

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is sponsoring **TWO** botany workshops in **2016!**



Prickly roses (*Rosa acicularis*) begin blooming in June on Isle Royale and by September are displaying bright red fruits (rose hips).



# *ISLE ROYALE SPRING & FALL BOTANY WORKSHOPS! 6-11 June and 6-11 September*

***Experience four days in Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park either in June or September and learn to identify the diverse native plants of this incredible island!***

- These special botany workshops are open to anyone with beginning/intermediate knowledge of plant identification who would like to learn to identify plants of Isle Royale. You'll learn to use such tools as a dichotomous key and hand lens to identify plants. Plant communities, rare species, ecology, and invasive species will be discussed.
- The instructor, botanist Janet Marr, has had many years of experience studying plants across Michigan's Upper Peninsula & Isle Royale. She is co-author of *Island Life, an Isle Royale Nature Guide* published by IRKPA. Janet has taught ten Isle Royale botany workshops as well as many botany, aquatic, & wetland plant workshops in MI's Keweenaw Peninsula.
- Workshop activities will take place primarily outdoors. Field trips in the June workshop will be in the Rock Harbor area (NE end of Isle Royale) & the September field trips will be in the Windigo area (SW end of the Island). You should be able to walk up to eight or so miles a day with a daypack sometimes on steep, rocky trails and slippery bedrock shore.
- Participants in the June workshop may camp for free at a Rock Harbor group site, or stay in the Rock Harbor Lodge or housekeeping units at their own expense. September participants may camp for free at a Windigo group site or possibly stay in an Adirondack-type shelter; a Windigo camper cabin may be available for participants to stay at their own expense (contact Janet Marr at [jkmarr@mtu.edu](mailto:jkmarr@mtu.edu) for more information about the Windigo camper cabin).
- Michigan K-12 teachers: State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) may be available to workshop participants.

**Workshop fee covers instruction, camping, user fees, meals on Isle Royale & transportation for the June workshop to/from Houghton, MI, on *Ranger III* & for the September workshop to/from Grand Portage, MN, on the *Voyageur II*.**

- Total cost for either of the two botany workshops is US\$699 per person if registered by March 7 (\$25 discount for IRKPA members; see <http://irkpa.org/> for information on becoming an IRKPA member).
- After March 7 the cost for either of the two workshops is \$725 (\$25 discount for IRKPA members).
- A \$200 deposit is required in reserve your place in either workshop. Mail your check, payable to "IRKPA," to the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Assoc., 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931. The balance is due by April 18.
- Cancellation policy (June 6-11 workshop): A cancellation fee of \$75 will be charged for cancellations between May 1 and May 22. There will be no refund for cancellations made on or after May 23 (although partial refunds after May 23 will be issued if a replacement participant is available).
- Cancellation policy (September 6-11 workshop): A cancellation fee of \$75 will be charged for cancellations between July 15 and August 15. There will be no refund for cancellations made on or after August 16 (although partial refunds after August 16 will be issued if a replacement participant is available).

**Enrollment is limited to 12 participants for either workshop, so be sure to register soon to guarantee a spot in your workshop.** Contact Kristine Bradof at 906-482-7860 or [kbradof@irkpa.org](mailto:kbradof@irkpa.org) for more information.

Professional photographer Bob Guiliani leads a June 10-15 photography workshop based at Rock Harbor. Contact Kristine Bradof or see <http://irkpa.org/get-involved/workshops> for more information; register for both workshops and save \$100!