

*The Institute for Sustainable Living, Art, and Natural Design (ISLAND) and the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center invite you to underwrite the following program:*

## ***The Art of Tracking***

*A two-day workshop that seeks to reconnect people to their surrounding environment*

ISLAND is a non-profit arts and ecology center in Bellaire that is dedicated to connecting people with nature, art and community. ISLAND helps people become native to place by supporting artists with dedicated time, space and resources to create new work; connecting people to the skills and traditions of community self-reliance; and creating and sharing a broad collection of tools for ecological living.

The mission of the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center is to provide an inspirational place for people to connect with each other and the land. This goal is fulfilled through various avenues, including teaching children and adults sustainable living skills, leading family-oriented nature hikes, and providing an agricultural and forested landscape for the community to enjoy. The Wagbo Farm is located three miles south of East Jordan.



*Trailing a Red Fox across sand*

We are collaborating to provide the community with tracking knowledge—a valuable resource in wildlife education. *The Art of Tracking* will be held at the Wagbo Farm on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be lead by Paul Raphael, an experienced tracker of Leelanau County who has worked with celebrated outdoorsmen such as Jon Young and Paul Rezendes, and who has taught tracking classes across the United States and Europe. *The Art of Tracking* will teach how to fully engage one's senses so that animal trails and sign can be readily observed, how to understand what birds are broadcasting through their calls, and how to interpret animal behavior through tracks and gaits.

There is a projected number of 15 people attending this event, and the press releases and advertisements will reach several hundred, if not thousands, more. Underwriters for this workshop will be publicly thanked at the event, and will be recognized on the program handout and our websites. Additionally, if you act quickly, you will be thanked in our press releases and flyers. (These are being printed shortly, so there is limited

time to grab this opportunity.)

The cost for this sponsorship is \$150. We will accept half of the amount in Bay Bucks. If you would like to sponsor the event, but are not prepared to donate \$150, consider giving a smaller amount. You will still be publicly thanked and recognized in the program handout. If you are not ready to sponsor, but have items to donate, please consider donating food or drink for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks.

Thank you so much for your time. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Kik, director of ISLAND or Maria Wesserle, intern at 231-480-4515.

*Please make checks payable to ISLAND. Mail to: ISLAND, 5870 Cottage Drive, Bellaire, MI, 49615.*



*Tracking Grouse at the Wagbo Farm*