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Killarney: A Wilderness in Proximity to a Globally Unique Great Lake

By Park Superintendent Chuck Miller

The planning for a park interpretive centre at Killarney is underway. The centre will be designed and built in an environmentally sensitive manner. It will highlight the Killarney wilderness and Killarney's Georgian Bay coast.

The idea of protecting the Georgian Bay coast has been around for over 40 years.

In the mid 1960's there was tremendous pressure from growth in outdoor recreation. The Department of Lands and Forests turned to the semi-isolated area of Killarney that had just received a road in 1961 and included the last inaccessible shoreline on Georgian Bay.

A recreation reserve was conceived that would stretch from Parry Sound to Blind River. Legislation was introduced called the "Killarney Recreation Reserve" the name was later changed to the "North Georgian Bay Recreational Reserve" in 1964 to avoid confusion with the new Killarney Provincial Park. The Reserve was to be a multiple use area, open to many public and private activities, although year round recreation would be the dominant land use.

By the mid 1960's the role of the Park was set and it was to be developed for canoe routes. The mid 60's and early 70's saw the first attempts to implement quotas and reservations; bans on motor boats and logging; and to designate Quetico and Killarney as "primitive parks".

The Park expanded in 1983 through the Strategic Land Use Planning (SLUP) program.

The Lands for Life report of October 1998 came forward with an idea from the public for a "Great Lakes Heritage Coastline" from Parry Sound to the Minnesota border. The coasts of the Great Lakes were seen as a unique resource of global significance.

The Minister's response, Ontario's Living Legacy, created parks and forest reserves adjacent to Killarney and identified nine areas as featured areas or "Signature Sites". Killarney was identified as part of two featured areas the "Great Lakes Heritage Coast" and an expanded "Killarney Provincial Park". Funding for an interpretive centre has been approved as part of the Great Lakes Heritage Coast.



Greetings From Killarney!

As the snow begins to fall to the ground, the days of summer sunshine and blistering heat seem long ago. The camping season of 2001 was an enormous success for the Friends.

Sales at the George and Bell Lake Outposts were up 5%, two brand new trail guides for the Cranberry Bog and Granite Ridge Trails were introduced to Park visitors, our membership drive was a huge success, with over one hundred new members joining our organization, but most importantly summer in Killarney was as beautiful as ever.

Many THANKS go out to the summer Outpost staff for all their hard work, Brandy Strowbridge, Jenn Fry, Amy Robinson, and Mandy Tyson.

GOOD LUCK goes out to Michelle Schlag, the Marketing and Membership Services Co-ordinator who has departed to pursue her education and WELCOME to Kristian Puhvel the new Marketing and Membership Services Coordinator. With all our new and old Friends, I anticipate the year ahead will be as successful and pleasurable as 2001. Together we will make a difference.

I remain yours truly,

Andrea Duchesne
General Manager



Many thanks to the Outpost staff: from left, Mandy Tyson, Brandy Strowbridge, Amy Robinson and Jean Fry

MAY 2001: CAMPSITE REHAB BRINGS TOGETHER VOLUNTEERS FOR FUN-FILLED (AND VERY PRODUCTIVE) WEEKEND!



**Working up an appetite:
Al Hills and Amy Robinson serve lunch.**

The Friends of Killarney Park gratefully acknowledges a generous contribution from the Elizabeth Adelaide Pitt Barron estate to further park protection, preservation and education.

by Andrea Duchesne

In Memory of Elizabeth Adelaide Pitt Barron (1904-1998)

Elizabeth Pitt was born in Toronto in 1904 to Charles William and Isabella Pitt. Her Grandfather, John Bertram, was President and her father, Charles, managed the Collins Inlet Lumber Company in Collins Inlet. The first 20 years of her life were divided into winter months in Toronto and summer months in Collins Inlet on the north shore of Georgian Bay. Much of her time on Georgian Bay was spent camping and canoeing in Killarney Provincial Park.

Elizabeth Pitt graduated from the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression in 1925. At that time, the Margaret Eaton School was one of the first schools of higher education in Canada that prepared young women to enter the field of physical education.

In 1925 Elizabeth taught at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia. Here, Elizabeth worked as a Junior Coach teaching classes in swimming, folk dancing and gymnastics in exchange for free tuition and residence. She also taught physical education classes for young girls in three nearby Catholic schools. During this time Elizabeth traveled to Ollerup Gymnastic College in Denmark, becoming the first Canadian to graduate from this summer training course in Danish gymnastics.

