learn more, or to start exploring, visit www.irkpa.org, scroll down, and click on the virtual map.

Online Activities for Kids

The COVID-19 pandemic has ignited creativity in education across the country. As parents have suddenly found themselves thrust into the role of teacher, online resources have popped up to help them find success in their challenging new role.

Many national parks, including Isle Royale NP and Keweenaw NHP, have helped fill the gap by making their Junior Ranger booklets available online. If you prefer a hard copy of the booklet, please call Isle Royale NP at (906) 482-0984 or Keweenaw NHP at (906) 337-3168 to request a copy. Keweenaw NHP also has a brand-new Explorer Ranger booklet, designed for 4-6 year olds, available as a hard copy or online.



For our part, IRKPA now has a video available online of author Susanna Ausema reading her book, "I Spy...Isle Royale!" Visit www.irkpa.org and click on "Get Involved." The book is a great reference for children who are working toward earning their Isle Royale Jr. Ranger badge, especially if they've never visited the park.

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You may also be aware that prior to the spread of the coronavirus last fall, the Board began a search to fill the position of retiring Executive Director Kristine Bradof. The Board has suspended the search until our financial picture becomes more certain.

Since that time, the work of the association has carried on through the combined efforts of our Board's Executive Committee and our three part-time staff, Alison Pontynen, Sales and Visitor Services Manager; Susanna Ausema, Membership and Outreach Manager; and Pam Heide, Inventory Specialist. We are indebted to our staff for their willingness to adapt to a changing work environment, take on added responsibilities and, especially, to find new ways to move the organization forward in these uncertain times. Their accomplishments are reflected in the pages of this newsletter.

We are also grateful to all those who participated in our recent *#GivingTuesdayNow* fundraising effort. We are pleased to report that our goal of \$2,500 is closely within reach. If you are interested in helping to push us over the top, please make a donation on our website at www.irkpa.org. Or, if you prefer, send your contribution to us at IRKPA, 800 E. Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931.

Finally, as our nation now faces social upheaval along with threats from the virus pandemic, our national parks can both challenge us to confront serious societal problems, and at the same time, provide a refuge from our struggles. In our parks we can find solace in the outdoors and experience the healing power of nature.

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next edition.

2019 Annual Report

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association continues to thrive as the non-profit partner of Isle Royale NP and Keweenaw NHP, thanks to our members and special donors. **Thank you!**

IRKPA had another successful year in 2019. Aid-to-Parks giving increased from over \$21,630 in 2018 to \$28,931 in 2019.

This money helped finance the printing of both park newspapers and the Rock Harbor area guide. It provided support for the Jacob Riis Exhibit at KNHP by funding a guest lecturer and offering special books in the sales area, which supported the exhibition and increased visitor connections. KNHP was successful in leveraging a grant with a \$10,000 match from IRKPA to create the Jr. Ranger Explorer booklet. IRKPA provided funding for the food and an NPS Passport book for each new citizen at the KNHP Naturalization Ceremony. It financed the supplies and materials for the Youth Historian Program. It also covered the costs of the bi-annual beaver survey on Isle Royale and some costs associated with Isle Royale's outreach activities at the Canoeopia event.

Gross sales in 2019 were \$203,228, approximately \$30,000 more than gross sales in 2018. Our sales manager, Alison Pontynen, has continued to do an excellent job introducing new products, eye-catching designs, and working with local artisans to provide an ever-increasing selection of Isle Royale and Keweenaw products to our visitors. Proceeds from these sales benefit the parks!

Another one of IRKPA's goals is to provide in-kind service to our parks. In 2019 this included volunteerism at an invasive species removal event at Isle Royale, at the Copper TRACES school field trip, and at the KNHP Visitor Center Holiday Open House. IRKPA staff also helped edit the parks' annual newspapers.

IRKPA took part in various community events, as well. Staff, board members, and volunteers represented IRKPA and sold a variety of sales items at the Poor Artists Sale in Calumet, MI, the Quiet Adventure Symposium in East Lansing, MI, and the Canoeopia paddlesports expo in Madison, WI.

