



**FRIENDS** *of the*  
APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

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**Dear “Friends,”**

**December 2018**

We send special heartfelt thanks to our faithful contributors, supporters and volunteers. We know you are a diverse bunch from all over the U.S. I have heard your stories – island adventures, boating memories, childhood experiences, the fish that got away, or tales of historic dimension. They are all set in a backdrop of awesome measure – sunsets and night skies, beaches and sea caves, bears and blueberries, teal blue water anchorages, and your stories go on.

We all want to preserve those memories and pass them on. It’s easy to assume that always possible given the nature of National Parks. But with shrinking budgets, damaging storms, changing values, increasing visitation and a growing list of challenges, park users need to ask, “What else can we be doing in the face of changing times?”

“Friends,” stands steadfast as the official fund and friend raising organization for the park. We exist to support park rangers, biologists, historians, summer seasonals, maintenance, and other staff in their stewardship efforts.

**In this annual report you will see how “Friends” step in:**

**We volunteer on work projects, provide funding for activities, events and projects that would otherwise NOT happen**

**We work with park staff; prioritizing funding needs, finding solutions, ACCESSING progress, and HELPING SECURE long-term general management goals**

**We focus funds, partnerships, matching money, people, our endowment, talents, gifts and all of our efforts on GIVING BACK to the park**

**We feel RESPONSIBLE, IMPASSIONED, GRATEFUL, AND FAITHFUL to the purpose at hand – to further the mission given to the Park in 1970**

**And we enjoy doing it, because we grow EVER MORE GRATEFUL for this gem of a national park**

**Read on, and if you have visited the Park:**

How much would you pay to spend another day or a week in the park? *Apostle Islands National Lakeshore* has no entrance fee. Consider giving at least that amount to “Friends” knowing that it will be compounded and leveraged for the greater good of this special park.

Help us to help the park, and love your park back in the process. Our report is full of ideas, or contact us directly.

*Sincerely,*

*Erica Peterson*

*President, Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore*



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# FROM THE “FRIENDS”

We'd like you to meet the people who are on our growing team of "Friends." They represent the 203,000 people who visit our park on average each year (290,000 in 2014, the year the ice caves went viral). They spend \$31.8M in our community, and

they support over 450 jobs in our local community creating an economic impact of \$37.5M. That's significant for a park that is relatively hard to get to, and, unlike most National Parks, has no entrance fee. With an operating budget of \$3M (not enough considering inflation, deferred maintenance, recent storm damage, increasing visitation, rising costs, etc), park staff have accomplished amazing feats to keep lighthouses, docks, campsites and the visitor experience intact. Work still remains to sustain the park into the future and meet the needs of a rapidly changing demography.



*National park tourism in general returns \$10 for every \$1 invested in the NPS. Apostle Islands NL has a high economic output for the number of visitors to the park. For example, Fire Island National Seashore in New York has over twice as many visitors, but a lower overall economic impact.*

"Friends," the official fundraising organization for the park, stands poised to help support park rangers, biologists, historians, summer seasonals, maintenance and other staff in their stewardship efforts.



## WHO WE ARE

We are a volunteer board made up of dedicated members who meet and work continually throughout the year

We have contributed over \$350,000 to the park since 2002

We communicate with over 600 contacts from all over the US who are connected in some way and read our newsletters, send us money and/or volunteer on our park projects

Our work benefits the 180,000-290,000 people who

visit the park each year and contribute to the welfare of its gateway communities

Our mission is to promote an appreciation for, and preservation of, the natural environment and cultural heritage of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

We provide support and aid for trails, historic buildings, natural and cultural landscapes, safety features, education, research, campgrounds and wildlife to name a few.



*A group of visitors wave from the top of the Raspberry Island Lighthouse.*

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- NORTHLAND COLLEGE & THE SIGURD OLSON ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE
- NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY FOUNDATION
- NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION
- WILDERNESS INQUIRY
- WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON
- BAYFIELD MARITIME MUSEUM
- BRICKYARD CREEK COMMUNITY
- MADELINE ISLAND WILDERNESS PRESERVE

Learn more by going to: [friendsoftheapostleislands.org](http://friendsoftheapostleislands.org)

# HOW ARE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

*A sampling in 2018*



Island School students set themselves to “island time” and without iPhones learn from the rhythms of lake, forest and beach. We help with transportation. Island School is going into its 32nd year serving close to 5000 students with a 3-day wilderness camping experience

Volunteers planted beach grass to help stabilize high traffic areas and prevent erosion



Contributions helped assist lead paint removal and the repainting of Michigan Island’s “Old Keepers Quarters, making it safe for use and interpretation