Elizabeth returned to Canada in 1927. She secured a job at the private Toronto girls' school, Havergal College, where she worked until 1929. At that time she accepted a position with the T. Eaton Company as an instructor for the Eaton Girls Club – she would ultimately hold this position for the next 29 years.

In 1951, Elizabeth took on the executive directorship of the Oshawa YWCA, a position she held for seven years. She then went back and resumed her earlier position as director of the Eaton Girls Club.

In 1964 at the age of sixty, Elizabeth retired from her position at the Eaton Girls Club. Shortly after she was asked to serve as executive director of the Welland YM/YWCA that was about to close due to financial difficulty. Over four years, Elizabeth successfully raised \$450,000 to build a new facility. In 1968 she accepted the directorship of the Niagara Falls YWCA. In 1970 she retired for one final time. Elizabeth eventually found time to marry at the age of 66 only after her career had ended.

Elizabeth Adelaide Pitt Barron died in 1998 at the age of 93. Elizabeth was a model for young woman and made an impact on her students by providing an example for those who entered the profession of physical education. Because of Elizabeth's strong ties to Collins Inlet, she and her family will forever remain pioneers of Killarney Park and the Town of Killarney.

Attention All Winter Enthusiasts

Killarney offers many activities for a winter enthusiast. Eight kilometres of packed and track set cross-country ski trails and 26 kilometres of packed but not always track set trails that are excellent for snowshoeing. Killarney Park is also known for its outstanding winter bird watching and winter camping. Virtually all areas of the park are accessible by snowshoe. If you do not have a pair of snowshoes, no need to fret. We rent out snowshoes for \$10 per day.

Office hours from November until March are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm depending on staff availability. There is self registration available if by chance there is no staff on hand.

If you are not up to spending a night camping in the backcountry or in the campground there are hotels and bed and breakfasts in the town of Killarney that remain open during the winter season. For more information, call (705) 287-2800.

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**Submissions
and suggestions
are always welcome!**

By Richard Todd



The Little Orange Book

In the mid-sixties, when Killarney Provincial Park came into being, there were few commercial amenities for the would-be wilderness wanderer. There were virtually no stores in Canada specializing in lightweight equipment, and the few publications that dealt with modern self-propelled outdoors adventuring all came from the U.S. As for big, professionally produced guidebooks to Ontario's wealth of canoe routes, forget it.

Some local offices of the Ministry of Lands and Forests had a few mimeographed route descriptions to give out. The Ministry also published pamphlet-size guidebooks for the two best-known canoeing parks, Algonquin and Quetico, and one for the newly organized North Georgian Bay Recreational Reserve.

The last of these, published in 1966, covered Killarney Park, but also adjacent waters, some as far away as the Naiscoot River, just north of Point-au-baril. Some of the routes included waters within the present park along with nearby lakes like Tyson and Panache. There were a number of errors in the generally useful descriptions. In 1970 the Ministry considered a revision, but it never materialized.

It was a small guidebook by today's standards, 32 pages measuring about four by six inches. Its orange cover earned it the nickname, *Little Orange Book*, a wry tip of the hat to the *Quotations from Chairman Mao-tse Tung*, then popular among young intellectuals. Like the orange book's recent and much thicker successor, *Killarney Provincial Park Canoe Guide*, it contained a lot of information beyond route descriptions. Some of that information remains useful, but much now seems little more than quaint.

A list of essential equipment includes a tent of "light silk or silkoline, large enough to accommodate your party comfortably, with space available for duffle, but not larger than 10 x 12 feet." Also recommended is a 2-, 4-, 6-, or 8-man mess kit, which should include soap, dishtowels, candles, toilet paper and matches. And don't forget your 2.5-pound axe, nor the 6-inch file and whetstone that should go with it. In the rope department, the anonymous author recommends 25-30 feet of sash cord or heavy clothesline for tracking your canoe, guying your tent or even drying your clothes.

A grub list for two persons, one week, included six cans of milk, half a pound of tea, two pounds of bacon, a pound of shortening and three loaves of bread, among other things. Of course you would plan to supplement your staples with the fish you caught. To that end the text concluded with a table of what fish you could catch in the various lakes.

Dated though much of this information may be now, in its day it reflected some of the best traditional knowledge of canoe camping available. The route descriptions, though some have become semi-obsolete due to 35 years of changing conditions, were of great value at the time. In short, the *Little Orange Book* was a passport to Killarney Park and the greater area it covered for a new generation of wilderness seekers.