IRKPA staff collaborated with the Houghton Police Department, the Portage Lake District Library, and the National Park Service to offer the 2nd annual "Big Boat Boo!"

event on the *Ranger III*. Over 250 community members attended the event, which included an onboard tour focusing on five spooky species of wildlife that call Isle Royale their home. The collaboration between IRKPA staff and volunteers and staff members from both Keweenaw and Isle Royale made this event even more successful than last year. IRKPA offered a special, one-night-only discount in the park store, which resulted in over \$500

in sales. This event is on track to become one that our local community members look forward to each year.

IRKPA offered three workshops in 2019, each reaching maximum capacity. Longtime IRKPA collaborator and Botanist Janet Marr guided two of those workshops, focusing on the botany of the Keweenaw Peninsula and Isle Royale. Marquette photographer Shawn Malone led IRKPA's third annual Night Sky Photography workshop at Rock Harbor in September.

Late in the year, IRKPA's membership database was upgraded to an intuitive new system called Little Green Light, which has helped to dramatically improve the efficiency and reduce costs in managing our member outreach.

Donations and Grants	2019 \$40,313	2018 \$28,058
Membership dues	2019 \$18,690	2018 \$20,705
Net Workshop Income	\$11,100	
Sweepstakes	2019 \$1,470	2018 \$1,754

These successes are only possible through the support of our members. Thank you!



Big Boat Boo event
Photo: Alan West

Where in Keweenaw NHP?



Photo by Steve Trynoski

Think you know Keweenaw NHP's 22 Heritage sites well enough to identify this location? If so, email susanna@irkpa.org and include a personal story or memory about the place. We'll print our favorite responses in the next edition of the *Wolf's Eye* AND send our winners a prize!

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And as places that preserve our national history, our parks reveal stories of success and triumph—but also, tragedy, injustice, and strife. Both Isle Royale and Keweenaw national parks offer us important lessons to challenge our thinking and sustain our spirits as we move through these difficult times toward meaningful change and a better future for all.

While our Isle Royale and Keweenaw parks remain limited in their on-site operation, you can still explore their many facets through the books and educational materials offered in our stores, or at www.irkpa.org.

Again, we thank you for your support and hope that you, your friends, and families stay safe and well.

IRKPA Executive Committee: Lynn Bjorkman, Board President; Kay Pusakulich, President-Elect; Darcy Rutkowski, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Trynoski, Co-Chair, Publications and Marketing Committee; and Emily Dekker-Fiala, Finance Committee member

Winning Answers to “Where on Isle Royale?”

IRKPA member Lynn Beck sent in the correct answer of SCOVILLE POINT, along with this charming story. “In August, 2018, I retired from my job and was surprised with a trip back to Isle Royale as a gift from my brother. It was a wonderful surprise—even better because he was going along and able to appreciate it with me. We had a couple of extra memorable moments when we had a little (mouse) visitor in our cabin, and seeing a large bull moose near the snack bar. We hiked the Scoville Point and Tobin Harbor trails. It was such an awesome experience for both of us and one we will never forget.”

Member Peter Wimberg also shared a story about his connection to Scoville Point. He wrote, “I typically take the seaplane over on the first flight of the day and start with a hike to Scoville Point. I've done it in a misty cool rain and bright sunshine. Often, I have the Point to myself. I like to venture down to the rocky beaches along the way for some quiet time. I also enjoy just looking through the amazing variety of stones. The clear water never fails to grab my attention. The large stone formations remind me of old ships. And seeing the occasional eagle is always a thrill. I feel like the loons are welcoming me back with their calls. After several days of using the water taxi to explore the island, I make the last after-dinner hike out to Scoville. I can't wait for the next trip—my 10th!”



Scoville Point, Photo: M. Ausema

Wolves, Humans, and the Viruses that Affect Them

By Rolf Peterson, Research Professor, Michigan Technological University

We all realize now that our own species is vulnerable to infectious diseases, already known in the animal world to potentially cause rapid mortality. Isle Royale wolves have their own story to tell, one worth revisiting in this time of peril.

In 1977 a mutation occurred somewhere on the planet, perhaps in a version of a cat viral agent, resulting in a novel dog disease called canine parvovirus, or CPV. I recall reading about the initial dog outbreak in *Newsweek* in 1978. I was struck by the high mortality rate (about 50%) in infected dogs and how little time it took for the disease to spread around the world. A vaccine for dogs was developed within a year, and vaccination for CPV became part of the standard dog immunization protocol still in use worldwide.

It would take years before it occurred to wolf researchers, myself included, that this disease might affect wild canids.

