

15th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on  
**Northern Ontario & James Bay Watershed**

February 4 & 5, 2000 at Monarch Park Collegiate, Toronto

All sessions in the auditorium.

**Friday evening, February 4, 2000**

- 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
  - Richard Pope                      Toronto - ON                      Birchbark & Fur —
  - & Neil Broadfoot              Peterborough - ON              - readings from "Superior Illusions"
  - Michael Runtz                      Arnprior - ON                      Howling Wolves & Charging Moose
  - Don Michel                      Timmins - ON                      A Year Alone in the Wilderness
- 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

**Saturday, February 5, 2000 - 25 min per presentation**

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees.
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session II - - Chair - Toni Harting
  - Peter Scott                      Port Colbourne - ON              Winisk to the Bay
  - Elizabeth Clement              Toledo - OH                      Family Tripping on the Winisk
  - George Drought                      Hamilton - ON                      Missinaibi Reflections
- 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - Session III - - Chair - Bob Henderson
  - Brian Back                      Mequon - WI                      The Keewaydin Way
  - Liz Lundell                      Toronto - ON                      Historic Algonquin
  - Christine Kennedy              Uxbridge - ON                      Putting Canoe Routes on the Map
- 12:40 - 2:20 p.m. - Lunch break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.]
- 2:20 - 3:50 p.m. - Session IV - - Chair - Glenn Spence
  - George Dobbie                      Cambridge - ON                      Greybeards on the Harricana
  - Greg & Suzanne Brown              Heathcote - ON                      To James Bay from Home
  - George Grinnell                      Ottawa - ON                      1960 Nottaway Memories - Mistakes & All
- 3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Session V - - Chair - John Jennings
  - James Keating                      Neenah - WI                      1940's & 50's Early Tripping in Ontario
  - Jonathan Berger                      Philadelphia - PA                      Landscapes of the Little North
  - Peter Carruthers                      Toronto - ON                      Lay of the Land, How Northern Ontario Works
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.]
- 7:45 - 9:15 p.m. - Session VI - - Chair - David MacNab
  - Zabe MacEachren                      Toronto - ON                      Hermit's Cabin, Crooked Foot & Winter Trek
  - Tom Terry                      Sioux Lookout - ON                      Anishnawbe Place-names & the Paddler
  - Ric Symmes                      Orillia - ON                      Lands for Life: an Extraordinary Journey

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Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

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Thank you for coming and see you next year.

## 2000 - Program Participants

**BACK, Brian:** - Brian was born and raised in North Bay. He is the author of **The Keewaydin Way**, the history of Camp Keewaydin in Temagami. Keewaydin, founded in 1893, is North America's oldest private summer camp. His wilderness experiences span northern Quebec and Ontario. As a long-time wilderness environmentalist, he is a co-founder and former executive director of Temagami Wilderness Society and of Earthroots. He is currently working on the second edition of **The Keewaydin Way**. His historical projects also include identifying the remaining large fleet of wood-canvas canoes and identifying the oldest organized canoeing programs and institutions in existence. [seat B27]

**BERGER, Jonathan:** - Jonathan Berger has been canoeing in the Little North since 1961. Inspired by the writings of Sigurd Olson, the drawings of Frances Lee Jaques and the Group of Seven he has been field sketching while out on the trail since 1971. With Tom Terry of Sioux Lookout he is currently working on **The Canoe Atlas of the Little North**. [seat C29]

**BROWN, Greg & Suzanne:** - The Brown's canoed to Ungava Bay from their farm near Georgian Bay over 4 years. The next two years were spent travelling by freighter canoe to Ungava via the St. Lawrence River and the Labrador coast. Previously they retraced much of the fur trade route from Saskatchewan to Quebec. [seats C23, C24]

**CARRUTHERS, Peter:** - Peter works in heritage conservation and planning with the Ontario Government. He is an archaeologist by profession and has done field work around the Great Lakes, in northern and southern Ontario, in the sub arctic and in Alberta. He has canoed on rivers from the arctic to the mid-west, from the Yukon to New Brunswick. [seat B40]

