

2001 - Program Participants

ANALA, Sarah: - Sarah is a Labrador Inuk who does healing work in Correctional Services Canada (CSC). Having been born before Newfoundland and Labrador joined Canada, she has seen the cultural transformation from the nomadic way of life to the computer age of today. She will take you on that journey, reflecting her experience as a Labrador Inuk woman in that span of time. [seat C30]

BARRON, Jennie: - Jennie's interest in Labrador derives from her involvement in Innu support work here in Toronto, and two extended trips to Sheshatshit as part of her research for a master's degree. An experienced flatwater canoeist, she bravely (nauvvely) took on the tumbling Kenamu River in June 1998 with Jack Panashue, Larry Innes and several friends; they all came out alive. At home she is a sometimes writer and educator, and currently full-time Mommy to fourteen-month old Quinn. They are moving to Nelson, BC, on Tuesday. [seat D27]

BOCKSTOCE, John: - John, an arctic historian and ethnologist, has travelled more than 50,000 miles in boats in the North since 1962. He is the author of many books and articles on the Arctic, including "Arctic Passages", "Arctic Discoveries- images from voyages of four decades in the North" (both at the booktable), and the award-winning "Whales, Ice and Men". He will describe his sailing voyages on the coast of Labrador. [seat A33]

BROWN, Andrew: - Andy has had a nearly life-long interest in Labrador. He is now retired after long service on the National Geographic Magazine editorial staff. He tells me he dreams about there being swift canoeing streams and brook trout waters on other planets. [seat A32]

BROWN, Greg & Suzanne: - The Browns have spent most of their life in rural and wilderness areas of the country. They have traveled by canoe or bicycle from sea to sea to sea. [seats B22 & B23]

BROWN, Herb: - Herb is an educator cum art and culture enthusiast who is most at home in the North and in wilderness settings. The farmboy from British Columbia has made the coasts and central Labrador his home, with his family, for nearly 30 years. Herb owns and operates Birches Gallery, Labrador's only native art and craft gallery [www.labradorart.com or 709-896-1714], out of his handbuilt home in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. [seat B33]

BURSEY, Marilyn: [Chair] - Marilyn is originally from the small fishing community of Grand Bank on the south coast of Newfoundland. She has travelled extensively throughout Newfoundland and Labrador by boat, canoe and on foot. In 1998 Marilyn published a book on an 18 day hike with her husband through the Torngat Mountains, entitled "Trekking Through Northern Labrador - a Woman's Odyssey" (copies of which are available at the book table). In addition, Marilyn and her husband have canoed the Churchill River and, in 1995, the Kenamu River which flows through the Mealy Mountains of Labrador. Marilyn and her husband Brian Bursey, a well known Newfoundland author and photographer, reside in St. John's. [seat D22]

FITZHUGH, Lynne: - Lynne first visited Labrador in 1969 with her husband, Bill, an archaeologist from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., investigating Labrador prehistory. As volunteer cook and sometime field assistant for her husband's crew, she was able over the next two decades to explore much of the Labrador coast and get to know many of its people. In 1998, when full-time employment temporarily curtailed her visits, Lynne began working on a social history of the region based, in large part, on the Labradorians' own account of their lives presented in the local magazine "Them Days". The resulting book, "The Labradorians" (available at the book table), was published in 1999 by Breakwater Books of St. John's. [seat A30]

GOUDIE, Joe: - Joe's family roots in Labrador go deep - being a proud mixture of Eskimo, English, French, Scottish and Indian. His white ancestors came to Labrador in the 1700s. He served 10 years in the provincial legislature, including eight as a cabinet minister. Today, although he is officially retired, he chairs the Lake Melville Tourism Association, builds traditional strip canoes, and guides wilderness adventure tours on the mighty Churchill River where, in the tradition of his father and grandfather, he traps. "Woman of Labrador", first published in 1973 and reprinted several times, is the story of his mother's life, Elizabeth Goudie. She wrote it when in her 60s, armed with a fourth grade education and a lifetime of experiences. [seat C33]

HENDERSON, Bob: - Bob teaches Outdoor Education at McMaster University. He has travelled by canoe in Labrador on three occasions. Telling Northern Stories is a component of the McMaster travel courses, Summer and Winter. [seat C31]

INNIS, Larry: - Larry served as the environmental advisor to the Innu Nation from 1994 to 2000, where he was responsible for policy development and research relating to environment and resource development issues within the Innu territory in Labrador. When not chained to his desk, he enjoyed getting out to the country with Innu families, running his dogteam, and dumping his canoe in whitewater rivers. He is presently attending law school in Victoria, BC, where he misses Labrador terribly. [seat D29]

IRWIN, Richard: [Chair] - Dick lives in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. He has paddled four rivers in Labrador, including the Churchill and the Nascaupi in the 60's, before the construction of the Churchill Falls power project. He has paddled the northern Labrador coast twice. [seat B29]

