

18th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on
Northern Travels & Northern Perspectives II

January 31 & February 1, 2003 at Monarch Park Collegiate, Toronto

All sessions in the auditorium.

Friday evening, January 31, 2003

- 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 - Herbert Pohl
 - George Luste Toronto - ON My Northern Sojourns - 40 Year Retrospective
 - Caroline Underwood Toronto - ON Going with the Floe: Filming at the Floe Edge
 - Andrew Derocher Edmonton - AB Polar Bear Ecology - Past, Present, & Future
- 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

Saturday, February 1, 2003 - 25 min per presentation

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees.
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session II - - Chair - Rick Chartier
 - Levi Waldron Toronto - ON First Long Arctic Trip
 - Bob Johnston Sioux Lookout - ON From Resolution to Bathurst Inlet
 - Bob Dannert Sedona - AZ Solo to the Arctic Ocean - Bathurst Inlet
- 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - Session III - - Chair - George Luste
 - John Jennings Peterborough - ON The Canadian Canoe Museum and The Canoe
 - Don Morrison Oakville - ON An Artist in the Barrens
 - Bill Hosford Ann Arbor - MI Watercolors from Canadian Canoe Trips
- 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 - Judith Niemi
 - Jim Stone Ottawa - ON A.P. Low - His Life and Career as a Canoe Traveller
 - Max Finkelstein Ottawa - ON Across Quebec on the Trail of A.P. Low
 - Herbert Pohl Burlington - ON Richmond Gulf
- 3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Session V - - Chair - Shelagh Grant
 - Phil Lancaster Winnipeg - MB A Trip With James Clouston
 - Sylvia Van Kirk Victoria - BC With George Nelson's Canoe Brigade in 1822
 - Gwyneth Hoyle Peterborough - ON Isobel Hutchison - a Singular Arctic Traveller
- 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 - George Luste
 - Rosi Kerr Hanover - NH An "Overland" Canoe Trip
 - Eric Sailer Lyme - NH To Hudson Bay and Back, 1962
 - Doug Gardner Ennismore - ON Remembrance of Lorne Haacke

Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

Thank you for coming and see you next year.

2003 – Program Participants

CHARTIER ,Rick [Chair]- has operated Coureur De Bois Adventures in Cochrane ON over the past 8 years. As one of the main outfitters servicing canoeist paddling to Moosonee on James Bay , he has also led snowshoe expeditions north to the Bay. With three large Voyageur canoes and a Teepee village, they also provide soft ecotour adventures as well as educational programs for area schools. [Seat G-26]

DANNERT, Bob – “*Solo to the Arctic Ocean - Bathurst Inlet*” -- I am a retired Food Scientist after spending my entire career with General Mills. I first began paddling in the Far North in 1974. I have been solo paddling since 1996 and appreciate the solitude, beauty, wildlife and fishing. I especially like the paddling experiences of the Arctic and the rivers on the southern shore of Lake Athabasca. [Seat D-27]

DEROCHER, Andrew – was born in Vancouver, B.C., and developed an early interest in carnivores but after obtaining a degree in Forest Wildlife Ecology at U.B.C. and a year working on grizzly bears in the rainforests, he left the woods for the Arctic to pursue graduate research on polar bears. After almost 20 years studying the ecology of polar bears, including a recent 6 year stint with the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromso, Norway (north of the Arctic Circle), he recently accepted a professorship in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta, Edmonton where he continues his studies on polar bears. [Seat A22-Fri only]

DOIDGE, Bill - has studied marine mammals in the Arctic and Antarctic since 1975. After completing his PhD at McGill on the ecology of beluga whales in 1991, he joined Makivik Corporation where he is now the director of the Nunavik Research Centre in Kuujuaq. He has managed to return to the Hudson Bay Arc every year (but one) since the mid 1980s. [Cancellation]

FINKELSTEIN, Max – “*Canoeing a Continent: Part II: Across Quebec on the Trail of A.P. Low*” -- 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. His most recent undertaking is to retrace some of the routes of geologist A. P. Low in northern Quebec. That expedition almost came to an end when he mistook lemon crystals for powdered milk, tainting his morning coffee and oatmeal. Max lives with his wife Connie on the shores of the Ottawa River, where they are introducing their young son, Isaac Thelon, to a life of traveling on and learning about rivers. (His book, *Canoeing a Continent: On the Trail of Alexander Mackenzie* is available at the book table.) [Seat B-24]

GARDNER, Doug - has been attending the WCA Canoeing Symposium for 17 years. Sixteen of those he attended with his friend Dr. Lorne Haacke. He is a retired Secondary School Administrator and avid summer time canoeist and adventurer. He has been on seven canoe trips in the NWT and has enjoyed numerous white water trips on the rivers of Ontario and Quebec.. [Seat B-27]

GRANT, Shelagh [Chair]-- is the author of a new book, *Arctic Justice: On trial for murder, Pond Inlet 1923* (available at book table). Although no longer teaching full time, she is still a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the Canadian Studies Program at Trent University,

Peterborough. She and her husband Jon have tripped extensively throughout northern Canada. [Seat A-30 Sat only]

HOYLE, Gwyneth – “*Isobel Hutchison - a singular Arctic traveler*” - travels the Arctic mainly in her imagination following the paths of those who have made incredible journeys. She is associated with the Canadian Canoe Museum and Trent University in Peterborough. Her latest book is *Flowers in the Snow* (A few copies are available at the book table), published by the University of Nebraska Press. [Seat B-33]

