

11th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on the

Near Wilderness

January 26, 27, 1996 at Monarch Park Collegiate, Toronto

& book launch of A Death on the Barrens by George Grinnell

Program Participants

BURCHELL, Ron: [Chair]

- has been a member of the Sierra Club of Canada since the Ontario Chapter was formed in 1970. He is the present chair of the Sierra Club of Canada Board, whose main task is to coordinate the work of the chapters and to establish policy and priorities for the National Office in Ottawa. Until his recent retirement, Ron was involved for 30 years with the planning and development of Metro Toronto parks.

CALLAN, Kevin: Cottage Country Canoeing

Peterborough ON

- has made several canoe trips both in the far north and the near north. He is the author of three books in print, Killarney, Cottage Country Canoe Routes, and Ways of the Wild, and an upcoming book entitled Up the Creek - a Paddlers Guide to Ontario. He is currently an Environmental Issues instructor at Sir Sandford Flemming College.

CARMAN, Marianne: Algoma - the Group of Seven

Kleinberg ON

- provides public lectures and educational and curatorial research for the McMichael Canadian Art Collection. She has an M.A. degree from the Art Institute of Chicago and has done graduate studies at Concordia University in Montreal. She is also a trained art therapist with a private practice in Toronto.

CHIVERS, Paul: Near-North Canoeing

North Bay ON

- is a photographer for the North Bay Nugget and a self-confessed canoe-a-holic. Over the past 12 years he has researched, travelled and photographed along the almost 8,000 kilometers of canoe routes located within 100 miles of his home in North Bay.

CUNNINGHAM, Scott: Coastal Nova Scotia

Tangier NS

- circumnavigated Nova Scotia in an open canoe in 1980, a voyage that lasted three months and took him over 2500 km. He has since switched to sea kayaks and has written and lectured extensively on the subject, recently producing a detailed coastal paddling guide for Nova Scotia. He founded Coastal Adventurers in 1982.

DUFRESNE, Roch: Rediscoveries on the Coulonge

Arthabaska PQ

- opted out of the rat race to enjoy the wilderness at its maximum. With Lise, a gourmet outdoor chef in her own right, he criss-crosses Canada in a camper van topped with a tripper canoe and a tandem sea-kayak seeking the ultimate fresh and salt water adventure. As a volunteer in the field, he helps in maintaining and improving the infrastructures of recreational facilities. His motto; "Life's too darn short, so may as well make the best of it."

FREEMAN, Deborah: [Chair]

- is an advocate for the wild, resulting from many years of wilderness travel. Currently, she works with the Wildlands League, the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. The League is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of Ontario's parks and wilderness areas. Deborah coordinates the League's efforts to end non-park-conforming activities such as logging, gravel quarrying, and roading in Algonquin Park.

GRINNELL, George: [Chair]

- lives in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia with his wife and family. Their spiritual home is in the wilderness: the rivers of the North, the mountains of Europe, the forests and sea around Cape Breton. He is relieved that the forty years he spent on mental re-writes of A Death on the Barrens is now behind him.

HANKINS, David: Maine's Upper St John River

Otisfield ME

- recently retired to his family's farm in Maine after spending thirty winters teaching English at the University of Connecticut and thirty summers canoeing in Maine and points north. For those thirty years the St John has been his perennial river of choice.

HARTING, Toni: Fur on the French

Toronto ON

- has canoed the Canadian wilderness for more than 20 years. In the fall of 1985 he became editor of the WCA quarterly journal Nastawgan. His book on the French River will be published in March 1996.

HENDERSON, Kathleen: Children in the Wilderness

Dundas ON

- Kathleen's three young children have taught her the benefits of tripping with kids and how to modify outdoor travel so that the whole family "survives".

HUME, Marlene : Georgian Bay Experiences

Milton ON

- is a high school geography teacher and Outward Bound instructor. She has been canoeing for about 20 years and sea kayaking for about 10 years. Her kayak cruising experience includes Georgian Bay and the coast of Maine.

KING, Tony: Urban Wetland

Southboro MA

- I'm an observer of nature and a worshiper of human potential. I'm a photographer and writer and make books about ordinary places. My stories are seamless, in that I try to give a whole view of a neighbourhood, including the human element.

