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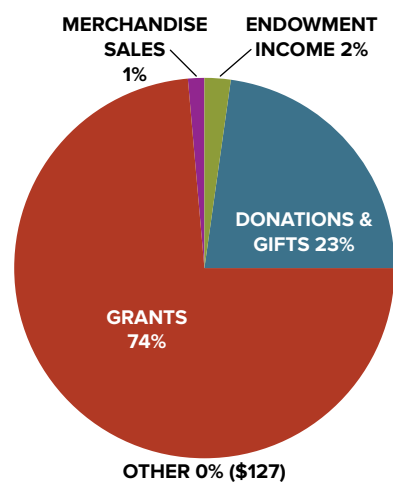
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TOTAL REVENUE: \$263,458



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$85,437

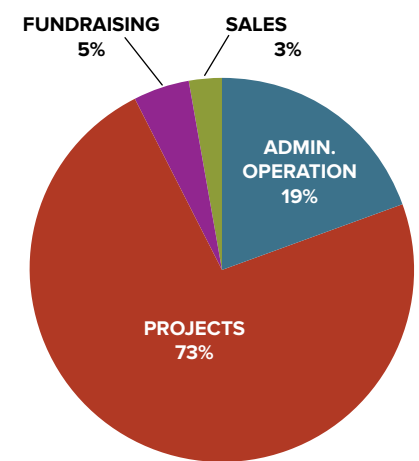


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**FRIENDS of the
APOSTLE ISLANDS
NATIONAL LAKESHORE
2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

FROM “FRIENDS”



“Friends groups are a partnership between the community and the park.”

—National Park Foundation

No one could have predicted 2020 and the impact of COVID-19 on planned events celebrating the Lakeshore’s 50th Anniversary.

From Lakeshore Superintendent *Lynne Dominy*:
“We originally planned to start

the Anniversary events in March 2020, but the arrival of the pandemic shifted our focus to staff and public safety instead. We spent the year working with the Friends of the Apostle Islands (FAINL) to rethink ways to bring the lakeshore into people’s homes so they could stay connected to the park. We are also still working on ways to ensure our celebration is rooted in the community and involves interested organizations, businesses, and individuals.”

“Friends” remains a dedicated group of volunteers working constantly to provide reliable and essential support to the park. Realizing the importance of building community relations for the sake of further stewarding park resources, FAINL has been busy, during this time of COVID, networking with regional

businesses, marinas, artists, non-profits, and chambers of commerce. “They are our gate keepers so-to-speak,” says Erica Peterson, board chair. “Important also has been how to keep our park staff safe so that they can continue to protect visitor experiences and park resources.”

Not willing to forgo planned events for the Lakeshore’s 50th anniversary, we started anew on September 26, 2020 with the park’s official founding day. Business partners and park staff celebrated with cupcakes and birthday greetings posted to our social media. Upcoming events will likely be virtual, but equally engaging. All of us look forward to welcoming our first paid Executive Director, and building essential capacity for the park at a critical time in history.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

“Here’s to another 50 years, to one of the most beautiful places in the world.” Corey, NPS Visitor and Resource Protection Team

“FAINL is one of our most vital partners for supporting park priorities. We join together with you, ‘Friends,’ in celebrating the first 50 years of the national lakeshore and thank you for supporting the park we all love. Many of you, businesses included, have helped make visiting our park an unforgettable experience to be treasured.” *Lynne Dominy*

“If it weren’t for the park, I would not have a successful business. You’ve got a fan in me!” *Mary Grant, Keeper of the Light Gift Shop*

“The national lakeshore is so much a part of what we do... We are lucky the Apostle Islands are part of the National Park Service.”

John and Mary Thiel, Howl Adventure Center

“Mino dibishkaan Apostle Islands. As I am out and about on the islands, I am always thinking about my ancestors and the next generation hoping that I am making them proud with the work I do.” *Damon, NPS Interpretation and Education Team*

“Having grown up here, I really had no idea what a special place this was. Now that I’ve returned, I’m excited to help others experience this amazing place.” *Bryce Albrecht, Apostle Islands Cruises*

“We are marking our 35th year of operation. It is a big factor for this marina to be on the edge of the park and close to the sea caves.” *Dave Tillmans, Siskiwit Bay Marina*

“I’m celebrating all the enjoyment I’ve gotten from paddling in the



Apostles the past 25 years. The park tells the story of all who live and all who came before. When I am on the road selling my soap, people always say, “Oh Bayfield, we love Bayfield!” It’s all about the islands and the lake.” *Chris Bardon, Lake Superior Lather*

