

27th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on

Northern Travels & Northern Perspectives XI

February 17 & February 18, 2012 at Monarch Park Collegiate Auditorium, One Hanson St, Toronto.

All sessions in the auditorium.

Friday evening, February 17, 2012

- 6:30 - 7:20 p.m. - Foyer: Registration, programme and name tags.
- 7:20 - 7:35 p.m. - Introductory Remarks - George Luste
- 7:35 - 9:30 p.m. - Session I - General Overview - Chair - George Luste
 - Cory Trepanier Caledon - ON An Artist/Filmmaker in the High Arctic
 - Bill Buxton Toronto - ON Chasing Roots - Northern Sask by Birch Bark Canoe
 - Noak Inukpuk Umiujaq - QC Umiujaq, Our People & Richmond Gulf
- 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

Saturday, February 18, 2012 - 25 min per presentation

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees & book table opens.
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session II - canoeing in Northern Quebec -
 - Eric Leclair Saint-Faustin - QC Puvirnituk River - an Ancient Travel Way
 - Lester Kovac Ottawa - ON Paddling Nunavik
 - & Lynette Chubb
 - Dave Brown Craftsbury - VT Canoe Travels - Eastern Hudson Bay Coast
- 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria + book tables
- 11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - Session III - Lasting Images & Memories -
 - Chris Mayne North Bay - ON Northern Shores - The Photography of
 - & Paul Chivers Canoeing & Northeastern Ontario
 - Virginia Howick Ithaca - NY Coming of Age in the Barrenlands
 - & Juliet Dana Emeryville - CA
 - Sara Seager Concord - MA Remembering My Canoeing with Mike Wevrick
- 12:40 - 2:20 p.m. - Lunch break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.] + book tables
- 2:20 - 3:50 p.m. - Session IV - Northern Variations
 - Kenn Harper Iqaluit - NU An Introduction to Inuktitut
 - Kaitlin Breton-Honeyman Peterborough - ON Beluga Whales in Nunavik
 - Phil Haigh Raleigh - NC The Keewaydin Way - Canoe Trip to Richmond Gulf
 - & Matthew Busenhardt Denver - CO
- 3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria + book tables
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Session V - History - Travels - Nature -
 - Don McMurtry Waterloo - ON Following David Thompson
 - Alexandre Bevington Ottawa - ON Trans Can EUAda - Across Canada , Four Canoes
 - Ron Beal Brantford - ON Flora & Fauna Adaptations Along the Horton River
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.] + book tables
- 7:15 p.m. - Northern Books Table closes
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Session VI - Concluding Overviews from Labrador
 - Dorrie Brown Moncton - NB The Mosaic That Is Labrador
 - Francis Penashue Sheshatshiu - LAB Stories from Living on the Land
 - Elizabeth Penashue Sheshatshiu - LAB Mista Shipu: Spirits of the River & the Animals

Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

Thank you for coming.

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Participants at the 27th Annual Wilderness and Canoeing Symposium

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BEAL, Ron - is an elementary school teacher who grew up on the banks of the Grand River spending his summers fishing. Canoeing grew out of Ron's love for camping and fishing, realizing he could paddle to secluded lakes and rivers where few have angled before him. After joining the Waterloo Wellington Canoe Club in 2010, Ron was invited to join a group paddling the Horton River to the Arctic Ocean. The 28 day trip was filled with incredible landscapes, wildlife, and of course, fishing. The experience inspired Ron to learn more about the adaptability of Flora and Fauna in the Tundra biome.

BEVINGTON, Alexandre - recently graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Physical Geography. As an undergraduate he participated in many arctic permafrost and glaciology related research projects - with intensive field work on Penny Ice Cap (Baffin Island), in the St-Elias Mountains (Yukon), and on Svalbard (Norway). Meanwhile, Alex has cycled six months through Europe and Morocco, cycled from San Francisco to Whitehorse, and recently participated in crossing Canada in a canoe. Alex now works at the International Polar Year office in Ottawa and is making plans for the future...!

BRETON-HONEYMAN, Kaitlin - is a mixed methods researcher who is interested in different types of knowledge and ways of knowing and the synergistic effects of looking at a question from different perspectives. When an opportunity arose to study beluga whales combining both Inuit knowledge and experiences and western scientific knowledge, she decided to go back to school. Kaitlin is currently a PhD candidate in Environmental and Life Sciences at Trent University in Peterborough Ontario, where she is studying beluga whale habitat ecology in Nunavik, the Inuit territory of Quebec. The full title of her presentation is: "*Linking Knowledge and Perspectives of Beluga Whales in Nunavik*"

BROWN, Dave - began his paddling in the 1960's on the rivers of Texas, did his first Canadian canoe trip in 1970 and has been fortunate to be able to spend a good chunk of most summers since then exploring the waters of Ontario, Quebec and Labrador. He taught at a small college in northern Vermont for more than 20 years and is now enjoying a second career as a woodworker.

