

**17th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on  
Northern Travels & Northern Perspectives**

**February 1 & 2, 2002 at Monarch Park Collegiate, Toronto  
All sessions in the auditorium.**

**Friday evening, February 1, 2002**

- 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
 

- Ian Tamblyn	Chelsea - QC	Northern Perspectives - w/ Music and Slides
- Peter Ewins	Toronto - ON	Arctic Flora, Fauna & Conservation
- Jim Abel	Pelham - MA	25 years of Arctic Paddling - A Retrospective
- 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

**Saturday, February 2, 2002 - 25 min per presentation**

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees.
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session II - - Chair - Peter Kazaks
 

- Mike Wevrick	Princeton - NJ	Swampy Bay River, Quebec
& Sara Seager		
- Max Finkelstein	Ottawa - ON	There Ain't No Water In This River
- John McInnis	Edmonton - AB	Reflections: Two Trails, Two Peoples
- 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - Session III - - Chair - Gavin Jenny
 

- Paul vanPeenen	Maple Ridge - BC	Arctic Land Expedition 2001 - Solo Journey
- Rosi Kerr	Hanover - NH	An "Overland" Canoe Trip
- Jill Fredston	Anchorage - AK	"Rowing to Latitude" Experiences
- 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 & Friends Northern Songs [Library Meeting Room]
- 2:20 - 3:50 p.m. - Session IV - - Chair - Herb Pohl
 

- Marilyn Friesen	Toronto - ON	Arctic Winter Experience
- John Macfie	Parry Sound - ON	Hudson Bay Watershed
- David Gray	Metcalf - ON	Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913-1918
- 3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Session V - - Chair - Kirk Wipper
 

- Vicky Stikeman	Toronto - ON	Our First Ellesmere Kayaking Adventure
& Paul Green		
- Graeme & Lynda Magor	Markdale - ON	Wintering on Ellesmere - w/ Family
- Carol Heppenstall	Toronto - ON	Inuit Art & Mythology
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.]
- 6:40 - 7:35 p.m. - Dave Hadfield & Friends More Northern Songs [Library Meeting Room]
- 7:45 - 9:15 p.m. - Session VI - - Chair - George Luste
 

- Peter Irniq	Iqaluit - Nunavut	Some Words on Nuliajuk
- Ian Tamblyn	Chelsea - QC	The Music for Nuliajuk
- John Houston	Halifax - NS	"Nuliajuk: Mother of the Sea Beasts"

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Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

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Thank you for coming and see you next year.

## 2002 – Program Participants

**ABEL, Jim** - is a pediatric physician from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. He has participated in twenty-three major expeditions by canoe through the Arctic and Subarctic regions of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories in Canada. He is Director, Leader and Team Physician for Arctic Barrens Expedition; a not-for-profit program with the purpose of encountering and observing the ecology and environs of the northern Canadian wilderness while providing expeditionary team members with an experience that will influence their environmental-and-self-awareness in ways not possible to create within an academic classroom or daily life routines. The complete title of his presentation is: "**25 years of Subarctic and Arctic Northern Canada Paddling: A Retrospective**" [Seat B-26]

**EWINS, Pete** - directs WWF's Arctic conservation work in Canada, and is chair of WWF's 8-nation circumarctic team. He is a northern and marine ecologist by training, who now thrives on the challenges and opportunities of running an ambitious conservation program north of 60, working with communities, governments and industry, primarily to secure balanced solutions to development and conservation of wildlife and habitats. At the same time he manages to squeeze in some quality time for his wife and two young daughters, who when they all get a wee bit bigger will be eagerly launched into the arctic canoe and wandering realm! [Seat A-33]

**FINKELSTEIN, Max** - works as a communications specialist with the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, Canada's national river conservation program. When he is not writing about, speaking about, or otherwise promoting Canada's river heritage, he can usually be found paddling on a river. Watch for his new book, scheduled for release in the spring of 2002, on his most recent undertaking - retracing Alexander Mackenzie's historic crossing of North America. Max lives in Ottawa on the shores of the Ottawa River, where he is introducing his new son, Isaac Thelon, to a life of travelling on and learning about rivers. [Seat D-21]