HOSFORD, Bill - I am a professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan. Since 1964, I've canoed about 6000 miles of rivers, mostly in Ontario and "north of 60". In recent years I've been taking watercolors with me. [Seat C-27]

JENNINGS, John – “*The Canadian Canoe Museum and Canada's national symbol*” -- is an associate professor of history at Trent University specializing in the early history of the Canadian and American West. He is also the Vice Chair of the Canadian Canoe Museum, the only museum in the world dedicated solely to the canoe and kayak. He recently edited and, with eleven other authors, co-wrote *The Canoe: A Living Tradition (2002)*, (Available at the book table.) [Seat A-33]

JOHNSTON, Bob - took up paddling at the age of twelve on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. In 1971, he "discovered" the North with a trip down the Missinaibi River. He returned many times to canoe Northern Canada, and also to work on a fire tower and to tour live theatre. For the past 17 years, he has lived and worked and canoed in the Sioux Lookout area of NW Ontario. [Seat C-24]

KERR, Rosi - is a 27 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 two long trips in the North. She is currently a rowing coach at Dartmouth College and lives happily in Hanover NH with her dog Gus. [Seat A-22 Sat only]

LANCASTER, Phil – “*A Trip with James Clouston*” -- Like James Clouston, Phil is an immigrant from the British Isles who has worked around the north in a variety of jobs. Like Mr. Clouston, Phil has taken the odd trip in a canoe. For James it was work and it was the early 1800s. For Phil in the late 20th century, it was for fun. [Seat D-26]

LUSTE, George – first started canoeing in Algonquin Park as preparation for a solo trip to James Bay in 1963. He has been going north ever since. What started out as simple curiosity and adventure has become a personal (and sometimes solitary) pilgrimage to wilderness landscapes and a way of life that encourages “annihilation of self” and the associated emotions of overwhelming humbleness and gratitude. He is also a physics professor and currently the President of the University of Toronto Faculty Association. [Seat A-13]

MORRISON, Don – “*An artist in the Barrens*” - Don’s love of art and nature is frequently rewarded on wilderness trips. He will use both journal entries and slides of illustrations to describe his trip with friends down the Thelon River. He retired from teaching after 31 years but keeps busy with conservation work, paddling, refinishing antiques, landscape painting and instruction. [Seat C-40]

NIEMI, Judith [Chair] - has been promoting women's canoeing for 25 years, as founder of Woodswomen in 1977 and Women in the Wilderness in 1986. She has guided canoe trips in Lapland, Alaska, and the Canadian Arctic, and Down South, including the Amazon rainforest. She's co-editor of *Rivers Running Free: a Century of Women's Canoe Adventures* and author of *Women Outdoors: the Basic Essentials*. [Seat B-13]

POHL, Herbert – came to Canada from Austria with the intention to explore some of the remote corners of the country. He liked it so much he never left. And over the years he supported himself as a blacksmith, miner, gandy dancer, lumber-jack and a number of other interesting occupations, ending with his retirement from McMaster University during the latter part of the last century. During all this time his fascination with wild places never diminished and he still goes on solitary wanderings beyond the end of the road. [Seat A-20]

SAILER, Eric - is a retired obstetrician who has been paddling for 45 years, with trips on the Winisk, Burnside, Hayes, Kuujjua, and Leaf. But his major passion is fishing, which he pursues the same way the rest of us pursue breathing -- as an essential reflex. He routinely trails behind his canoe a Daredevil the size of a moccasin on a length of parachute cord; and it's quite a treat to see his canoe suddenly jerk to a halt when a big lake trout takes hold. – (Written by his canoeing companion Will Lange) The full title of his presentation is “*To Hudson Bay and Back, 1962 – Winisk, Sutton, Ekwan Rivers*” [Seat – A-25]

STONE, Jim – “*A.P. Low - his life and career as a canoe traveller*” -- A diplomat by career and a northern traveller by avocation, he has a strong interest in cartography and history, and with Max Finkelstein, is preparing a biography of Albert Peter Low. For seven summers, he surveyed in the tundra, mountains and Arctic Islands for the federal government's Geodetic Survey to put the map on northern Canada. [Seat B-26]

UNDERWOOD, Caroline – “*Going with the Floe: Filming at the Floe Edge*” - For 20 years Caroline Underwood has produced, directed and written award winning television documentaries on natural history and environmental subjects for CBC's science series "The Nature of Things with David Suzuki". In the summer of 2002 she spent several months working in the Arctic on a documentary about the impact of climate change on wildlife. The program is one of five-part series being produced by the NFB and Glacialis in Quebec, and Gedeon Programmes, that will be broadcast next season on the CBC. [Seat A-30 Fri only]

VAN KIRK, Sylvia – “*Travelling with George Nelson's Canoe Brigade in 1822*” - My book *Of Codes and Canoes: George Nelson's Summer Journals of 1821 and 1822* is scheduled for publication in 2004. As a fur trade historian, I have a vicarious experience with many canoe routes, but recently I bought my own canoe which can be paddled year-round from my home in Victoria. [Seat A-28]

WALDRON, Levi - is a graduate student in forestry at the University of Toronto. He went on his first ever canoeing or overnight camping trip in 1996 in Algonquin Park and promptly fell in love with the pastime. Since then he has canoed all over Ontario and BC and last summer went on his first arctic canoe trip, 46 days on the Parent, Coppermine, Fairy Lake, and Hood Rivers. Levi's proud to have owned 6 boats but not yet his first car. [Seat D-33]