**CLEMENT, Elizabeth:** - Elizabeth Clement is a freshman at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. and is majoring in Environmental Engineering. She has been canoeing on rivers in Ontario since she was eight years old with her family (three sisters - Emily, Katherine, and Sarah and parents - John and Chris). Last Year the family canoed from Lansdowne House to Peawanuck on the Hudson Bay, and afterwards Elizabeth canoed the Missinaibi with a group from Wanapitei. [seat D19]

**DOBBIE, George:** - George started canoeing with Fred Gaskin, Jack Purchase and Lyle Malcolm on the Back River in 1972. He normally works in the Textile industry so has not been able to canoe every year. He was born in Montreal and has lived mostly in Cambridge Ontario, Tarboro, North Carolina, Two Rivers, Wisconsin and Paquetville, New Brunswick. He is now back in Cambridge. [seat D33]

**DROUGHT, George:** - George is a professional photographer and videographer who in February 1999 won the Nature - Interpretation award for the film **An Artic Journey - Canoeing the Hood River** at the WaterWalker Film Festival. He has been teaching white water canoeing and guiding northern and arctic canoe trips with his wife Barbara Burton and their Wilderness Bound business for the past 17 years. They share an avid interest in wildlife, flowers, photography and history. [seat C32]

**GRINNELL, George:** - George Grinnell is a bicycle courier in Ottawa in the winter. He is the author of **A Death in the Barrens**, and spends his summer in Cape Breton kayaking in the surf. [seat C22]

**HARTING, Toni:** - [Chair] - Toni Harting is a writer/photographer specializing in canoe-related topics. Since 1985 he has been the editor of *Nastawgan*, the quarterly journal of the WCA. He is the author/photographer of the book **French River: Canoeing the River of the Stick-Wavers**. Toni is currently working on a book about paddling photography. [seat B20]

**HENDERSON, Bob:** - [Chair] - Bob Henderson teaches outdoor education at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont. He writes the Heritage Column in **Kanawa** for the Canadian Recreational Canoe Association and can be found travelling in Canada, somewhere, each winter and summer. [seat A30]

**JENNINGS, John:** - [Chair] - John is a professor of history at Trent University and vice-chair of the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. He has recently co-edited, with Bruce Hodgins and Doreen Small, **The Canoe In Canadian Culture**. He is also working on another book, which is to be titled **The North American Canoe: a living tradition**. [seat C43]

**KEATING, James:** - Jim retired two years ago from the metal casting industry. He started canoeing in 1947, paddling the country north of Rainy Lake from Camp Koochiching. He organized and led Boys' and Girls' Brigade trips with his six children until 1990 in Ontario, Manitoba, NWT and Labrador. [seat C21]

**KENNEDY, Christine:** - Christine, with her husband, Mark Smith, has been producing original topographical recreation and other custom-designed maps since 1983. Mapping projects have taken them across Canada and throughout Europe. In 1996 they began a long-term project, **The Adventure Map Co.**, to map popular and less well known canoeing areas and rivers, as well as National Parks, Provincial Parks, Heritage Rivers and other wilderness recreation destinations. [Their maps are available at the book table.] [seat B24]

**LUNDELL, Liz:** - Camper, cottager, and lifelong canoe-tripper, Liz is the author of the recently published **Stories from the Bow Seat** [the Wisdom and Waggyery of Canoe Tripping] with photographer Don Stanfield plus 4 previous books. She taught school before becoming a freelance writer and mother of two paddlers. She lives in Toronto. [A number of Symposium attendees contributed their canoeing thoughts to this fine book.] [seat B32]

**LUSTE, George:** - [Chair] - So much wilderness to canoe and experience and so little time .... George continues to dream of ever longer canoe trips in remote areas of the north. Last summer he spent 64 days canoeing solo from Yellowknife to Baker Lake, the long way via the Back River and the previous summer he canoed with Linda and Tija in the Queen Charlottes. [seat A11]

**MacEACHREN, Zabe:** - Zabe is presently completing graduate school in what she likes to joke is a doctorate in woodcraft but may best be defined as a study into the ways one learns about the environment by making things. After graduating she plans to travel back into the northern woods with "Instinct", her homemade canoe, so she can cleanse her mind of concrete campuses. In the summer she usually teaches and co-ordinates a camp program for Seven Generations Education Institute in Northwestern Ontario. [seat A32]

