



The Rat Portage Lake of the Woods
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PROGRAM

Colloquium 2004
Kenora, Ontario
May 26 – 30

Welcome to the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies Colloquium 2004.

The Program is comprised of over 50 papers, scheduled on the following pages, two local field trips, a special field trip by boat to visit La Verendrye's Fort St. Charles on Lake of the Woods, the regular General Membership Meeting of the Centre, a dinner cruise on the Lake around the islands near to Kenora that are popular with summer cottagers, and a banquet with noted author Heather Robertson speaking on **Lake of the Woods: Heart of a Continent** based on her latest book, *Magical, Mystical Lake of the Woods*. A well stocked book display area will provide old and new titles.

Lake of the Woods Museum Opening Reception and Registration

Wednesday, May 26, 6:00PM. The Lake of the Woods Museum is hosting an opening reception for the Colloquium and showing a special exhibit of historical photographs from around the Lake. Be sure to attend.
Dinner on your own following the reception.

Field trips

Field Trip A: Walking tour of Kenora. The fur trade is long gone but mining, fisheries, logging, the Canadian Pacific Railway and tourism have made Kenora a major economic hub in NW Ontario. Vignettes of the past are shown in twenty colourful murals. This tour will visit selected murals as well as historical buildings in the downtown area and continue on to the picturesque cemetery where guides will give entertaining biographies of early settlers. The tour finishes with tea at the Mather-Walls historic Victorian era house.

Field Trip B: Rat Portage and Tunnel Island Hike Five minutes by bus will take this tour to the original, 120 yard Rat Portage from Lake of the Woods to the Winnipeg River. The hike route covers Tunnel Island, still undeveloped, that forms the natural blockage of water from the Lake into the River. See Old Fort Island, site of the HBC post from 1836 to 1871, and the Norman Dam built on the fast flowing western outlet in the 1890s and Power House Dam on the east outlet.

Field Trip C: Boat trip to Fort St. Charles, Pierre de LaVerendrye's fur trade post established in 1732 on the NW Angle Inlet as his central post for exploring the west.. Boats leave the Lakeside Inn on Sunday morning; lunch is included at a remote camp on the Lake. Ft. St.Charles is in the United States, Passports required. Return to Kenora by 5:30 PM. This is an optional event with its own fee including a Fish Fry dinner Saturday night, boat trip and lunch on Sunday.

Thursday, May 27

8:30 AM

ROSEWOOD ROOM

COLLOQUIUM WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer S. H. Brown, Director, Centre for Rupert's Land Studies

HISTORY ASSOCIATIONS IN RUPERT'S LAND

Chair – *Bob Sandford, Chair, David Thompson Bi-Centennial Initiative, Canada*

Where We've Been and Where We're Going Next

Adele Boucher, Alexander Mackenzie Voyageur Route Association

David Thompson Bi-Centennial Committee

Bill Peterson & Ross MacDonald, David Thompson Bi-Centennial Committee

9:40 AM

ROSEWOOD ROOM

VISUAL AND DRAMATIC REPRESENTATIONS

Chair – *Alison Brown, Glasgow Museums*

West From Lake Superior by Canoe and Paintbrush

Patricia Vervoort, Lakehead University

Re-creating the Past: Presenting Fur Trade History to the British Public

David Spencer, Derbyshire, UK

"Hero of Your and My Childhood": Multiple Meanings in Hiawatha Pageantry and Images – Part 1

Cory Willmott, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

"Hero of Your and My Childhood": Multiple Meanings in Hiawatha Pageantry and Images – Part 2

Trudy Nicks, Royal Ontario Museum

9:40 AM

CASCADE ROOM

ECONOMIC CONFLICTS AND COLLABORATIONS

Chair – *Iain Davidson-Hunt, University of Manitoba*

Common Aims: Governor George Simpson and Missionaries in Rupert's Land

Andy den Otter, Memorial University

Mineral Use and Ownership Issues in Ontario and Treaty 3, Between 1869 and 1924

Rhonda Telford, Independent Consultant

The 1895 Garden Island Siege: Anishinabe Resistance to Fishery Mismanagement in the Lake of the Woods

Victor Lytwyn, Independent Consultant, Erin, Ontario

Trapping Comes of Age: The Registered Trapline System of Manitoba

Dean Berezanski, Manitoba Department of Conservation

Indigenous Perspectives on Adaptation and Innovation in the Registered Trapline System

Andrew Chapeskie, Taiga Institute for Land, Culture & Economy, Kenora, Ontario

LUNCH on your own: 12:10 – 1:10

Buffet served in the restaurant

1:10 PM

ROSEWOOD ROOM

FUR TRADE BIOGRAPHIES

Chair – *Bob Coutts, Parks Canada, Winnipeg*

Canon Maurice Sanderson

Rhoda Bellamy, Nova Arcadia Heritage

The Taylor Ambrotypes: Identifying Four Members of the Family

Ellen Paul, Warren, CT

Solving Mysteries in the Wishart Family

Shirley Wishart, Historian and Poet, Victoria B.C.