HOW MUCH IS THE FINE IF I HAVE A FIRE DURING A RFZ?

It's a common question at the front counter during the Restricted Fire Zone. The answer really is a range from about \$200 to \$250,000 per day! Everyone is fully responsible for fires they start or control - ban or no ban. Fully responsible includes financially responsible. Fighting forest fires even small ones start around \$5,000 a fire, a modest fire \$35,000 and large fires up to \$250,000 a day! The expense to fight every fire is tracked individually. Human caused fires are investigated, charges laid and 100% of the cost of the fire allocated to the responsible person.

Forecasting the rate of forest fire spread is a technical science and is related to drought, relative humidity, temperature, wind, topography and fuel type. When conditions develop to a point where large uncontrollable wildfires are a probability, the MNR places restrictions on fires.

Having a fire during a RFZ is against the law. A RFZ means conditions are favourable for the development of large uncontrollable wildfires that could cost you personally \$1/4 million per day. When the fire control sign reads moderate, high or extreme, think of the level of financial risk you are willing to assume.

Welcome to our new marketing and membership co-ordinator

Welcome to Kristian Puhvel, the Friends new Marketing and Membership Co-ordinator, hired under FedNor's Youth Initiatives Internship Program. Kris has worked for Killarney Mountain Lodge for the past two seasons as a Recreation Director and has an intimate knowledge of Killarney Park and the area.

His experience in developing promotional material for the Lodge as well as his knowledge of non profit organizations, working at Wye Marsh, should prove to be a valuable asset for the Friends.

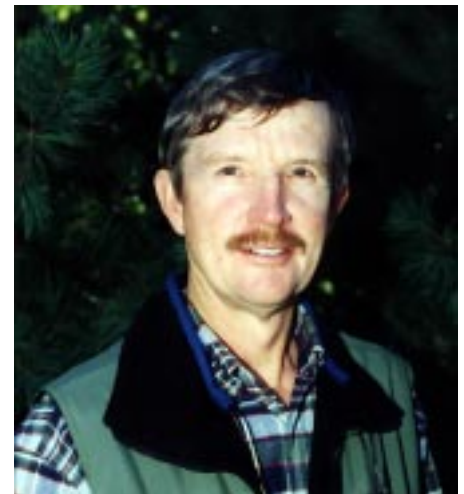
Meet the Board of Directors



Al Hills, a Captain with the Mississauga Fire Department, has been canoeing and camping in the Killarney area for almost 30 years. He has had the pleasure of introducing many family and friends to the wonders of La Cloche, the magic of the aquamarine waters, and the benefits of buying several CANOE RAFFLE tickets! Al has been a member of the Friends since its inception in 1986, and on the board since 1997. Fundraising has been one of his responsibilities, having been involved with the canoe guide, silent auctions, raffles, and other revenue projects. The generosity and kindness of all members, corporate sponsors, and park visitors has always been inspirational to Al, as it shows the love and responsibility towards this pristine park gem. Al is currently serving his second year as Vice-President.



As a 'Friends' member for the past four years, **David "Michael" Brown** is one of the newly elected members to the Board. Michael has been active in many past Spring Clean-up and loon survey weekends and is very anxious to help out on the Board. He has experience with the Canadian Cancer Society in fund raising and public relations while completing an 800 km hike along the Bruce Trail. Michael has also spent several weeks volunteering in Killarney's backcountry for the campsite cleanup and rehabilitation program for Ontario Parks. An avid outdoors person, he shares his dedication to the park with his wife, Dawn, and their 6 month old son Cohen (and of course Ginger the dog). They can be found in the park most long weekends throughout the year enjoying Killarney in all its seasons.



Fraser Gibson and his family have been visiting Killarney annually since their first visit approximately 20 years ago. They have enjoyed camping in the main campground and on several interior lakes. Killarney's beauty and solitude continue to draw them back. They have been members of the Friends for many years and Fraser is currently the Past President. Fraser is a recently retired educator having spent many years as an outdoor education consultant. While teaching at the outdoor centre, one of his main objectives was to inspire students to love and respect life and habitat. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Kitchener Waterloo Field Naturalists. Fraser enjoys the outdoors immensely and spends considerable time there. He has participated in a variety of species surveys such as Christmas bird counts, Killarney's butterfly counts, the marsh monitoring program, CNF's ladybug survey, Ontario's breeding bird atlas and tagging Monarch butterflies. His other hobbies include hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, making maple syrup, woodworking, beekeeping and gardening.

