

19th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on
Northern Travels & Northern Perspectives III

January 30 & January 31, 2004 at Monarch Park Collegiate, Toronto
All sessions in the auditorium.

Friday evening, January 30, 2004

- 6:30 - 7:20 p.m. - In foyer. Self-registration, program and name tags.
- 7:20 - 7:35 p.m. - Introductory Remarks - George Luste
- 7:35 - 9:30 p.m. - Session I - - Chair - George Luste
 - Dave Hadfield Utopia - ON Near Wilderness - VIA's Buddcar
 - Russ Taichman Ann Arbor - MI Far Wilderness - Arctic Islands
 - René Fumoleau Lutselk'e - NT Tales of the North
- 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

Saturday, January 31, 2004 - 25 min per presentation

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees.
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session II - - Chair - Mark Stephenson
 - Jeroen Dirks Toronto - ON Marrying Into a Canoeing Family
 - John Barker Sarnia - ON Youth in the Wilderness
 - Rolf & Debra Kraiker Barrie - ON Canoeing with Children
- 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - Session III - - Chair - Herb Pohl
 - Peter Kazaks Davis - CA From Reindeer Lake to Arviat, 1981
 - Lynda Holland La Ronge - SK Travels in the Dene's -
- Land of Little Sticks
 - David Treuer Minneapolis - MN The 1912 Oberholtzer/Magee Nueltin Trip
- 12:40 - 2:20 p.m. - Lunch break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.]
- 1:20 - 2:10 p.m. - Dave Hadfield & Gerry Levine Northern Songs [Library Meeting Room]
- 2:20 - 3:50 p.m. - Session IV - - Chair - John Lentz
 - Arnold Ruskell Goderich - ON Arctic Odyssey (1946 - 1951)
 - Michael Mitchell Toronto - ON Caribou Kayak -
- a documentary film
- 3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Session V - - Chair - Kevin Callan
 - Becky Mason Chelsea - PQ Boreal Wilderness - Berens River
 - Linda Leckie Toronto - ON Esther Keyser - Algonquin Park Guide
 - Annie Aggens Chicago - IL Top Ten Wilderness Canoe Tripping Skills
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.]
- 7:15 p.m. - Northern Books Table closes at 7:15 p.m.
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Session VI - - Chair - George Drought
 - Barbara Burton Hamilton - ON Canoeist's Perspective - Inuit and Barrenlands
 - Bob Schaefer Washington - DC Traces of the Past - Clearwater in Quebec
 - Austin Hoyt Cambridge - MA Remembering the Back River, 1962

Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

Thank you for coming and see you next year.

2004 - Program Participants

AGGENS, Annie: - fell in love with canoe tripping on her first long trip to the Canadian north at age 14. Since then she has logged thousands of miles on the wild rivers and lakes of Nunavut, the NWT and Saskatchewan. Annie is the co-author of the recently released Encyclopedia of Outdoor and Wilderness Skills, and when she's not swatting at blackflies in the tundra she's most-likely at her home near Chicago, IL planning her next trip to the barrenlands. [seat C33]

BARKER, John: - involved as a Leader in the Boy Scouts movement for almost 20 years; has incorporated an active program for their Sarnia group that includes much camping, hiking, and canoeing. Final event in the four-year program is to take the 'graduating' youths on a week-long trip down a Northern river. Personal experience includes several near-north rivers as well as two recent trips down the South Nahanni in the NWT. [seat A29]

BURTON, Barbara: - has been teaching moving water canoeing and guiding northern canoe trips for the past 20 years. She has a passion for the flora, fauna and culture of the barren lands. She spends her city months as a high school teacher. [seat C21]

CALLAN, Kevin: [Chair] - is the author of eight books on canoeing in Ontario and Quebec. He is a well-traveled guide, a popular speaker, and a frequent guest on radio and television. Callan also works as field editor for a number of leading periodicals, has recently won first prize for the National Outdoor Writers Award, is an award winning film maker, and a part-time college professor . He lives in Peterborough, Ontario – the birthplace of the modern day canoe. [seat M19]