**FREDSTON, Jill** - With her oceangoing rowing shell and her husband, Doug Fesler, in a small boat of his own, Jill Fredston has disappeared every summer for years, rowing more than 21,000 miles along the coasts of Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Spitsbergen, and Norway. She is the author of *Rowing to Latitude: Journeys along the Arctic's Edge* published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux in October 2001. She writes, and works as an avalanche specialist, in the mountains above Anchorage, Alaska. [Seat C-27]

**FRIESEN, Marilyn** - Waiting patiently through the child-bearing-rearing years, the "adventure" finally began at age 45 with a canoe trip in the Yukon. The seed was planted, the dream was born.... "to retire to North of Sixty". Eleven summers of backpacking and canoe travels in the arctic preceded this 'winter in the NWT'. [Seat A-31]

**GRAY, David** - is an independent researcher and writer, specializing in arctic biology and history. He has just begun work on developing a virtual exhibition on the Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913 to 1918 for the Virtual Museum of Canada. Other interests are northern parks, Canadian toys, and community history. [Seat B-32]

**HADFIELD, Dave** - is a canoeist and winter camper living in Barrie, Ontario, who traveled for many years in the Shield country of Northeastern Manitoba. He is also a songwriter and these experiences led him to producing the recording *Northern Breeze* for the 1997 Symposium. It's success encouraged him to record a more ambitious CD, *Wilderness Waltz*, in 2001, and he (and

musical friends Gerry Levine, Liz Levine, Della Grigsby and Johanne Fischer) will be playing selections from both recordings in the Library during breaks." [Seat C-40]

**HEPPENSTALL, Carol** - has a passion for the arts and culture of Canada's Inuit. To this end her company Art Space (416-922-3448) maintains a private gallery space specializing in Inuit sculpture and graphics. She also directs the Arts and Culture Department of Adventure Canada, an ecotour company in Mississauga and leads art tours to many arctic destinations. [Seat A-24]

**HOUSTON, John** – spent the first eight years of his life in the Canadian Arctic at Cape Dorset, on Baffin Island as the son of James and Alma Houston. After graduating from Yale, he returned as an Art Advisor to the Pagnirtung Cooperative printmaking project and stayed for nearly five years. More recently when he told executive film producer Peter d'Entremont that *Songs in Stone* was in fact the beginning of an Arctic trilogy, a film partnership began. John and Peter have followed up with *Nulijuk: Mother of the Sea Beasts*; a quest for the ancient Inuit goddess, and are currently developing *Diet of Souls*; a look inside the mind of the Inuit hunter, to complete the trilogy. [Seat A-26]

**IRNIQ, Peter** - was born in an iglu 55 years ago and lived this type of life style for the first 13 years of his life. Peter is an Inuit cultural and language activist, he has been promoting his culture to every corner of the earth in the past 20 years. In professional life, Peter is a former Broadcaster with CBC, Journalist, writer, land claims director, Nunavut Implementation Commissioner, Civil Servant, former Deputy Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and in the past year-and-a-half, he has been the Commissioner of Nunavut. [Seat A-25]

**JENNEY, Gavin** [Chair] – Gavin, an engineer residing in Dayton, Ohio, started wilderness canoe tripping in Ontario in 1975. In the last 15 years, with Dayton canoe partner William Talley, he has enjoyed 5 major barren ground river trips. These have included the Dubawnt, Back, Hanbury-Thelon and Quoich rivers. [Seat C-33]

**KAZAKS, Peter** [Chair] - has helped raise six kids, but was still able to luxuriate in two summer-long canoe trips in the NWT. Although a physics professor, has indulged his love of the outdoors by teaching a course on nature writing called "*The Experience of Nature*". [Seat C-30]

**KERR, Rosi** - is a 26 year old Massachusetts native who enjoys wandering the world and long uphill portages. She is an eager explorer but a fledgling wilderness paddler, a veteran of only one long trip in the North. She is currently a rowing coach at Dartmouth College and lives happily in Hanover NH with her dog Gus. [Seat B-25]