2:25 PM

FUR TRADE COMMUNITIES AND THEIR STRUGGLES

Chair – *Heidi Bohaker, University of Toronto*

An "Apocalyptic Angel Flying Through the Midst of Heaven": Identifying Disease in Sault Ste. Marie, c.1820-1871

Karl Hele, University of Winnipeg

The Fort Frances Metis Community in the 19th Century

Eric Angel, Public History Inc., Winnipeg

Crossborder Crossbloods: The Rupert's Land Connection

Phil Bellfy, Michigan State University

1:10 PM

CASCADE ROOM

INFLUENCE OF GEOGRAPHIC REALITIES ON FUR TRADE AMBITIONS

Chair – *Victor Lytwyn, Independent Consultant*

The Ayrshire Connection: Robert Hunter, Brook Watson, the Patersons and the Kays in the North West Fur Trade

Harry W. Duckworth, University of Manitoba

Saving Rat Portage from Being on the US/Canada Boundary

David Malaher, Whistler, BC

La Grande Traverse: Athabasca Pass, Portal on the Trans-Canada Route, 1811 – 1850

Peter Murphy, University of Alberta

Thomas Peterson, Yellowhead Historical Society

"Sur la Rapport des Sauvages", Indigenous Knowledge and Indian Geography: The French and Indian Exploration of Northern Minnesota from Lake Superior to the Red River Valley

Ruth Swan, Winnipeg, MB

Edward Jerome, Hallock, MN

Of Sextants and Satellites: David Thompson and the Grand Portage GIS Study

David Cooper, US National Park Service, Grand Portage

4:10 – 5:00 PM

ROSEWOOD ROOM

GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP, CENTRE FOR RUPERT'S LAND STUDIES

6:00 – 9:30 PM

Kenora Harbour Front

DINNER CRUISE on MS KENORA

Friday, May 28

8:30 AM

ROSEWOOD ROOM

FUR TRADE EMPLOYEES

Chair – *Wilson Brown*, University of Winnipeg

Robert Campbell and the Chieftainess: Aboriginal and Hudson's Bay Company Relations in the Yukon in the mid-Nineteenth Century

Roland Bohr, University of Manitoba

Mrs. McKenzie and the Rat Portage "Rascals"

Judith Hudson Beattie, Winnipeg, MB

Blue Coat Boys and Charity Wards? Understanding Early Apprenticeship in the HBC

Scott Stephen, University of Manitoba

Archeological Stories from Red River Lot 235

Paul Buchanan, Winnipeg

8:30 AM

CASCADE ROOM

CHURCH, EDUCATION, AND MISSIONS IN RUPERT'S LAND

Chair – *Patricia Harms*, Arizona State University

"...In Whose Service We Are Engaged": The Church of England in Fur Trade Life

Anne Morton, Hudson's Bay Company Archives

Problems Faced by Mennonite Pioneer Missions in the Lake Winnipeg Area

Alvina Block, University of Manitoba

Hudson's Bay Company Archives Missionary Education in Red River, Pre-Confederation

Jonathan Anuik, University of Saskatchewan

Family Matters: Considering My Grandfather's Involvement in Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School

Victoria Freeman, University of Toronto

10:10 AM

ARTS, ARTIFACTS & ARTISTS

Chair – *Katherine Pettipas*, Manitoba Museum

First Nation Gifts for a Royal Prince: Unsettled Arts in an Age of Settlement

Ruth Phillips, Carleton University

Social History of Four Hudson's Bay Beadwork Bands

Alison Brown, Glasgow Museum

Calling Their Names: From Nancy Kirkness to Melanie

Blondeau, Reclaiming the Named Artist in Metis Half Breed Artistic Production

Sherry Farrell Racette, First Nations University of Canada

Fur Trade Material Remains at Ft. St. Joseph

LisaMarie Malischke, Western Michigan University

The Lives of Material Goods: Material Culture Evolution

During the Fur Trade Rendezvous, 1825-1840.

