

29th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on
Northern Travels & Northern Perspectives XIII

February 7 & February 8, 2014 at Monarch Park Collegiate Auditorium, One Hanson St, Toronto.
All sessions in the auditorium.

Friday evening, February 07, 2014

- 6:30 - 7:20 p.m. - Foyer: Registration, programme and name tags.
7:20 - 7:35 p.m. - **Introductory Remarks - George Luste**
7:35 - 9:30 p.m. - **Session I - General Overview - Chair - Bill King**
- Rob Mullen - VT "Bears and a Boat in the Brooks Range"
- Karl Hartwick - ON "Northern Yukon Summer"
- Neil Hartling - YK "Through the World's Largest Non-Polar Icecap"
9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

Saturday, February 8, 2014 - 25 min per presentation

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees & book table opens.
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - **Session II - Chair: Al Pace**
- Nicolas Peissel - QC "A Passage Through Ice"
- Ian Tamblin - ON "Chasing the North"
- John Lentz - MA "Tales from the Paddle"
10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria + book tables
11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - **Session III - Chair: Kevin Callan**
- Ron Tozer - ON "Changes in Algonquin Park Birdlife"
- Stephanie Potter - ON "The Journey of a Young Outdoor Enthusiast"
- John Jennings - ON "The Historic Wind and Peel Rivers of the Northern Yukon"
12:40 - 2:20 p.m. - Lunch break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.] + book tables
1:20 - 2:10 p.m. - **Ian Tamblin - ON Wilderness Music Concert** [Ferguson Hall]
2:20 - 3:50 p.m. - **Session IV - Chair: Barbara Burton -**
- Ken McGoogan - ON "Fatal Passage: Return to Rae Strait"
- Katie Tanz & Lauren Sayre - ON "Keewaydin Canoe Trips - Girls in the Wilderness"
- Tribute to Toni Harting: "Dreamtime"
3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria + book tables
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - **Session V - Chair: Dave Young**
- Matt Hopkinson - VT "From St. Lawrence Seaway to Maine Coast"
- Walter Opuszynski - VT "Managing Experiences on a Water Trail"
- Erika Bailey - ON "Start with the Stories: Starfish Environmentalism"
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.] + book tables
7:15 p.m. - Northern Books Table closes
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - **Session VI - Chair: Bill King - Concluding Overviews and Future -**
- James Raffan - ON "Coppermine Atanigi Expedition"
- Kathy Hooke - ON "George Douglas: Empowered by Northcote Farm"
- George Luste Toronto - ON Recent Canoe Trip to Great Bear Lake, Douglas's cabin and the Coppermine

Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

Thank you for coming.

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Participants at the 29th Annual Wilderness and Canoeing Symposium

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BAILEY, Erika – Erika Bailey is an international transition advisor at the University of Toronto. In her spare time, she is a writer, personal coach, editor, and quite a bit of a tea-drinker; all bi-products of being a story-listener. She recently published her masters thesis, *Paddling as Place: Experiential Learning of Place and Ecological Identity* – an arts-based narrative inquiry into experiential learning on canoe trips. Erika has canoed all her life, a gift taught to her immigrant parents by her Poppa – Omond Solandt.

BURTON, Barbara – a retired high school teacher, Barbara has been teaching moving water canoeing for the past 30 years. Along with her late husband George Drought, she's been guiding canoe trips in the North America from the Smokey Mountains to the Arctic for some 25 years. Barb has a passion for the flora, fauna and culture of the barren lands.

CALLAN, Kevin - Kevin Callan is the author of fifteen books, including the best selling "The Happy Camper", and the incredibly popular series of paddling guides. On a regular basis, he presents across North America and the U.K. and has been a key speaker at all the major outdoor events for over 25 years. Callan is also a frequent guest on radio and television and a regular contributor to *Explore* and *CanoeRoots Magazine*. He is a winner of several National Magazine Awards and film awards. He was also made Patron Paddler for Paddle Canada.

<http://www.kevincallan.com/>

GUSEV, Aleksandar - past Chair of WCA and current Editor of *Nastawgan*, he's supporting George in organizing WCS. In his spare time, Aleks organizes group ski trips, teaches white-water canoeing and is a Director of Paddler Co-op, a non-for-profit paddling school in Palmer Rapids. He splits his time between home in Toronto and his cabin in Bell's Rapids.