DIRKS, Jeroen: - is a mild mannered software developer from the Netherlands. He likes to spend most of his time indoors behind a computer screen. Somehow he found himself in the wilderness of the barren lands this last summer with his wife Tija (Luste) and Tija's mom and dad. [seat A40]

DROUGHT, George: [Chair] - along with his wife Barbara Burton has been guiding canoe trips in North America from the Great Smokey Mountains to the Arctic for some twenty years. He has produced a number of guide books and has won awards for films about Canadian Rivers. [seat C20]

FUMOLEAU, René: – was born in France in 1926, and in 1953, the year after being ordained an Oblate priest, arrived at Denendeh (Northwest Territories). He has resided in Radeli Ko (Fort Good Hope), Deline (Fort Franklin on Great Bear Lake), and Yellowknife. In 1994 he retired to Lutsel K'e (Snowdrift on Great Slave Lake). He has published a number of books, including As Long as This Land Shall Last (1975), Secrets (1997) and Here I Sit (1995). [seat A26]

HADFIELD, Dave:- is a backcountry wanderer whose wilderness roots are in NE Manitoba and NW Ontario. Lately when he's not penning articles for Bushwhacker Magazine, he's been using ViaRail's Sudbury Budd Car service to access Crown Land from there to Lake Superior. More known for his Northern Songs, he takes particular pleasure in combining an intimate sense of the land with historical and contemporary themes, and will play a lunchtime music set in the Library in company with Gerry Levine, of Barrie, Ont whose fine fiddle work is featured on Dave's albums [on sale after the music]. [seat B40]

HARTING, Toni: [Aide] - is the Symposium photographer and the Editor of *Nastawgan*, the WCA quarterly publication. [seat A20]

HOLLAND, Lynda & Bill Layman: - live in La Ronge, Saskatchewan, in Canada's north. Bill's mining exploration business and Lynda's work as an educator have put them in close contact with the Athapaskan Dene who live on the edge of the treeline. For the past 12 years Bill and Lynda have canoed rivers and lakes from the boreal forest to the barrenlands, into the ancestral territory of the Dene and the Inuit. Diaries and photographs of their trips on the Dubawnt and Thlewiaza Rivers, as well as other articles about the Coppermine, Kazan, Elk/Thelon and other northern rivers can be seen at www.out-there.com. Bill also writes for *KANAWA* and *Canoe + Kayak* magazine. [seats A22 & A23]

HOYT, Austin: - born in Buffalo, began his canoeing as a camper in Algonquin Park in 1951 and kept heading north. In 1959 he organized the first ascent of the Nahanni River since R. M. Patterson and in 1962 the first descent of the Back River since the Royal Navy and the Hudson's Bay Company. He has produced programs for PBS from Boston since 1965. [seat C22]

JENNINGS, John: [Aide]- is the Vice Chair of the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough and over the years his connections there have provided us with the wonderful canoe and kayak displays on the Symposium stage.[seat L24]

KAZAKS, Peter: - is a semi-(or more) retired physics professor and administrator. Having spent the bulk of his career at New College of Florida, he has had the chance to canoe among cypress knees and mangrove roots. The early retirement allowed him to finish *From Reindeer Lake to Eskimo Point*, which was recently published. [seat A32]

KRAIKER, Debra & Rolf: - have been taking their children on long wilderness trips throughout north America since they were infants and based on this wealth of knowledge, they "wrote the book" on the subject, *Cradle to Canoe* from Boston Mills press. The Kraikers have been actively involved in doing wilderness photography for books and magazines as well as nature documentaries for television. The Kraikers are both certified canoe instructors and have been teaching paddle skills in Ontario for the last two decades. [seats C40 & C41]

LECKIE, Linda:- has been an Algonquin Park cottager, camper, canoe tripper and winter traveler for the past 40 years. Her relationship with the Park became much more meaningful and passionate when she met her soul mate Esther Keyser. Esther's wilderness and canoe tripping philosophy has influenced Linda's personal and professional career as an Outdoor Educator in a way that can only be described with deep love and true admiration. The full title of her presentation is: "Esther Keyser: The Story of Algonquin Park's First Female Guide". [seat B26]