BROWN, Dorrie - has lived and taught in Labrador for over 30 years in the communities of Paradise River, Nain and Happy Valley-Goose Bay. She has been active in community arts initiatives and arts education, and was named Art Educator of the Year in 2008 for her work with the *Labradoria* clay mural project. The project also won a Manning Award from the Newfoundland & Labrador Historic Sites Association in 2008 and the Zippie Ikkiatsiak Award for 2007. Dorrie now lives in Moncton, NB where she continues to work in arts education.

BUSENHART, Matthew - is a senior staffman at Keewaydin Temagami. For the past 14 summers he has designed and led canoe trips for groups of boys ages 12-18. Matthew's trips have taken him from Northwestern Ontario to Quebec to Labrador. For seven years he managed the camp's outpost in Western Ontario's Wabakimi park. This summer will mark his third consecutive year leading Keewaydin's Section A on a 48 day trip to Hudson Bay. Matthew spends his winters in Colorado where he works on ski patrol at Beaver Creek Resort.

BUXTON, Bill – based on, and only on, the notion that the best mountaineer and canoeist in the world is the one that is having most fun, Bill is world class at both. He is a collector (and reader) of fine books on Central Asia and the Canadian Fur Trade, as well as a designer, scientist, lecturer, and author. He finds balance by playing both extremes of the technology spectrum – from digital systems to birch bark canoes (which end is which is the trick question).

CALLAN, Kevin - is the author of thirteen books, including the best selling “The Happy Camper”, the incredibly popular series of paddling guides, and most reviewed “Wilderness Pleasures: A Practical Guide to Camping Bliss”. On a regular basis, he presents across North America and has been a key speaker at all the major canoe events for over 25 years. Callan is also a frequent guest on radio and television, and field editor for Explore. He is also a frequent host on a number of morning shows and hosts his own CBC Radio show coast to coast titled “The Happy Camper”. He is a winner of five National Magazine Awards and three film awards. He was also made Patron Paddler for Paddle Canada. -- [Ed: - While Kevin is not scheduled to present this year, he has graciously agreed to be a back-up in case of a no-show.]

CHIVERS, Paul – is a former photojournalist living in North Bay. He has extensively researched the more than 10,000 km of canoe routes that lie within 100 miles of his front door, paddling, portaging, and photographing many of those routes over the past 25 years. Paul initiated the Restore the Link movement in 1994 that resulted in formation of the La Vase Portages Conservation Area and inclusion of the route in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, securing the northern end of this important link in the historic trans-Canada fur-trade canoe route and raising awareness of its cultural and recreational significance.

CHUBB, Lynette - is a self-employed artist (<http://acrylart.ca/>) and canoe instructor who has managed to meld her love of the woods & waterways with her city existence & artistic calling. Laco used Chubb Crater (aka Pingualuit) to lure Lynette out of the woods & into the barrens to explore and map five Nunavik Rivers so far. Lynette and Laco have been described as the "king & queen of Ungava" and will be providing an overview of **Paddling Nunavik** linked by their canoe logistics. Their detailed trip reports are all online at <http://sites.google.com/site/LandLtrips/>

DANA, Juliet - learned to canoe from her grandfather Bill Randall. She met co-presenter Ginny Howick when they were teenage campers at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan, a program based in northern Minnesota. Both went through the program themselves and have spent the past 5 summers working as guides, leading young women on one- to six-week canoe trips. For her presentation with Ginny, she will focus on her trip down the Dubawnt and Kazan Rivers this past summer. Juliet lives in San Francisco, CA, where she teaches 8th grade English and sometimes plays the ukulele.

HAIGH, Phil – is a senior guide at Keewaydin Temagami. For the past 10 summers Phil has planned and outfitted trips ranging in duration from 5 days up to 48 days for groups of boys between the ages of 13-18. Phil's trips have led him all over northern and western Ontario, northern Quebec and eastern Labrador. His most recent trip took him to the Richmond Gulf. Phil works in Raleigh, NC in sales and plans to further his canoeing career by designing and outfitting trips for corporate retreats.

HARPER, Kenn – is a historian, writer, linguist, and businessman who lives in Iqaluit, Nunavut. He is the author of “Give Me My Father’s Body: the Life of Minik, the New York Eskimo”. He has written extensively on northern history and language, and writes a weekly historical column (Taissumani) in Nunatsiaq News.

HOWICK, Virginia - Ginny has spent the past 5 summers working at Camp Widjiwagan in Northern Minnesota. In this role she has lead teen women on 1 to 6 week canoe trips. For her presentation with Juliet she will focus on her trip down the Hanbury and Thelon Rivers this past summer. When not canoeing she enjoys looking at maps and studying insects. She currently resides in Ithaca, NY.