HARTLING, Neil - guide and author, has outfitted canoe and raft expeditions across the north on 20 rivers for 30 years. The Alsek and Tatshenshini Rivers flow through the world's largest non-polar icecap, and the heart of the world's largest bio preserve. From the Yukon, through northern BC, and Alaska, passing through three Parks, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Canadian Heritage River, it is a land of superlatives and pristine wilderness. Find details of his company, Canadian River Expeditions at www.Nahanni.com

HARTWICK, Karl - Karl recently retired from his rural family practice after 36 years in Haliburton. He has been an avid canoe traveler with his wife Terry, family and friends for even longer. Traditional winter travel, snowshoe route development in Algonquin Park with his close friend Bob Davis and part time wood canvas canoe building round out his wilderness related passions. Inspired by their mutual friend Hugh Stewart, Karl and Bob teamed up with Hugh, Cathie Campbell, Kate Prince and Anne Phillips in the summer of 2013 to paddle in the Northern Yukon from the headwaters of the Snake River to the village of Old Crow via the Peel River, up the infamous Rat River and down the Bell and Porcupine rivers.

HOOKE, Katharine - a retired college communications teacher, is a freelance writer, focusing on early local history of waterways, pioneers and boats. She is a member of the Peterborough Historical Society and a former board member of the Canadian Canoe Museum. She has compiled a large and varied photo and written archive of her uncle, George Douglas.

HOPKINSON, Matt - opened his eyes to upstream travel in 1990 when he read a chapter on poling in a canoeing how-to book. As he developed other canoe travelling skills, he began to learn and follow the ancient canoe routes of Greater Maine. www.voodoocanoe.com

JENNINGS, John – John Jennings is a retired professor of history who taught at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, specializing in the frontier history of the American West and the Canadian West and North. He has written, edited or contributed to a number of canoe books and is currently writing a book on the canoe explorations of the Geological Survey of Canada. For many years, he was the Vice Chairman of the Canadian Canoe Museum and was recently the Ontario member on the federal Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. He and his wife Nicola have canoed a number of northern rivers.

KING, Bill - is a 'mostly-retired' surgeon who, for many years, has maintained his sanity (at least in his opinion) with regular doses of wilderness. His long involvement with the Wilderness Canoe Association has been an invaluable source of friends and traveling partners.

LENZT, John - After 23 wilderness expeditions in Canada and Russia, John Lentz has retired his paddle. He has lectured and written extensively on these travels. His first book, "Tales from the Paddle", was published in the Fall of 2013.

LUSTE, George - came to Canada (Wawa) at age 8 in 1948 and started his canoeing on a solo trip in 1962 to James Bay. In the US for ten years, Linda and I met and married in 1965. We had our honeymoon canoeing in Algonquin Park and our twins in 1969. A canoe trip across Labrador in 1968 and many trips ever since, with whole family, with Linda, with other friends and some long sole canoe trips – in areas of wilderness Labrador, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Now, together with Linda, we are trying to deal with the eight thousand northern books at home.

MCGOOGAN, Ken - is the bestselling author of eleven books, including *Fatal Passage: The Untold Story of John Rae, the Arctic Explorer Who Discovered the Fate of Franklin*. He has won numerous literary awards, writes regularly for *Canada's History* magazine, and recently published *50 Canadians Who Changed the World*. In 1999, Ken placed a plaque in the High Arctic at the site where explorer John Rae discovered the final link in the Northwest Passage.

MULLEN, Rob - Nationally known wildlife and wilderness artist. Director of the WREAF program at the Center for Circumpolar Studies. Developing Boreal Forest exhibitions with the Smithsonian's Arctic Studies Center.

OPUSZYNSKI, Walter - has been building, designing, and managing trails throughout New England and the Northern Forest for 15 years. For the past five years he has been the Trail Director for the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, a 740-mile waterway connecting Old Forge, NY and Fort Kent, ME. Focusing on stewardship efforts he has been working to develop a management system for the corridor that will accommodate sustainable use and retain the natural character the waterways and portages are known for while accommodating the diverse landownership and fostering the integration with trail communities.