“Our relationship with the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is integral to everything we do. Our tagline is that Bayfield is where the water meets the soul. When people come and see the natural beauty of this area, they can’t help but want to become a part of it.” *David Eades, Bayfield Chamber of Commerce*

“The Madeline Island Ferry and its crew appreciate the islands and their preservation that the National Park Service has provided. The ferry provides employees time off each week partly so they can recreate in and enjoy the area and share their experiences with visitors.” *Mike Radke, Madeline Island Ferry Line*

“There’s only so many places in the world where you can sit down for lunch, hear a bird call and think to yourself – Wow – did

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I just sit under an eagle’s nest – again!” *John, NPS Resource Management Team*

Mino Dibishkaa - Happy Birthday - to one of the most sacred and beautiful areas of the world. *Michelle, Ashland, WI*

“My family’s history is here. My grandfather had a fish camp in the islands. It is important for all of us to take care of this area.” *Solvig Hadland, Joanne’s Scandinavian*

“I have been associated with the Lakeshore for over 30 years. It’s been an honor.” *Dave, NPS Resource Management Team*

“Fifty-years ago the people of this nation gave themselves a great present in Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Great days are ahead. Forward is our motto.” *Bob Nelson, Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy*

“We have paddled to almost every island in the park. The islands are magical for us and those who stay there.” *Dennis and Christine Clark, Artesian House B&B*

“Lake Superior and the atmosphere surrounding it provides the quality of life we have here and draws people to the area. There is something magical about these islands. The national lakeshore’s beaches, the access to the islands, and the protection they provide boaters sets this place apart.” *Anthony Jennings, Apostle Islands Realty*

“Apostle Islands is our little piece of the Great American Idea.” *Kyleleen, NPS Resource Management Team*

“From the earliest touch of human history on these shores, people were magnetized by its unique beauty. May all future generations continue to enjoy and preserve this treasure.” *Megan Boyle, Bayfield Heritage Association*

Thank you to Neil Howk, Bob Jauch and the NPS for use of their photos.

HOW ARE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Highlights from 2020



Accessibility efforts included picking a design for a new beach ramp at Meyer’s Beach, convening experts in the field of accessibility as advisors to our vision, acquiring materials for the new amphitheater on Stockton Island (to be built in 2021) and identifying future park accessibility priorities on Sand Island and at Little Sand Bay.



Community Outreach efforts included recruiting 41 new business partners, improving the FAINL website, hosting community Zoom meetings to discuss COVID-19 prevention efforts, & starting social media campaigns including “Where in the Park is Neil”. Volunteer opportunities will return in 2021 if community events are rescheduled and if COVID-19 concerns are mitigated.



Resource Stewardship efforts included partnering with Apostle Islands Historic

Preservation Conservancy (AIHPC) to stabilize the icehouse and eroding shoreline at the historic West Bay Club and supporting the upcoming 50th Anniversary Resource Stewardship Symposium with Northland College in 2021.



Social Media Outreach efforts included a new partnership with National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation (NPLSF) to photograph the islands with internationally recognized National Geographic photographer David Guttenfelder to expand the social media presence (especially on Instagram) of the lakeshore throughout the 50th anniversary year.



Visitor Experience efforts were focused on COVID-19 prevention including providing masks and supplies to park staff to help keep the lakeshore open this summer. Hired a 50th coordinator to help NPS staff and FAINL with 50th related messaging, happenings and social media to further develop park awareness.



Youth efforts included adding a Northland Student to the FAINL Board and improving the Stockton Island amphitheater for their use when Island School resumes.

Ensuring-a-sustainable-future, “Strong Park, Strong Community” efforts secured grants and donations to build FAINL’s operational capacity and hire, for the first time, an executive director to start in 2021. The board and Park are thrilled!

ON OUR RADAR FOR 2021

“Caring for our place on Gichigami” is a powerful mission. We remain committed to helping the Lakeshore, and in turn our community keep up with increasing visitation, changing climate, environmental concerns, and maintenance of important structures and recreational services. FAINL will work on how to do business in the new digital world and with the help of you and a new executive director, and the notoriety of the 50th anniversary, proportionally expand our presence while answering “this is what we should be doing.” **We ask for your help at this critical time in our growth.**

Details about how you can get involved, and the events, are on our new website at www.friendsoftheapostleislands.org. Please consider how you can help us grow our ability to keep the park relevant to both current and future generations, while forever protecting its significant resources.