**MacNAB, David:** - [Chair] - David McNabb is a public historian who has worked on Aboriginal land and treaty rights for more than two decades. He is the editor and author of two recent books: **Earth, Water, Air and Fire: Studies in Canadian Ethnohistory** and **Circle of Time: Aboriginal Land rights and Resistance in Ontario**, both published by Wilfred Laurier Univ. Press in 1998 and 1999 respectively. He currently teaches part-time as an Adjunct Professor for the Department of Native Studies for Trent University and is an Honorary Research Associate at the Frost Centre for Canadian and Native Studies. - He has also been accurately described by Bruce Hodgins as undoubtedly the world's worst paddler! [seat O27]

**MICHEL, Don:** - Don Michael was raised near Kirkland Lake, Ontario in a mining town. During his working years, he enjoyed recreational canoeing mostly in Ontario's Provincial Parks with his sons. Upon retirement, he took several outdoor and survival courses leading to a decision to plan and prepare for a one year stay alone in the woods using equipment and tools available 50 years ago. [seat B29]

**POPE, Richard & Neil Broadfoot:** - Richard Pope has been a naturalist and paddler most of his life. He has taken 11 canoe trips exploring the voyageur canoe route between Lachine and Lake of the Woods and has paddled the whole north shore of Lake Superior, much of it twice. The sources for the **Superior Illusions** book were firsthand knowledge of the route and the original French and English journals. Neil Broadfoot is the artist-in-residence at the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough and an accomplished canoe tripper. His firsthand knowledge of the voyageur route accounts for the authenticity of his artistic renderings of the people, places and canoes of the fur trade era. [seats C25, C26]

**RUNTZ, Michael:** - Michael Runtz is the author of seven best-selling natural history books, four of which address Algonquin Park where he worked for 12 years as a naturalist. His photographs adorn these books, as well as many magazines and calendars. Michael also teaches natural history courses at Carleton University in Ottawa. [Four of Michael's books are available at the Symposium book table: **The Howls of August:** Encounters with Algonquin Wolves, **Wild Flowers:** Beauty and the Beasts, **Wild Things:** the Hidden World of Animals, **Wild Wings:** the Hidden World of Birds] [seat A28]

**SCOTT, Peter:** - The Rev'd Peter Scott, 39, is an Anglican Priest who is presently serving as Rector of St. James Anglican Church in Port Colborne, Ontario. Peter is one of the original members of the Hide-Away Canoe Club which began paddling in the north in 1981. Peter and his wife Elizabeth met while teaching at Kashechewan on the Albany River and have two children, Rebecca and Ethan. [seat D25]

**SPENCE, Glenn:** - [Chair] - Glen Spence of Brighton Ontario has been a member of the **Wilderness Canoe Association [WCA]** for 25 years and is currently the WCA Chair, after having been a director several times. Some of the rivers he has paddled are: South Nahanni, Churchill, Seal, Bloodvein, Missinaibi and the Eastmain. [seat B22]

**SYMMES, Ric:** - In 1975 when George Luste asked The Sierra Club of Ontario for help protecting the Missinaibi River, Ric Symmes was the Conservation Chair. Ric decided to see the river - by canoe and has paddled the north every summer since. As Provincial Coordinator for the Partnerships for Public Lands, he had to negotiate some very turbulent waters in Ontario's **Lands for Life** planning process. Ric is Executive Director of the **Federation of Ontario Naturalists**. [seat B42]

**TERRY, Tom:** - Tom Terry has been exploring ancestral Anisnawbe travel routes each year with his family, clients and friends since first dipping his paddle in Quetico waterways during the 50's. After moving in the early 60's to Sioux Lookout, Ontario, where he now lives with his wife, Carol, and their three children, he began pursuing a number of other interest with his firm, Voyageurs North, including youth, health and social program development, wilderness emergency and first aid training and managing and training a kennel of 10 sled dogs for both racing and wilderness trips. Together with Jon Berger and son Jesse, work has been progressing steadily on **An Atlas of Northern Ontario Canoe Routes - North of 50 degrees**. Tom was born outside of Chicago, which translates as 'skunk' in the Algonkian language. [seat C30]