**New Publications:
Park Superintendent
Chuck Miller proudly
displays the new
Cranberry Bog and
Granite Ridge Trail
Guides released this
past summer.**



Meet the Board of Directors



In 1981, the Gibson family visited Killarney Park for the first time. Unbelievable scenery, fantastic swimming and great canoeing hooked them. Since that first visit, their summer plans begin in the spring with booking "Killarney" for holidays. One of the highlights of their July camping experience this summer was to have their adult son and daughter join them for the weekend. Killarney is a place filled with memories for them.

Nancy Gibson has been Secretary for the Friends of Killarney for the past 3 years and now looks forward to being an official Board member. As more and more people visit this magnificent park, we must continue to educate and preserve everything that makes it so unique, she says. Nancy is currently a teacher-librarian in Waterloo Region. Her volunteer experience includes 19 years as a member of a women's service club, serving on the executive and chairing several major fund raising projects.



Jennifer East has worked in tourism in Killarney as a guide, manager and in marketing throughout her life with Killarney Mountain Lodge & Outfitters. Recently she has been involved with Ontario Tourism promotional projects like Paddling Ontario and Arts in the Wild, and as the Vice-Chair of the Outdoor Committee of the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership. She is committed to developing a sustainable future for the Killarney area and is looking forward to her work on the Board. Jennifer is particularly interested in integrating the community of Killarney with the Friends Board.



Dick DeStefano has extensive experience in the field of economic development in the Greater Sudbury area and beyond. He has a long history of involvement in the community and at the provincial level in a number of capacities, including Regional Councillor, Commissioner of the CRTC, partner in an Eco Tourism company, and member of the Ministry of Culture and Communications Advisory Committee on Telecommunications. He joined the Board of Directors of the Friends of Killarney Park in July 2000. He was recently appointed to the Canadian Hearing Society's long-range planning committee.

The Annual General Meeting was held in Killarney Provincial Park on July 14, 2001.



Meet the Board of Directors



Klaus Haring lives in Sudbury, where he manages a large printing company. He and his wife and three girls enjoy the great outdoors, with Killarney being their favourite destination! Klaus and his family have been regular volunteers during the Friends' annual Campsite Rehabilitation Weekend.



Duncan Lyon lives in Whitby Ontario with wife Mary and three children, Taryn, Mark and Richard. He and his family are avid campers and paddlers. They have been coming to Killarney for five years. Duncan is a Professional Engineer and Vice-President of a fibreglass fabrication company. He has been an active participant in joint industry/government environmental task groups focused on reducing sources of VOC and smog related emissions from the plastics industry for the past ten years.



Nicole Charette has been enjoying the scenery and solitude of Killarney Provincial Park for the past decade. Since joining the Board of the Friends in 1994, she has made an immense contribution to many projects, including the Killarney Canoe Guide and Paddles & Trails. She became President of the Friends in 2000, after serving a two-year term as Vice-President. Nicole is Manager of Corporate Communications and French-language Services for the new City of Greater Sudbury. She feels fortunate to live less than an hour away from one of Ontario's crown jewels.



2001 Annual General Meeting: from left, Andrea Duchesne, Fraser Gibson and Al Hills listen attentively as the President delivers a summary of the past year's accomplishments.

Friends of Killarney Park Canoe 'n' Gear Raffle Winners



Congratulations to Scott Card of Killarney - our 2001 canoe winner. Many thanks to Nova Craft Canoe of London and our many donors.



16ft Kevlar/CAP Nova Craft Tripper Canoe
Nova Craft Canoe, London, Ontario
Scott Card - Killarney, Ontario

Eureka Timberline 4xT Tent
Johnson Worldwide Associates
Burlington, Ontario
Brian Matthews - Cambridge, Ontario

Waterproof 107 litre Canoe Pack
White Squall of Georgian Bay
Parry Sound, Ontario
Shannon Pennington - Waterloo, Ontario

Grey Owl Kayak Paddle
Grey Owl Paddles - Cambridge, Ontario
John Bogoslawski - Creemore, Ontario

Tasco Nature Watch Binoculars
Tasco, Markham, Ontario
Aron Reppington - Mississauga, Ontario

Evolution Plus 2 Cookset
Killarney Outfitters, Killarney, Ontario
Matt Neima - London, Ontario

2 Personal Flotation Devices
Buoy-O-Boy, Guelph, Ontario
Bob Nelson - Sudbury, Ontario

Ontario Parks Fleece Vest, Cap and Mug – Ontario Parks, Killarney, Ontario
Ross McDermott - Barrie, Ontario

FON 1 Year Family Membership
Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Toronto, Ontario
Tom Wiemi - Sudbury, Ontario

3 Sea Line Baja Bags 51, 101, 201
Hikers Haven - London, Ontario
Crystal Greer - Mississauga, Ontario

Canadian Geographic 1 yr subscription
Royal Canadian Geographic Society
Vanier, Ontario
Ken Roque - Killarney, Ontario

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Webmaster Richard Todd displays our new site.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON-LINE!

