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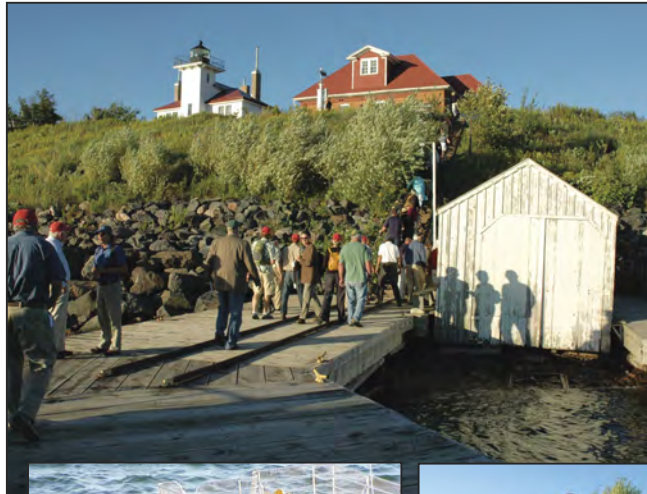
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FALL / WINTER 2011

**FRIENDS Annual Meeting / Cruise to Raspberry Island**



On August 17, 2011, the FRIENDS hosted the annual meeting on a cruise to Raspberry Island. The Ashland Bayfield Express cruise boat was filled to capacity by an enthusiastic group who enjoyed a boxed dinner and then a short meeting on the dock at the Raspberry Island Light Station. There were high winds that day which limited our stay on the island, but many people walked up the stairs to tour the lighthouse property. It was easy to view the Raspberry Island Light Station Boathouse and understand the need to restore this structure, as it is the building that greets visitors to this property. On this cruise, Mark Weller and John Rummel debuted "The Lights of Raspberry Island" photograph, the latest in a series of Milky Way and lighthouse photographs. The first print was auctioned to Jim and Joanne Collins of Bayfield, and another print was donated to the Park.

**Dear FRIENDS,**

I hope you had a great summer exploring the Apostle Islands, and enjoying the beauty of this wonderful destination. Thank you for your donations to the FRIENDS of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Your contributions to this organization support projects that enhance the experience of visitors to the park, and increase customer satisfaction.

This fall newsletter provides an overview of some of our projects, and includes new project ideas for 2012. We are asking that you consider the FRIENDS as a worthwhile cause when deciding your year-end giving plans. We truly appreciate your support and thank you for your commitment.

We are continuing our efforts to raise money for the Raspberry Island Boathouse Restoration. A new fantastic Raspberry Island Light Station Milky Way photo was taken this year by our Vice-President, Mark Weller, John Rummel, and Andrea Rummel, and is available for purchase or as a premium to any of you that donate \$1,000 or more. We are hoping to have the funding secured by 2013 and begin the restoration.

In addition, we are focusing some of our 2012 resources on youth education within the Apostle Islands National

Lakeshore, working with Myra Foster on some new and exciting projects. We believe that providing opportunities for young people to experience the Islands only enhances their commitment to resource preservation and future support.

The FRIENDS of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is a group of dedicated citizens that care about the future of this wonderful place. We hope that in 2012 you will enjoy the Islands, attend our annual meeting, and participate in volunteer projects as they develop.

Best wishes,  
Ruth Goetz, *Chair*

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to **FRIENDS of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore**. Contributions to FRIENDS are tax exempt. IRS 501 (c)(3) - Tax Exempt Status. Donations in any amount are welcome. To make a donation, log on to [www.friendsoftheapostleislands.org](http://www.friendsoftheapostleislands.org) or send to FAINL, PO Box 5174, Bayfield WI 54814.

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## special project UPDATE

### RASPBERRY ISLAND LIGHT STATION BOATHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT



This is the final year of a three-year fundraising project for the FRIENDS. The beautiful Raspberry Light Station property will be greatly enhanced by the restoration of its Boathouse. We have now raised over \$40,000 of our fundraising goal of \$52,000.

## New FRIENDS Project: Education

The FRIENDS of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore are pleased to partner with Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and Northland College to enhance and expand Apostle Island School. This program brings fifth and sixth graders from around the state to Stockton Island for a residential experience of two nights and three days. Students learn about the Ojibwe culture and the treasured natural and cultural resources of the area. This event is life changing for these students, their teachers and chaperones. The program helps to create stewards for the future. One student said: "I felt the sand and it was like the heartbeat of Stockton." Another student commented that, "Something special I learned about my classmates is that when they are on the island, they let out their feelings." In the end the students realized that, "If we all work together we can accomplish a lot."

*Myra Foster, Chief of Interpretation and Education*

## from Superintendent Bob Krumenaker Park Update

Early summer was cold and wet, midsummer was hot, and late summer and fall were as nice as we've ever seen it in the Apostle Islands. Visitation for the year reflected the weather, as it often does, resulting in an 11% increase through the end of September over last year. I'm grateful for another year of outstanding support for the Park from the FRIENDS. The investment FRIENDS made several years ago in the development of a real-time wave monitoring system for the Mainland Sea Caves came to fruition this year as the system went "live," allowing kayakers to review actual wave and water temperature conditions prior to launching into Lake Superior. Unfortunately, wireless phone coverage at Meyers Beach is poor so the information can't always be accessed where and when it's most needed.

FRIENDS are stepping up again on the next phase of the wave project to solve this problem by providing additional funds to help the park and its UW-Madi-

son and Sea Grant partners to install a solar-powered, mini wireless hotspot, a weatherproof tablet computer, and enclosure at the Meyers Beach launch.

In other park news, by next spring we'll have completed replacement of the docks at Basswood and South Twin Islands, as well as the south pier of the Little Sand Bay Marina. We'll begin major bricks and mortar work at Michigan Island and four other light stations in 2012. These large projects are an essential supplement to the park's operating budget, which in 2011 was more than 5% lower than the previous year, when adjusted for actual budget decreases, inflation, and assessments from Washington and our regional office. 2012 looks like an additional 3% decrease, not even including inflationary erosion. And the best case for 2013 continues this trend. Philanthropy and community support from FRIENDS will be even more important to the Park in the future, and I offer my most sincere appreciation.

## The Lights of Raspberry Island



This spectacular framed photograph, taken by Mark Weller, John Rummel, and Andrea Rummel, is the third in our series of the Milky Way and the lighthouses of the Apostle Islands; the first image was taken in 2009 of the Outer Island Lighthouse, and the second in 2010 of the Sand Island Lighthouse – all three are offered for purchase through the FRIENDS website.

## MARTIN HANSON CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND



The Martin Hanson Conservation Endowment Fund (MHCEF) was established by an anonymous donor in November of 2008 as a tribute to the late Martin Hanson. It was through his tireless efforts, working in conjunction with Gaylord Nelson and Bud

Jordahl, that the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore was conceived and came into being.

The Trustor of the Endowment, a great admirer of Martin, directed that the net earnings from the Fund be distributed to FRIENDS, as the sole beneficiary, annually to help carry on with the mission. The MHCEF is professionally managed through the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation (DSACF).

Contributions to the MHCEF are another great way for people to support FRIENDS and to honor Martin's legacy. If you would like to make a contribution to this Fund, please contact the DSACF at 218-726-0232, [info@dsacommunityfoundation.com](mailto:info@dsacommunityfoundation.com) or [www.dsacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com)