LABATT, Lori: "Islands of Hope" Presentation

Rockwood ON

- is an avid outdoor photographer with a passion for travel. Her current sound/slide shows include Visions of Wilderness, which explores Ontario's provincial parks, and Photography in Parks and Wild Places, which documents travels in Antarctica, Patagonia, the Galapagos, East Africa, and the American Southwest. Recent canoe trips have explored the near wilderness close to her home in the Halton Hills.

LITTELJOHN, Bruce: Environmental Remarks

- photographer, environmentalist, canoeist, and much more.

LUSTE, George: [Chair]

- enjoys all forms of wilderness travel; the physical, the geographical, the spiritual, the literary, as well as the arm-chair variety.

POHL, Herb: [Chair]

- is a retired biologist who, for many years, has spent his spare time in the map library and his holidays on canoe or snowshoe trips in Canada's northland.

REID, Ron: Near Wilderness Perspectives

Washago ON

- is an environmental consultant and writer who had seen enough of the world to really cherish the treasurehouse of wild rivers in northern Ontario. With his wife, Janet Grand, wrote Canoeing Ontario's Rivers back in the pre-kid era when they could paddle 12 rivers in one summer. As a trip leader for the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and with friends, Ron has travelled many of the waterways of central Ontario, but has many yet to go.

SHUTE, Greg: A Thoreau Experience

Allagash ME

- is a registered Maine Guide and Wilderness Trip Director for the Chewonki Foundation, a non-profit Environmental Education Center in Wiscasset, Maine. For the past 10 years he and his wife Lynne Flaccus have been guiding canoe trips in Maine and northern Quebec. Their first child, son Kyle, was born last February.

STEWART, Hugh: [Chair]

- is a wilderness canoeist, builder of wood-canvas canoes, and for many years was the proprietor of "Headwaters", a wilderness camping business in Temagami. His lifelong interest in trees and the economic and spiritual values of tree communities led him to a new career as a forest technician. Currently he teaches in the forestry program at Algonquin College in Pembroke.

SVENSSON, Gavin: 100 Days Solo - Algonquin Centennial

Deep River ON

- grew up in Deep River, Ontario. Since the age of 9 he has made annual canoeing - camping trips into Algonquin Park, and developed an intense passion for "time in the woods". In 1993, as both a personal adventure and a tribute to the Park in its centennial year, he spent 100 days paddling and portaging. Gavin is now working on his PhD in Anthropology at McGill University in Montreal.

THEBERGE, Mary & John: Wolves of Algonquin

New Hamburg ON

- have spent 32 years doing what they really love - being in wild places. Throughout this time they have conducted wolf research in the Yukon, Labrador, & Ontario, and have promoted the protection of Parks & Wilderness areas throughout Canada. Their books, such as Legacy, the Natural History of Ontario, articles and talks are meant to not only deepen the sense of beauty and wonder of nature, but to develop an ecological perspective and respect for the land and living things.

WILLIAMS, Ded: [Chair]

- works with her husband, Andy, at the Hulbert Outdoor Center, a non-profit educational center located in Fairlee, Vermont. The Centre offers a wide range of outdoor based programs, including School programs, Elderhostel, canoe trips, and team building programs for all ages. As part of her job, she coordinates Elderhostel, A Wilderness Paddlers Gathering in March, a Snow Walkers Rendezvous in November, and a Northern Issues Trip to Northern Quebec or Labrador each year.

WILSON, Hap: Temagami Images

Temagami ON

- a wilderness guide, photographer, artist and author, environmental activist, and adventure tourism consultant. Has paddled over 48,000 km, primarily in shield country and Temagami. Presently working on a guide to Manitoba's Wild Rivers; has authored four canoe guide books, and contributed to the recently published Voyages.

WILTON, Mike: Algonquin Large Adult Male Bears

Whitney ON

- has been a biologist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources since 1961, in White River, Pembroke, and Algonquin Park. He operates his own airplane, a Luscombe 8E, which he flew to the Grand Canyon in 1993 and presently uses it to monitor radio-collared male black bears in Algonquin Park. Mike and his wife Marj canoed the North Shore of Lake Superior from Heron Bay to Michipicoten Harbour in 1989 - together with their dog Sandy - a 110 pound Malamute.