KUNZLER-LARMAN, Mary: [Chair] - Mary's first Labrador experience was a month-long February snowshoe trek in the Central Labrador plateau with the Conovers. Now in addition to coordinating air charters to northern Ellesmere Island and leading backpack trips there as well as in Mongolia, she is guiding trekking trips in the Torngat Mountains of northern Labrador. Last summer, for her own vacation, she canoed using a 10 ft canoe and hiked along the "Wunder Strands" of Viking fame, which is a 65-km long sand beach south of Hamilton Inlet. [seat A28]

LAMONT, Jim: - Jim has been traveling in the Arctic most summers since a 1977 ski trip across Bylot Island, and began paddling sea Kayaks in 1981 with a trip along the SW coast of Newfoundland. He has since paddled in Godthab and Lise Fiords in SW Greenland, the west coast of Hudson Bay, from Nain to Fort Berwell in northern Labrador in a series of trips, from Inuvik to Barter Island in the Beauford Sea, northern Baffin Island south of Bylot Island, and SE Baffin Island. [seat C25]

LUSTE, Tija: - Tija has been canoeing since her early years and has inherited a love of the wilderness from her father. Early trips were family excursions in northern Ontario. The 90's saw some far flung adventures - including the Queen Charlotte Islands in BC, the Leaf River and the coastlines of Northern Quebec and Labrador. Tija has a BA in economics and geography and a Masters in environmental planning. She works for a non-profit organization, the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. Tija recently became engaged to Jeroen Dirks and they are planning a wedding this fall. [seat A40]

LUSTE, George: [Chair] - George has been captivated by northern landscapes for most of his life. This past summer he and Linda enjoyed a leisurly canoe trip along a portion of the southern Labrador coast - a trip that was much less demanding than their first paddle together in Labrador in 1968 on the Churchill River. In 1999 he canoed solo some 1,600 km across the Barrens and hopes his aging body will be accepting of something similar this summer. [seat A11]

MANSEAU, Micheline: - Micheline, an ecologist by training, studies the ecology of wildlife species in Canada's northern ecosystems; from the boreal region of Labrador and northern Prairies to the High Arctic (Ellesmere). She is fascinated by these northern landscapes and in her quest to better understand these systems, she has developed a great appreciation for the aboriginal way of knowing. She works for Parks Canada and is adjunct professor at the University of Manitoba. She has written many articles ... and never misses an opportunity to paddle on fresh or salt water. [seat C29]

McDONALD, Neil: - Neil is a wilderness guide working for Temagami Clearwater Expeditions in Temagami, Ontario. He will be presenting on a fall trip up the Churchill River by canoe and waiting for freeze-up on the height of land. [seat C26]

PENASHUE, Jack: - Jack is from Sheshatshiu, Labrador. As a child Jack spent considerable time in nutshimit (the bush) with his family and has continued to develop those skills. Jack is the Program Coordinator for the Charlie J. Andrew Youth Treatment Center in Sheshatshiu, where he counsels youth at risk and attempts to reconnect young Innu with their culture. If the weather allowed, he would rather spend full time canoeing with the Innu youth. [seat C27]

POHL, Herb: - Herb is a retired biologist who had his first glimpse of the Labrador landscape in 1978. Among his many annual pilgrimages to wild places, it has remained his favourite destination. [seat A21]

RUDZITIS, Andy: [Chair] - Andy first visited northern Labrador in 1979. In prior years he paddled in Ungava Quebec. Most every summer since then he has returned for extended kayak sojourns somewhere along the rugged and wild northern Labrador coastline. [seat C40]

SCOTT, Wendy: - Wendy is a reading and math teacher in Northern Vermont and although teaching is a passion, paddling and the north have a stronger hold. Wendy has been paddling since 1984 with her husband Al Stirt and other wonderful friends. [seat B27]

SMITH, Megan: - Megan is a graduate of Kinesiology at McMaster University. As part of her course work she took the Outdoor Education course involving group story telling presentation as a follow-up to a nine day canoe trip on the Canadian Shield. Megan now works at McMaster as a research coordinator for exercise rehabilitation for spinal cord injuries [seat C32]

STEVENSON, Bill: [Chair] - Bill, trained as an economist, spent most of his career as an energy advisor and policy work with the Ontario government. An avid canoeist and WCA member since 1988, Bill is WCA chair this year. His priorities have been on advocacy to protect and enhance canoe routes in Ontario, to financially support NGO's advocating for wilderness protection and to make the club more welcoming and supportive of younger members. [seat J27]

SUBOCH, Katherine: - Katherine craves remote places, preferably above the tree line. A reformed canoeist, she aspires to perfect the skills for remote hiking: becoming a crack rifle shot and cooking couscous 100-1 different ways. When not roaming, she can be found tending her garden, her husband and her real estate appraisal practice in Hamilton. [seat B24]