Problem solved. Thanks to a generous donation from Blackspruce Fund, everyone can now see over the rock break wall at Little Sand Bay’s dock, including people with mobility challenges and small children



Raspberry Island’s light station got new day markers, clotheslines and storm doors to both enhance its history and further protect its integrity

‘Friends’ restored the historic flowerbeds at Michigan Island to better reflect the character of the original light station and its keepers



# ON OUR RADAR FOR 2019



Presque Isle’s much loved amphitheater, home to countless campfire programs, years of Island Schools and more recently a gathering of local tribal members, needs a facelift. “Friends” is working on a new vision for this important gathering place and is seeking funding to give it renewed purpose while make it more accessible



Anyone who has been to Meyers Beach in the last few years realizes how hard it is to access if you have any mobility issues, let alone a kayak and gear. “Friends” is working with partners Wilderness Inquiry, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, and matching monies from a private donor to secure an engineering study for the site



Thanks to a generous private donation, the park will dismantle an unstable chimney on Sand Island’s historic West Bay Club lodge



Volunteers from “Friends” and “Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy” will be working with Park Staff to enhance this iconic historical cabin for interpretation near the entrance to Little Sand Bay



## GET INVOLVED

Help us leverage our funding sources with your contribution. Gifts can be made online or in the enclosed envelope. We encourage you to further gift the park through our Martin Hanson Conservation Endowment Fund, employer matches, donor advised funds, or through gifts of stock, IRA’s, trusts and insurance policies. Your financial advisor can advise you on how to make giving to our nonprofit a tax advantage even with the new tax laws. Please contact us if we can help.

Or become a sustaining member by automatically charging your gift to your credit card or bank account on a monthly basis.

And sign up to be a volunteer. In the spring we will send you a list of opportunities.

## Donor List: October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018

THANK YOU! We celebrate those of you who have helped support our mission in our last fiscal year. Your contributions & volunteerism are crucial. Please consider how important our work will be ahead and, if possible, help us grow our potential.

### \$1000 +

Faust, Tim  
Franza, Mary  
Lemmenes, Gene  
Lindstrom, Dave & Marilyn  
Peters, Barbara & Goetz  
Graefe  
Rymer, Kim & Quito  
Slocum, James  
Tropman, Peter & Virginia  
Graves

### \$100 to \$499

Alanen, Arnold & Lynn Bjorkman  
Albrecht, Lois  
Anderson, Mick & Connie  
Anderson, Gregory & Kimberly  
Biermeier, Anna & Roger Hanson  
Bohm, Tim  
Brunsvold, David & Piper  
Carlson, Lars & Mary  
Charboneau, Darlene & Richard  
Chatfield, Gayle & Bill Bailey  
Clesceri, Marsha & Anthony  
Collins, Ted & Eileen  
Cornelle, Barrett & Nancy  
Coyle, Sheila  
Csernansky, John & Cynthia  
Day, Elizabeth  
DeMars, John & Bette  
Depa, Lawrence & Jacquelyn  
Durfey, Bob & Ann Barthelemy  
Durham, Roberta  
Ekstrom, Don & Catherine  
Fingerson, Laura  
Foley, Kate  
Frank, John  
Gareis, Richard  
Gibson, Chere & Terry  
Goldberg, Sheldon & Peggy  
Graff, Karen  
Grage, Glenn & Dianne  
Griswold, Greg & Lu  
Groenke, Daniel & Carol  
Gross, Mark & Jeri

### \$500 to \$999

Bartholic Family Foundation  
Brickyard Creek Condo Assoc  
Ed Uihlein Family Foundation  
Harmon, Ian  
Irvine, Patrick  
McGranahan, Patrick  
O'Connor, Theron & Demaris Brinton  
Pautsch, Brett & Nancy  
Scheetz, Thomas  
Trieschmann, Michael & Cheryl

Hanway, Nancy  
Haug, Gregg  
Hauptert, Ron & Janice  
Hedman, Susan  
Hooper, Mark  
Huck, Mike & Christina  
Inland Sea Kayakers  
Johnson, Daniel & Terri  
Kaemmer, Art  
Keeper of the Light  
Kiel, Rolland & Joyce  
Kifowitz, Steve  
King, Daniel & Sally  
Koerschner, Frederick & Lou Anne  
Kotila, Peter & Cynthia  
Koutnik, Michael  
Krumenaker, Bob & Susan Edwards  
Lamoureux, Susan  
Lane, John  
Lemmenes, Ann & Bob Zander  
Levine, Gilbert  
Lillquist, Jami  
Living Adventure  
Long, Susan & Craig  
Ludwigen, Charles & Jeannine  
Mechan, Diana & James  
Miles, Bruce H  
Moberg, Joani & Joshua  
Nordgren, Deb  
Nybo, Christopher & Rebecca  
Ogle, Kim & Derek  
Olson, Dave  
Olson, Kerri  
O'Neal, Peggy  
Patek, Allan  
Peterson, Erica & Mark  
Polley, John  
Radtke, Tom & Kristen  
Rau, Dean & Sarah Lund  
Reichel, Steven  
Roland, CF & HAP  
Rossmiller, John & Helen  
Ryan, Ellen  
Schubert, Karin  
Sherman, Gary  
Skenderian, Daniel  
Sneed, Carolyn  
Spears, Nyasha  
Terry, Lucy  
Walter, H. William & Judy  
Wiersum, Brad  
Wilczek, Dan & Liz  
Zitzer, Jill & Daniel

