

SouthPole-sium

Bibliophilia Antarctica

15-17 June 2012

AGENDA - SCHEDULE **Some times are approximate.**

Thursday 14 June

6:00 pm Informal cocktail reception/dinner at the Larsens for early arrivals.

Friday 15 June

1:00 pm Early arrivals can help us on logistics and set-up
4:00 Check-in/registration opens at the Civic Center
5:00 Reception begins
6:00 Opening Ceremony of the **SOUTHPOLE-SIUM** by Hon. Fred Marple
7:00 Book Launch. Richard Pierce, *Dead Men*
8:00 Lawrence Howard reading selections from his *The Armchair Adventurer* series.
8:30 "Show and Tell," Favorite Images, etc. Dogs & beer for those still hungry
10:00 Civic Center closes

Saturday 16 June

8:30 am Civic Center opens. Juice, Coffee & Tea, muffins and similar available
9:15 Morning Session #1/2 begins (1-1/2 hours)
10:45 Morning Break (half-hour)
11:15 Morning Session #2/2 begins (1-1/2 hours)
12:45 pm Lunch Break. Assorted sandwiches, fruit, drinks, chips, etc.
1:45 Group photograph
2:00 Afternoon Session #1/2 begins (1-1/2 hours)
3:30 Afternoon Break (half-hour)
4:00 Afternoon Session #2/2 begins (1-1/2 hours)
5:30 Last session ends
5:30 Reception at the Civic Center. *Tropical Sensations* steel band
7:00 Chicken barbecue dinner at the United Church of Jaffrey (see menu over)
8:30 A stage reading from Ted Tally's *Terra Nova* by *Project Shakespeare* followed by *Dirigible*, a Frank Capra Antarctic film, at the Woman's Club

Sunday 17 June

9:00 am Civic Center opens. Juice, Coffee & Tea, muffins and similar available
9:30 Morning Session #1/2 begins (1-1/4 hours)
10:45 Morning Break (half-hour)
11:15 Morning Session #2/2 begins (1-1/4 hours)
12:30 pm Lunch Break. Assorted sandwiches, fruit, drinks, chips, etc.
2:00 Afternoon wrap-up Session begins (1 hour)
3:00 Civic Center closes
4:00 Fitchburg Art Museum. View David Abbey Paige exhibit; reception
6:00 Informal party/cookout at Rob Stephenson's residence for those still here.

SouthPole-sium ODDS & ENDS

Saturday Night Dinner. This will be held in the parish hall of the United Church of Jaffrey, just a short stroll up Main Street from the Civic Center. The folks there will provide us with a Half Barbecued Chicken (cooked in the on-site fire pit) served with Cranberry Sauce, Corn-on-the-Cob, Potato and Tossed Salads, Iced tea, Ice Cream and Cookies, Coffee.

A Vegetarian Lasagna will be available for those who would prefer that but you need to say so ahead of time.

Exhibit. During the month of June there will be an exhibit of Antarctic books, art, artifacts and miscellany in the locked display cases at the Civic Center. At least one of these cases can be made available for any special items that attendees would like to bring and display, but let us know ahead of time.

Tent. We plan to put up a tent beside the Civic Center. This can be used for breaks and lunch, for networking, for break-away groups, etc.

Booklaunch(es). We have at least one Antarctic book launch set, Richard Pierce speaking on and signing his novel *Dead Men*. (No doubt some of the registrants will talk about their own books during the weekend.)

A Keepsake. Each registrant will receive a specially produced keepsake. Limited to 100 copies, it is entitled *My Odd Shelf* and is excerpted from Anne Fadiman's *Ex Libris; Confessions of a Common Reader* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000). The piece concerns the author's Odd Shelf of sixty-four books about polar exploration. A second one is will be produced for purchase: Kathleen Scott's brother's reminiscences of his time on the *Terra Nova*.

Items for Sale. Among the items that will be available for purchase at the SouthPole-sium, and possibly afterwards by post, are Coffee mugs and T-Shirts featuring the SouthPole-sium logo and a large (2 x 3 feet) *Historical Timeline of Antarctic Exploration* produced on heavy stock. (You can see the web version at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/timeline.pdf>) Attendees are welcome as well to bring Antarctic-related things for sale, one of a kind or otherwise.

Books and Artwork. There will be booksellers and publishers in attendance who will be bringing some stock with them for display and sale. Feel free to bring along any book duplicates you'd like to sell or trade. We will provide tables for display but no shelving.

The Library of The Antarctic Circle. The Library is only a short walk from the Civic Center and will be open to attendees at various times during the SouthPole-sium. There you will find Antarctic maps, art, artifacts and close to 2,000 books and periodicals. You can see some images at <http://www.rs41.org/Library/Home.html>

Historic Huts. On the lawn of the Civic Center, the corner points of the following Historic Huts will be laid out to impress on all the attendees just how tight the accommodation was back then: Cape Adare (Borchgrevink), Hut Point (Scott), Laurie Island (Bruce), Snow Hill Island (Nordenskjöld), Cape Royds (Shackleton), Cape Evans (Scott), Framheim (Amundsen) and Cape Denison (Mawson). Also on the lawn: a personal penguin for each attendee.

Check the website for additional details and odds & ends: <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering.htm>

ACCESS TO JAFFREY

Some have asked "How do I get to Jaffrey?" Well, if you have a car it's not difficult at all. It's about 70 miles northwest of Boston and takes a bit more than an hour and a half to get there. For those with corporate jets, you're in luck! Just fly into the Jaffrey Airport about a mile east of downtown. For the rest of us, you will probably fly to either Manchester Boston Regional Airport in Manchester, NH (44 miles, 70 minutes) or to the larger Logan International Airport in Boston (73 miles, 105 minutes).

So what to do if you don't have a car and don't want to rent one? There are options but none are very good. There's bus service from Logan to Nashua, NH (www.bostonexpressbus.com) which is very good, but then you have to get from Nashua to Jaffrey (33 miles, 57 minutes). Attendees without cars arriving on 15 June could be picked up in Nashua by volunteers or by other attendees if some logistical coordination takes place. If those interested get in touch with us, we can see what we can do. There is train service from Boston's North Station to Fitchburg, MA, but the challenge is to get to Jaffrey from Fitchburg (25 miles, 35 minutes). Taxis are available; fare to Jaffrey ca. \$80.