**LUSTE, George** [Chair] - has been canoeing in the Canadian wilderness for the past 40 years and shows no sign of diminished desire – though his body does tire more easily. This past summer he and Linda took a leisurely canoe tour of the Georgian Bay area. This coming summer he again hopes to be paddling and portaging on remote watersheds in the far north. [Seat A-10]

**MACFIE, John** - was born (in 1925) and raised on a farm near Parry Sound, Ontario. Opting for a career in the outdoors, following the Second World War he hired on with the Parry Sound field office of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, and in 1950 went north to work as a wildlife management officer in the Province's 'Outback', the vast Patricia District, whose sparse population consisted largely of Ojibway and Cree still gaining much of their livelihood directly from the land. Luckily, John carried a camera, and the images he recorded provide a snapshot of far northern Ontario as it was 50 years ago. [Seat B-29]

**MAGOR, Graeme and Lynda** - led the Otto Sverdrup Centennial Expedition which overwintered on Ellesmere Island, 1999-2000. Three couples as well as the Magors' 2 year old daughter sailed across the North Atlantic from Oslo to take winter harbour at Hourglass Bay, 140 km west of Grise Fiord. Then... frenetic preparations for the dark and cold, months of isolation but never boredom, big surprises (how ice can swallow a boat, how pregnancy can strike any time & anywhere), and spring sledging north to dramatic Axel Heiberg Island, once claimed for Norway! [see [www.sverdrup2000.org](http://www.sverdrup2000.org)] [Seats D-33 and 32]

**McINNES, John** - was born in Winnipeg and introduced to canoe tripping at YMCA Camp Stephens. Since moving to Edmonton, he has paddled extensively in the western NWT. Never having been famous for anything, he feels a particular affinity for obscure rivers. [Seat D-29]

**POHL, Herb** [Chair] - is a retired biologist, who has made numerous canoe trips in various parts of the north – with Labrador being a favourite destination. This past summer he and Pat Lewtas traversed the Mistastin River and Lake (an impact crater) area - which is part of the Kogulak River watershed. [Seat G-18]

**STIKEMAN, Vicky & Paul GREEN** - Unlike many of the other speakers, we are "high arctic neophytes"! We are two old pals that (outside of our busy business working lives) love the outdoors - always seeking a kayaking or climbing adventure around the world. We decided to celebrate our 40th birthday year in the true Canadian High Arctic North - Ellesmere Kayaking. This was our first time and we now understand why it will definitely not be our last! [Seats B40 and 41]

**TAMBLYN, Ian** - is a songwriter, playwright and adventurer. His travels, musical and adventurous have lead him to both polar regions and all corners of Canada From the outset of his career, some thirty years ago, Ian's work has continually focused on the Canadian north, people and landscape. He has recorded many CDs and plays and has received several awards and nominations for his work. [Seat B-27]

**vanPEENAN, Paul** - went on his first Arctic trip in 1998 kayaking and hiking on Ellesmere Island and now suffers from an incurable malady: arcticpaddleritus. There is no cure but the affliction can be managed by spending a minimum of five, but ideally 10, weeks each summer paddling northern rivers. To gain full benefit the sufferer must cross at least one height of land during the summer. Paul continues his research but hopes not to find a cure. [Seat D-30]

**WEVRICK, Mike and Sara SEAGER** - grew up in Ontario and have canoed all over Canada and the northeastern United States. Their first long trip together was described in the article "Sixty Days in the Land of Little Sticks" in the Spring 1996 and Autumn 1996 issues of Nastawgan. Mike and Sara travel with their dog Kira, who loves the wilderness as much as they do. [Seats C-23 and C-24]

**WIPPER, Kirk** [Chair] - a former Outdoor Education professor at the University of Toronto, was instrumental in developing Canada's National Canoe School. He had a true love affair with the heritage of the canoe, believing that every canoe had a story to tell – and donated an enormous collection of canoes to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. Kirk also served as President of the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association for ten years. He was recently awarded the Order of Canada. [Seat A-23]