INUKPUK, Noah – disc number E9178, lives in Umiujaq, on the coast of Hudson Bay in Quebec. He was born in March 1948, in the Belcher Islands, NT, (now called Sanikiluaq) in an igloo. During my time, I have negotiated community of Umiujaq and build it, and relocated inuit people from Kuujjuaraapik, in year 1986. I’m still not retired, I intend to continue, as much as I can to work. I like working. For 12 years I was Mayor of Umiujaq, for 3 years I was Director General of Inuultisivik Health Centre, with over 400 employees. I also had over 35 years of political life, at present I am town manager of Umiujaq.

KOVAC, Laco/Lester (“Canadianized” version of original Laco (pronounced “Latzo”) – software engineer, emigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1992, where he had been hiking the mountains and exploring and mapping the caves of Slovakia. In Canada he’s discovered the passion of canoeing and mapping remote routes together with Lynette. L&L’s trip reports can be found at <http://sites.google.com/site/LandLtrips/> and Laco's canoe maps are listed at <http://www.cartespleinair.org/>.

LECLAIR, Eric - has completed two river mapping contracts for Nunavik Parks on the Vachon and Puvirnituq Rivers. He is also the most qualified (FQCK) Whitewater and River Rescue Instructor in Quebec and has guided groups on various rivers in Quebec and abroad for a total of 10,000 km. He also has extensive experience as a Mountaineering Guide and Rock Climbing Instructor and currently works in Montreal as a Geography teacher in College Ahuntsic.

LUSTE, George – is now professor emeritus in the physics department at the University of Toronto – meaning that he is officially retired - and so looks forward to more time in the outdoors and in the north in the years ahead. Last summer (2011) he made a solo canoe trip along the eastern coastline of Hudson Bay from Kuujjuarapik to Richmond Gulf, into the Gulf and about, and finally north to Umiujaq – where he again said hello to Noah Inukpuk. While he is ever grateful for the many fond memories of 50 years of canoeing in the north – there can never be *enough* of the north.

MAYNE, CHRIS - Chris is an avid canoer, past Chair Friends of La Vase portages and President of Kiwanis Nipissing, North Bay. The Northern Shores project brought together a number of photographers and writers with images and stories all taken within the same area as served by One Kids Place, the children's treatment centre for Northeastern Ontario that the book was created for. With contributions from Paul Chivers, Kevin Callan, Hap Wilson, Becky Mason Northern Shores reflects a collection of wonderful images of Algonquin Park, Temagami and the Voyageur route from the Ottawa to the French River.

McMURTRY, Don - spent nine weeks in 2008 paddling with a big group of voyageur-style canoes from Rocky Mountain House Alberta to Thunder Bay Ontario. The group arrived with fur trade-era style, helping two dozen communities commemorate David Thompson's 200-year legacy as Canada's greatest cartographer. In 2011, Don joined another *David Thompson Brigade* that continued the Thompson recognition by following Thompson's route from southeast BC into Montana, Idaho and down the Columbia River to the Pacific.

PENASHUE, Elizabeth "Tshaukuesh" – I am an Innu woman living in Shetshatshiu, Labrador. For many years I have committed my life to protecting the environment for my children and grandchildren. For over 13 years I have led a canoe trip and spring snowshoe walk for my people. Even when it's hard, I go. Nothing stops me because "nutshimit" (the bush/country) is very important for our culture. Before I'm gone I want to help my people and teach the children. I don't want to see my children lose everything – I know we can't go back to how things were, but I don't want them to lose their Innu identity, culture and life. Please see <http://elizabethpenashue.blogspot.com/>

PENASHUE, Francis – I am an Innu man, I was born on the land. I live on the land and on the animals. I fight for a different way of life than people live today--for the land, for the animals, for survival, for my rights. I have followed in the footsteps of my father and my grandfathers. Sometimes I wonder if people in the city can understand me, because this is my second life. My first life was on the land.

SEAGER, Sara - is a professor of planetary science and physics at MIT. She met her late husband, Mike Wevrick, on a WCA ski trip in Ontario in the winter of 1994. That summer they spent 60 days in the "Land of Little Sticks", the start of an adventurous life together. In the subsequent years, they paddled together on numerous rivers and lakes in Canada and the northeast US. Sara now spends her free time traveling with her two boys, who have inherited the "paddling gene". For the time being at least, she has taken up hiking with her new, 6 year old, adventure companion.

TREPANIER, Cory – for years, Cory's oil paintings have captured the natural beauty of our wilderness on canvas. Since 2006, with the launch of his "*Into The Arctic*" painting project, his inspiration has been fueled by remote Arctic landscapes. There, his intense exploration, painting and filming journeys are bringing a personal vision to each of the 50 paintings from his developing Arctic collection. He has also created 3 films from his wilderness journeys, which are airing on television. He is currently on tour with his most recent film, *Into The Arctic II*, bringing the Arctic to the big screen in seven cities to date. His website is www.trepanieroriginals.com