The Friends has launched a newly enhanced and completely redesigned website. The site includes an expanded photo gallery of Killarney images, on-line publication ordering, an up to date special events page, and you can now renew your membership online! You can check it out at www.friendsofkillarneypark.ca Happy Surfing!



Far left: meet the youngest member of the Friends - Cohen Brown (shown here with proud mom Dawn Brown, our Executive Director).

Gary Forma of Ontario Parks praised the Friends for their efforts during the AGM held in July 2001.

2001 Silent Auction Highest Bidders

This year's Silent Auction was held on July 13th to 15th at the George Lake Access Point. Thank you to all the Corporate Sponsors who generously donated the items that went on the auction block. Thank you also Park visitors and Friends' members who placed bids during the weekend long event. Hope to see you again next summer!

Cross Country Skis – Pinnacle Sports – Sudbury
 Hiking Socks – Running Free – Toronto
 1 Year Subscription to Canadian Geographic Magazine
 Exposure Suit – Buoy-O-Boy
 Fleece Blanket – Dawn Brown
 Nashwaak Paddle – Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Hills
 Sunglasses – Pepsi – Mississauga
 Tundra 60 Litre Backpack- Imperial International
 Bell Phonocards – Bell Canada
 Animal Print T-Shirt – Friends of Killarney Park
 Sport Camera Package – Kodak Canada
 Mummy Sleeping Bag – Coleman Company
 Binocular Dry Bag – Kodak Canada
 Dayback – Europe Bound
 Tatonka Daypack – The Outside Store – Sudbury
 Ontario Parks Sweatshirt – Ontario Parks
 3 Day Kayak Rental – Killarney Outfitters
 Walking Stick – Tumblehome – Burlington
 Nashwaak T-Shirt – Nashwaak Paddles
 Youth PFD – Buoy-O-Boy
 Tundra Daypack – Imperial International
 Maps & Mapcase – Chrismar Mapping/Running Free
 Adventure Package – Friends of Killarney Park
 CD – David Archibald
 Eureka Backpack – Johnson Worldwide
 Youth PFD – Buoy-O-Boy
 Tundra Daypack – Marathon Adventures-Toronto
 Suede jacket - Crosstown Motors
 Healing the Landscape - City of Greater Sudbury

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 D. Unrau
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 J. Young
 S. Sullivan
 Tim Campbell
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 A. Mandleson
 Beth Davies
 Amanda Jessup
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Did you know Killarney is the northernmost extent of an Ontario Species-at-Risk?

This summer alone, there were three confirmed sightings of the EASTERN MASSASAUGA RATTLESNAKE. Oh no, you must be thinking, not only do I have to take precautions with bears and raccoons, but now I have to guard against becoming the unsuspecting prey of a vicious, poison-inflicting reptile! Think again. By becoming informed about Ontario's only remaining venomous snake you will discover why these truly fascinating animals should be protected.

The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake is a pygmy rattlesnake never growing more than one metre in length. It has, as its name would imply, a segmented rattle on the end of its tail which it raises and vibrates in the air when threatened. This distinguishes the Massasauga from the mimicry of the Eastern Fox Snake and other snakes which may vibrate their tails against the ground to make noise.

Another feature of the Massasauga is the heat-sensitive pits on its face between the eye and nostril. This allows the Rattlesnake to sense its prey- not the tall two-legged outdoor enthusiast types - but small rodents, frogs and birds. Then they bite and inject their lunch with a digestive enzyme that disrupts blood flow and prevents clots, thus causing fatal internal bleeding in its bite-sized prey. Rattlesnakes are very discriminate in their gastronomy. They are timid reptiles and would much rather escape unnoticed than bite aggressively at anyone in their way. Not only that, but in defensive rattlesnake bites, venom is only injected 50% of the time. Thus no great concern, just care should be taken when travelling in one of the few areas left with Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes.