PEISSEL, Nicolas - Project leader and founder of The Arctic Project, Nicolas Peissel, has led exciting expeditions into the most remote countries, deserts and oceans on our planet. He has worked as an aid worker coordinating health projects in remote disaster struck and war torn countries with the U.N., sailed the worlds most dangerous waters and undertaken exciting Arctic expeditions. In 2012 Nicolas and his team partners became the first people in history to sail the

most Northern route from Atlantic to Pacific through the Arctic. In achieving their mission they delivered a sobering climate message to the world. Nicolas has since completed another Northwest Passage in 2013 and is considered Canada's leading Arctic Yachtsman.

PACE, Allan - Studio Potter Allan Pace creates distinctively Canadian stoneware vessels at his Farmhouse Pottery studio in scenic Hockley Valley near Orangeville. During the summer months, Al is an avid canoe tripper and river guide and operates Canoe North Adventures based in Norman Wells, NWT. Al has explored arctic rivers throughout Yukon, Nunavut and Northwest Territories spanning 37 years and at least 20,000 river miles. Al's unique pottery designs reflect the textures and rhythms of the mysterious northern landscape.

POTTER, Stephanie - Raised in Thunder Bay, ON, I have experienced a variety of outdoor activities since before I could walk. Today, as a result of my exposure to childhood outdoor experiences, I am an avid whitewater canoeist, raft guide, telemark and alpine ski instructor, and rock climber. I am currently studying Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism as well as Geography at Lakehead University. Living in Thunder Bay, writing for NASTAWGAN, experiencing a gap year in New Zealand and Jasper, and my flourishing passion for the outdoors have had a remarkable impact on my life, and continue to inspire me to venture into the outdoors and to wild places as much as I can in as many ways possible.

RAFFAN, James - is a writer, recovering academic and part-time ED of the Canadian Canoe Museum. A Fellow of the Explorers Club and inveterate traveler, most recently a multi-legged journey around the world at 66.6°N (that included the Coppermine Atanigi Expedition) for an upcoming book called *Circling the Midnight Sun*, he has produced a variety of other films, music, articles and bestselling books. James is Past Chair of the Arctic Institute of North America as well as Past Governor of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, service for which he earned the Queen's Golden (2002) and Diamond (2012) Jubilee Medals. www.jamesraffan.ca

SAYRE, Lauren – Lauren and Katie have been connected to Keewaydin Camp since it first introduced girls into its hundred year old canoe tripping program in 1999. Since then, they have led teenage girls on 7 week, all-female trips through northern areas of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. This past summer they traveled from Windigo Lake (north of Pickle Lake) to York Factory on the Hudson Bay.

TANZ, Katie - Lauren and Katie have been connected to Keewaydin Camp since it first introduced girls into its hundred year old canoe tripping program in 1999. Since then, they have led teenage girls on 7 week, all-female trips through northern areas of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. This past summer they traveled from Windigo Lake (north of Pickle Lake) to York Factory on the Hudson Bay.

TOZER, Ron – retired in 1996 after nearly 25 years as Algonquin Park Naturalist. Ron's passion for the Park and its birds culminated in the publication of his book, *Birds of Algonquin Park*, by The Friends of Algonquin Park in April 2012. Decades in preparation, the book documents the occurrence and life history of Algonquin's 278 species of birds. Evidence of major changes in the Park and throughout eastern North America is presented, including significant declines in many bird species and alteration of migration timing likely caused by climate warming. *Birds of Algonquin Park* is available at the symposium book table and through the website: <http://store.algonquinpark.on.ca/cgi/algonquinpark/01058.html>

TAMBLYN, Ian - began writing songs, short stories and plays at the age of seventeen. Since that time he has recorded 29 albums, cassettes, and CDs and written over 1500 songs. Many of these songs have been recorded by other artists and he has received and been nominated for several awards. Ian most recently won the English Songwriter of the Year for his CD *Gyre* by the

Canadian Folk Music Awards in 2010 as well as being honoured with the Distinguished Alumni Award from Trent University in 2007. Currently Ian is at work on CD three of the *Four Coast Project- Walking the Bones of the Past - Arctic Coast*. It is due for release in late June. He will also be producing an album for Peter Hodgson- aka Sneezy Waters in May of this year.
<http://www.tamblyn.com/>

YOUNG, David – WCA member for 20+ years, retired Math teacher, lots of rivers paddled including Hayes, Clearwater, Moisie, Harricanaw, Pigeon (Manitoba) etc. Served 4 years on the WCA board, and last 2 years as Chair