LENTZ, John: [Chair] - began wilderness canoeing as a member of Austin Hoyt's 1962 party that descended the Back River. Since then, he has undertaken twenty canoeing expeditions in northern Canada and two in Siberia. His articles on these trips have appeared in *National Geographic*, *The Beaver*, *Canoe & Kayak*, and a variety of other publications. [seat D23]

LUSTE, George: [Chair] - has been canoeing in the Canadian wilderness for some 40 years and intends to do the same for another 40 – even if it only means revisiting the same rivers in his memory. This last summer he combined a three week solo trip with a relaxing three week family trip north of Great Slave Lake. [seat A12]

MASON, Becky: - Artist and Canoeist, Becky Mason enjoys her life as a canoeist and visual artist. When she's not teaching or off on a trip Becky keeps busy with workshops, demonstrations, slide shows as well as championing environmental issues. She is also an accomplished film maker, the award winning *Classic Solo Canoeing* was released in 2000. [seat A27]

MITCHELL, Michael: - is a Toronto-based photographer filmmaker and writer. Since completing a couple of degrees in anthropology and studies in photography he has done still documentary work in many parts of the world including half a dozen trips to the arctic. He paddles in northern Georgian Bay where his collection of kayaks includes an early 20th century caribou skin from Bathurst Inlet. Further information regarding “Caribou Kayak” can be found in the program. [seat C25]

POHL, Herb: [Chair] - is a veteran of many northern trips who loves the solitude of remote places. He has managed to maintain his sense of adventure into old age and continues hi travels with paddle and snowshoes, albeit at an irritatingly slower pace[seat A21]

RUSKELL, Arnold: - spent from 1946 to 1951 in Fort Chimo and Lake Harbour in the Eastern Arctic as an Anglican missionary. He found the Inuit reserved, stoic, and fatalistic, yet cheerful, resourceful and generous. Some forty-five years later (in 1997), he wrote Breaking the Ice from his diaries of those years. In 1989 he retired to Goderich, Ontario. [seat B27]

SCHAEFER, Bob: - has traveled by canoe in the north for more than 30 years, and still wants to know “what’s over that hill, what’s around the next bend of the river.” He enjoys the stories that are told us by the wildlife, the trees, the rocks, the inukshuks and the old buildings. These stories are sometimes hard to read, but this leaves us some room for imagination. [seat D20]

STEPHENSON, Mark: [Chair] - started paddling wilderness rivers in 1980 with a 40-day trip through northern Manitoba, down the Seal River and along Hudson Bay to Churchill. In 1990 with the help of his canoeing fraternity he led a trip down the Great Whale in Quebec that produced two videos and a CNN World news story that helped expose the Quebec Hydro story to New England citizens. His most recent adventure was a four day trip down the Moose River in Northern Maine with his wife Linda, 8 year old son Cody, and 4 year old Clark, all packed into a low riding 16’ canoe. [seat F31]

TAICHMAN, Russ: - for the last 13 years Taichman has ventured North of 60. When not serving as lunch for arctic parasites, he teaches Periodontics at the University of Michigan Dental School in Ann Arbor. He is currently engaged in basic investigations into the cellular and molecular interactions between bone and hematopoietic tissues. In addition to his scientific endeavours, he is currently leading hiking trips to the arctic with the Sierra Club. [seat A31]

TREUER, David: - is Ojibwe from Leech Lake Reservation in Northern Minnesota. He is the author of two novels, “Little,” and “The Hiawatha.” His next book is a work of non-fiction about the 1912 Oberholtzer / Magee expedition to Nueltin Lake and the Thlewiaz River. The full title of his presentation is “The Oberholtzer/Magee trip to Nueltin Lake in 1912: Both Sides of Exploration” – and he will discuss *the guide vs the leader* perspective of the same canoe trip. [seat C26]