The name Massasauga means 'great river mouth' in Ojibway which describes the habitat of the rattlesnake. They can generally be found in or near wetlands and at the mouth of rivers, but are rarely found more than 50km from the Great Lakes in Ontario. The clearing and drainage of wetlands has been a large contributor in the habitat loss and subsequent decline of the Rattlesnake population.

In 1990, the Ontario Fish & Game Act prohibited the harassment and killing of the Massasauga Rattlesnake, and in 1991 it was classified as 'Threatened'. Currently there are only four main areas that sustain populations of Rattlesnakes: Wainfleet Bog in Port Colborne, Ojibway Nature Reserve in Windsor, the Bruce Peninsula, and the shore of Georgian Bay, of which Killarney is included. It's time to forget the misunderstood past of the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake and ensure that it remains a part of the Killarney Provincial Park fauna for years to come.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FRIENDS OF KILLARNEY PARK 2000

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF REVENUE and EXPENDITURE (Unaudited)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	2000	1999
REVENUE		
Sales	\$195,367	\$177,666
Charitable Revenue	33,601	28,581
Grants and Subsidies	9,204	30,649
Operating Revenue	7,988	8,826
Project and Special Events Revenue	13,411	0
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$259,571</u>	<u>\$245,722</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of Sales	\$109,131	\$ 93,908
Projects and Special Events Expenses	18,990	1,502
Operating Expenses	78,630	98,683
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$206,751</u>	<u>\$194,093</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>\$ 52,820</u>	<u>\$ 51,629</u>
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BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	2000	1999
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 74,768	\$103,038
Accounts receivable	22,593	475
Term Deposit	48,000	0
Inventory	38,386	36,697
	<u>\$183,747</u>	<u>\$140,210</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>19,179</u>	<u>18,572</u>
	<u>\$202,926</u>	<u>\$158,783</u>
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LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 3,227	\$ 3,428
Deferred revenue	0	1,582
Current portion of long-term debt	0	7,500
	<u>\$ 3,227</u>	<u>\$ 12,510</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	\$180,520	\$127,700
Net assets invested in capital assets	19,179	18,573
	<u>\$199,699</u>	<u>\$146,273</u>
	<u>\$202,926</u>	<u>\$158,783</u>
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

“Artists in the Park” with Marlies Schoenefeld

1997

In early September of 1997, I volunteered on Christine Aiken’s “Native Plants Nursery” project. This led to my involvement with the Killarney Park Herbarium. As I hiked around the trails collecting plant specimens to be incorporated into the collection, I also carried my water colour sketch kit and painted many of the colourful fall scenes.

1998

I continued collecting and painting the next year. Often I was joined by my young friends who worked during the summer at the park. Soon they were all sketching and painting with me. The Friends of Killarney Park encouraged me to display my paintings and cards at the Outpost. I remember that the first sale for me at the Outpost was a farewell present for John McGrath, the then superintendent, who went to Wabakimi when Chuck Miller came to Killarney.



Waterbomber on OSA Lake, Summer 2001

**Photo Credit:
Marlies and Dieter Schoenefeld**

1999

The next summer Kim Fry, a Natural Heritage Educator, asked me to help her set up a new programme “Artists in the Park”. We purchased some basic water colour supplies and guided groups of 10 visitors to A.Y. Jackson Lake. We emphasized the importance of the Group of Seven in establishing Killarney Provincial Park, their search for beauty in colour and shapes of the northern landscape. I instructed the very basics in water colour and sketching techniques and encouraged the group of park visitors to paint their own little painting.

2000

The sessions were so successful that the next summer we ran them once a week. In addition to the involvement with the programme, I took every opportunity to paint “en plein air”. I needed to paint bigger, bolder and with stronger colours and found soft pastels to be a natural choice. They are portable and do not need to dry. I could strap the waterproof case with the paper to the top of my kayak and carry the pastel sticks in a nalgene case. Recently I experimented with fluid acrylics which are even more vibrant than some of the pastel colours.

Although I spend a lot of time painting around George Lake, I am drawn to the west end of the park where it is not quite so busy, and most of all where Carmichael and A.Y. Jackson painted. In spring, as soon as we can travel by canoe, Dieter, my husband, and I explore the ridges around Grace Lake and each fall we venture up to Nellie Lake and the hills overlooking the La Cloche country.

2001

In the meantime the “Artists in the Park” programme has become an important part of the activities park visitors enjoy each summer and for me it is now part of my summer life.