At Isle Royale, wolves were already declining from an all-time high of 50 animals in 1980, apparently because of food shortage. The disease alarm sounded in the early 1980s after wolves in a captive wolf facility in Minnesota fell victim to CPV. It was eventually established that CPV had indeed reached Isle Royale, but not until wolves themselves were finally captured and tested in 1988.

Movement of animals, or people, can bring diseases to vulnerable populations that are isolated from the initial outbreak. CPV is quite able to survive in a dormant form outside a host animal, so it could have easily traveled to Isle Royale on a hiker's boot. The only account of probable disease transfer to Isle Royale involved a dog from Chicago that was brought illegally to the island over the 4th of July weekend in 1981. While on the island, the infected dog crossed paths with another dog, also illegal, that died 3 days later in a Duluth veterinary clinic. Thus, Isle Royale was part of the circuitous route the disease

followed from Chicago to northern Minnesota.

That summer, all eight wolf pups known to be present in Isle Royale's three wolf packs perished, as did more than half of the older wolves. For some wolves, their innate immune response was able to ward off the disease, and it was these survivors that then populated the island.

Editor's Note: According to information found on the International Wolf Center website, it is highly unlikely that a wild wolf would contract COVID-19. For more information, visit: <https://wolf.org>.



Survivors of the parvovirus outbreak in 1981, these two wolves came to lead the "Gang of Four" that briefly took over the entire island and kept the wolf population going.

Photo: Rolf Peterson

Jacob Riis Exhibit Summary

By Kathleen Harter, Program Director of Interpretation & Education, KNHP

At the October 2019 IRKPA board meeting, I prepared a summary presentation of the Jacob Riis traveling exhibition. As I prepared the presentation, I was frequently reminded of the definition of synergy - "the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects".

The hosting of the Jacob A. Riis traveling exhibition at Keweenaw National Historical Park was the perfect example of synergy and career highlight for me in many ways. One of the requirements to host a National Endowment for the Humanities traveling exhibition is to engage humanities scholars with the public through programming and events.



Student at Jacob Riis Exhibit. NPS Photo.

To kick off the upcoming exhibition, Keweenaw NHP hosted a Naturalization Ceremony in May with 23 new citizens completing their naturalization process. June was dedicated to understanding the work of Jacob A. Riis. Exhibit curator and researcher, Bonnie Yochelson, participated in educator discussions and presented public programs in Calumet and on Quincy Hill. July saw the creation of storefront window displays within the Calumet Visitor Center to promote the upcoming exhibition while IRKPA sold books related to the exhibit. August

and October saw two more educator workshops being conducted by local educators who served as resource experts and shared newly created curriculum with fellow educators while touring the traveling exhibition.



Jacob Riis Exhibit. NPS Photo.

The exhibit arrived at Keweenaw NHP in late August and was set up by a team of volunteers over the course of three days. Community organizations, scholars, and students all prepared talks and exhibitions of their own that connected with the Jacob Riis exhibit. High School artwork inspired by student visits to the Jacob Riis exhibit hung in the Calumet Visitor Center from September through December.

By mid-September, school groups were visiting the exhibit every day. By the conclusion of the six-week exhibit tour at Keweenaw NHP, 900 local students and just over 5,000 visitors had viewed the exhibition and learned about Jacob A. Riis and his work for social and housing reform.

The Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association was an integral piece of this synergistic programming and exhibition schedule. IRKPA provided opportunities for increased visitor understanding by expanding the interpretive experience through book sales, supporting speakers, and partnering with the park to host the Naturalization Ceremony. Everyone involved was grateful to have participated in the experience and is looking forward to future collaboration and the combined hosting of future traveling exhibitions.

Editor's Note: This is another great example of how IRKPA can support our parks with the help of our members and supporters!!

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As you may have noted in the Annual Report, the sweepstakes helps us raise much needed funds each year. We hope this year's prizes will encourage you to enter even more tickets into the drawing!



1st prize is a 2-night stay in a Lakeside Lodge room at the Rock Harbor Lodge, Isle Royale. Must use during 2021 season, before July 4. (FMV \$468)

2nd prize is 2 round-trip tickets, Copper Harbor to Isle Royale, on the Isle Royale Queen IV. Must use during 2021 season. (FMV \$272)



3rd prize is your choice of any two of IRKPA's own publications. (FMV up to \$60)

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