### Up to \$99

Bahe, David & Terri  
Bailey, Jo & Mike  
Bousquette, Paul & Sandra  
Bowles, Chester  
Cornwall, Bruce  
Cybela, Joan & Douglas  
Dallman, Lori  
Darragh, Kelly & Robert  
Eagan, Patrick & Ms. Lloyd  
Eichten, Patricia  
Facijs, Michael & Patty  
Feintheil, Nancy  
Fofrich, Dennis  
Gall, Warren & Beth  
Gould, Kim & Jon  
Grage, Jeffrey, Tanya & Ethan  
Graham, Bernard  
Granger, Richard & Diana  
Gustafson, Jeremy  
Hansen, James & Carmen  
Hedtke, Dale & Amy Brooks  
Hirsch, Virginia  
Hoye, Rebecca  
Ingram, Alan & Christine  
Jensen, Doug & Jeanne  
Kennedy, Kristine  
Knowles, Gary & Mae  
Kodesh, Ray & Paula  
Korpela, Ernest & Janice  
Kusel, Karen  
Langguth, Tim  
Locey, Sharon & Craig  
Lost Creek Adventures  
Lowry, Ann  
Maas, Lisbeth  
Makela, Victoria  
Neil Howk  
Nussbaum, Paul & Diane  
Oppedahl, Ruth  
Paddle Planner, LLC  
Parks Project  
Plein, Arvid & Kathryn  
Pobuda, George  
Russell, Kathleen  
Sanford, Barbara & Donald  
Schlack, Robert  
Schlichting, Fred & Tam Hofman  
Sharrow, James & Kathleen  
Sherman, Gary  
Sherman, Ryan  
Smith, Stephen & Elizabeth  
Snyder, Jay & Jennifer  
Taylor, Debra  
Tomczak, James  
Traut, Karen  
Weber, John & Sandra  
Wendling, Mark & Kathleen  
Zainer, Linda

### Wilderness Accessibility Fund

Lemmenes, Ann & Bob Zander  
Lemmenes, Gene  
Slocum, James  
Tropman, Peter & Virginia Graves

### Martin Hanson Conservation Endowment Fund

Charboneau, Darlene & Richard  
Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore  
McTaggart, Robert

### Chimney Repairs for West Bay Club on Sand Island

Peters, Barbara & Goetz Graefe

### Special Designation Gifts

Durfey, Bob & Ann Barthelemy: for programs to get kids to the islands  
Durham, Roberta: in honor of (sister) Nell Bean  
Franza, Mary: for interpretive programs in memory of Ronald Johnson, formerly of Washburn, WI & retired from NPS Huck, Mike & Christina: in honor of (brother) John Frank  
Keeper of the Light: lighthouse projects per the USLHS passport stamp program  
Lemmenes Family: in honor of Dan & Lynn Molter, long friendships, and these islands  
Lowry, Ann: in honor of Jeff Garrett who gives so much to this area

### Honoring the Wedding of Andy & Kaydee (Baker) Collins

Collins, Ted & Eileen  
Grage, Glenn & Dianne  
Grage, Jeffrey, Tanya & Ethan  
Kusel, Karen  
Nybo, Christopher & Rebecca  
Sherman, Gary  
Sherman, Ryan

*\*\*Please accept our apologies if we have erred and let us know so that we can correct our database.*



### NEW EMERITUS MEMBER

"Friends" say goodbye to Superintendent Bob Krumenaker who served our park for 16 years. Big Bend National Park and their "Friends" group welcomes him to remote southwestern Texas. We have in common mighty water resources (Lake Superior vs. Rio Grand River), international borders (Canada vs. Mexico), and unparalleled night skies. Thanks to Bob for his years of service; the board voted him Emeritus Member and wishes him well in the land of big views and extraordinary diversity.



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## FINANCIAL REPORT—FISCAL YEAR 2018 (OCT. 1, 2017-SEPT. 30, 2018)

TOTAL REVENUE: \$103,659

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$50,473