Joshua Koenig, Western Michigan University

10:10 AM

TEXTS & INTERPRETATIONS

Chair – *Sylvia Van Kirk*, University of Toronto

"But is it Real?" Establishing the Provenance of the Buffalo Hunters of the Pembina Journal

Heather Devine, University of Calgary

Fused Ethnicities and Ethnogenesis, Cooperation Versus Autonomy: Susan R. Sharrock's Ideas Revisited

David Miller, First Nations University of Canada

Grey Owl's Ethnological Observations on the Woodland Indians

Dagmara Ginter, Mickiewicz University, Poland

Henry Connolly's Text and Work

James Morrison, Independent Consultant

Dick Preston, McMaster University

George Fulford, University of Winnipeg

LUNCH on your own 12:40 – 1:40

Buffet served in the restaurant

Friday Field Trips A & B are identical to Saturday. Do the trips in either sequence.

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Field Trip A: Walking tour of Kenora

WALKING WITH GUIDES FROM HOTEL

BUS RETURN TO HOTEL

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Field Trip B: Rat Portage and Tunnel Island Hike

BUS PICK-UP AT HOTEL

6:30 PM

Banquet – ROSEWOOD ROOM

Heather Robertson, Lake of the Woods: Heart of a Continent

Saturday, May 29

8:30 AM

ROSEWOOD ROOM

TRAVEL NARRATIVES

Chair – *Anne Morton*, Hudson's Bay Company Archives

The Beans Were Like Gravel: York Boat Crew Members' Accounts

Lia Ruttan, University of Alberta

"Of Their Manners and Customs": The Ethnological Content of the Journals of LaVérendrye (c.1738) and Jonathan Carver (c.1780)

Colin Taylor, Hastings College, UK

Rupert's Land Rediscovered: The Appropriation of Landscape in the Travel Narratives of James Carnegie and Henry Youle Hind

Peter Fortna, Memorial University

9:45 AM

ORAL NARRATIVES AND NEW MEDIA

Chair – *Sherry Farrell Racette*, First Nations University of Canada

William Warren's Blackfeet Adventure

Theresa Schenck, University of Wisconsin

The Long Journey of the Turtle Who Wanted to Fly: Oral Motifs and Cultural Exchange in the Fur Trade

Carolyn Podruchny, York University

Graham Macfarlane, University of Manitoba

Marie Anne Lagimodiere in Le Pays En Haut: Exploring the Oral Storytelling Tradition of Sharing History

Marie Louise Chown, Story Tellers of Canada, Winnipeg

The "Our Voices" Website: Using New Media to Preserve Cree Indigenous Knowledge

George Fulford, University of Winnipeg

Cultural Landscapes: Indigenous Knowledge in New Media

Iain Davidson-Hunt, University of Manitoba

Andrew Chapeskie, Taiga Institute for Land, Culture & Economy, Kenora, Ontario

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CASCADE ROOM

THE FUR TRADE COMES TO COLUMBIA

Chair – *Harry W. Duckworth*, University of Manitoba

Junior Trader at Lake of the Woods: The Formative Years of Dr. John McLoughlin, Father of Oregon

Betty Donaldson, University of Calgary

Key Narratives in the Chilcotin Post Journal 1837-1840

David Dinwoodie, University of New Mexico

Critiquing Alexander Ross's *Fur Hunters of the Far West*

Lloyd Keith, Arlington, WA

9:45 AM

TEXTS AND VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Chair – *Maureen Dolyniuk*, Hudson's Bay Company Archives

Telling the Story of Canada: The Roles of the Fur trade

Patricia McCormack, University of Alberta

Life Writing: Value Beyond the Archives

Cindy Spence, University of Calgary

Fictionalizing the Fur Trade: Poetic Licence vs Writers' Ethics

Helen Buss, University of Calgary

"Tell me if your letter did not crave such an answer as you got": The Thompson-Linklater Correspondence of 1796

Bill Moreau, Toronto

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BUS RETURN TO HOTEL

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Field Trip B: Rat Portage and Tunnel Island Hike

BUS PICKS UP AT HOTEL

4:30 PM

Colloquium 2004 Ends

Fish Fry Dinner for participants on Sunday Field Trip to Ft. St. Charles

Bus Pick-up 6:00 at Hotel