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RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan has, until recent years, been a little known and mysterious place inhabited by some of the world's oldest cultures. It certainly was in 1969 for Terry Vose, then a recent college graduate beginning a two month tour of Europe. Terry hooked on with a marine archaeologist with whom he drove to Athens in a 1957 Volkswagen. In Athens Terry learned how to scuba dive, and became part of an underwater excavation team financed by the University of Pennsylvania and the National Geographic Society. So enamored was he with this new avocation that Terry cashed in his return ticket to finance a longer stay abroad. This money, together with a regular paycheck earned from his diving in Greece and Italy, allowed him to spend three years traveling around the world. After leaving Athens, Terry followed, with few exceptions, the standard route used for thousands of years by merchants and travelers going from Istanbul to Singapore. One of those exceptions came early when Terry took the "road less traveled" north through Afghanistan. Terry will speak to us primarily about his time and experiences in Afghanistan, but will include some of his underwater photography as well.

Terry Vose, with his twin brother, comprise the fifth generation of the Vose family to own and operate the Vose Galleries of Boston, the oldest family owned art gallery in the country. He is an avid traveler and scuba diver. His most recent adventures include a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro and looking for shipwrecks off the coast of Bermuda.

Club Notes: Please note the following meeting dates: November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, and May 25.

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CROCODILES OF THE OKAVANGO

The Okavango Delta, in the midst of the Kalahari Desert, is one of the most important wetlands in the world, home to an abundance of rare birds, mammals, fish, and reptiles. As a keystone species, the Okavango Nile crocodile, an awesomely efficient predator growing up to 20 feet in length, helps maintain an intricate balance within this unique ecosystem. Nevertheless, due to increasing human activities, essential habitat is being lost, and it is not understood what impact exploitation of these legendary reptiles is having on the whole wetland food chain.

Dr. Alison Leslie is a researcher and senior lecturer in the Department of Conservation Ecology at the University of Stellenbosch, and Principal Investigator for the ongoing study of Nile crocodiles in the Okavango Delta. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Stellenbosch, and her Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Drexel University. Her Master's thesis was on the nesting ecology of the leatherback turtle in Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica, and her Ph.D. thesis was on the ecology and physiology of the Nile crocodile in the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, South Africa. Her research specialties include aquatic ecology, vertebrate morphology and physiology, herpetology, and conservation biology. Dr. Leslie has been featured in seven television documentaries on crocodiles, the two latest being a National Geographic production entitled "Beasts of Botswana", and a yet to be released movie entitled "The Monster of Tanganyika". She will explain to us how her research will contribute to both the conservation of the Okavango Nile crocodiles as well as the sustained development of the Okavango ecosystem in general.

Club Notes: The December meeting will be held on the ninth of that month. The speaker will be Mr. Mark Synnott, who will describe an expedition into the heart of the Amazon jungle in Guyana.

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HIGH ADVENTURES

In March and April of 2003, Mark Synnott and Jared Ogden, accompanied by a National Geographic Film Crew, established a first ascent on the “Prow” of Roraima – one of approximately 100 spectacular sandstone rock towers, or tepuis, in the heart of the Amazonian jungle of Guyana. The tepuis are ringed with sheer cliffs that have isolated much of the plant and animal life on the summits from that of the surrounding jungle. For scientists, the area is a veritable treasure trove with countless new species still waiting to be discovered. For climbers, the tepuis represent some of the biggest, yet least explored, rock walls on the planet.

Mark Synnott is well known in the climbing community for his many big wall and alpine climbing achievements. Mark lives in Jackson, New Hampshire, and when not in the mountains, he works with the R&D teams of The North Face and lectures frequently. He is also a freelance photographer and a Senior Contributing Editor of Climbing Magazine. Mark’s articles and photos have appeared in National Geographic as well as in most all of the climbing magazines.

Mark will recount for us his amazing adventure in the heart of the Amazon jungle. Together with biologist Jesus Rivas, National Geographic correspondent Mareya Mayor, and a core group of Amerindian “joggers” Mark and his team spent close to two weeks just trying to reach the base of the Prow. On the cliff, scientists took samples of the unique flora and fauna while Mark and Jared free climbed up the overhanging 1500 foot wall. Mark calls this first ascent of the Scorpion Wall, “My all time best adventure”.

Club Notes: The Club welcomes new members William F. Pounds, Mary L. Schein, J. Dirk Lorenz, Norman A. Sieman, Thomas M. Mailhot, Arthur Milliken, John B. McGannon, and Tina M. Ramme.

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THE STRAITS OF MAGELLAN & OTHER OCEAN PASSAGES

Since age 9 or 10, Club member Andy Oldman has been fascinated with long ocean voyages. By age 12, he had read Joshua Slocum's *Sailing Alone Around the World* and Dana's *Two Years Before the Mast*, and had started dreaming of "going foreign" in his own boat. In June, 2000, fulfilling those dreams, Andy and his wife Madeline, with their 11 year old daughter, Sumi, departed on a 20,000 mile, 14 month sailing voyage.

The Oldman's departed Boston directly for La Rochelle, France aboard their 36-foot gaff-rigged sailing ketch, the *Patience B*. They transited France via the Canal du Midi from Bordeaux to Agde, and continued their sailing in the Mediterranean, stopping at Colliure, Palamos, Barcelona, and Gibraltar. The Oldman's then made their second Atlantic crossing of the year to Salvador, Bahia, Brazil via Lanzarote in the Canary Islands, and Brava in the Cape Verdes.

From there the *Patience B* sailed to southern Brazil, Punta del Este in Uruguay, and through the roaring forties to the Strait of Magellan. Nearly three months were spent transiting the Patagonian channels and in exploring Chile. *Patience B* departed Chile in late April from the Isla Robinson Crusoe. The Oldman's continued homeward bound via the Galapagos, the Panama Canal, the San Blas Islands, Grand Cayman Island, and the Inland Waterway from Beaufort, North Carolina to New York City.

Andy's presentation will be in slides and in real time edited video taken during the voyage with a concentration in the South American portion. Highlights will also include visuals from France, the Cape Verdes, Galapagos, and San Blas.

Club Notes: On February 10 we have our annual Members' Night presentations. Subsequent meetings are on March 9, April 13, and May 25.

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MEMBERS NIGHT: SHORT PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS

The following presentations are currently planned, each lasting about twelve minutes.

- John Reidy - Polar Bears of Churchill
- Marty Klein - Down the White Nile from Murchison Falls (Uganda) to the Fola Cataract (Sudan)
- Dan Senecal - Motorcycling through the Sultanate
- Judy Summersby - Hello Cuba: Through a Lens Brightly
- Greg Deyermenjian - El Dorado and the Mythical Lake Manoa

Club Notes: On March 9 the world-renowned photographer Marie Cosindas will be our speaker. Subsequent meetings are on April 13 and May 25.

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ETHIOPIA and OTHER PLACES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY

Marie Cosindas is a photographer extraordinaire. She studied under the tutelage of many pioneers of photography, including Ansel Adams. She is the first living Boston photographer ever to have a solo exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts. She has been featured in exhibits at the Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the International Center of Photography in New York. Her photographs are in collections in many of the world's foremost museums, and have been widely reproduced. She has taught at several leading educational institutions, including Harvard's Carpenter Center.

Although Marie has traveled widely and often, she has no preconceived ideas of what she may or may not encounter and photograph. Whether capturing ruins in Greece, wandering the paths and canals of Venice, celebrating a royal kimono collection in Kyoto, or observing a reclusive doorway in New York City, the world has become her studio.

Marie Cosindas will share with us how her global trips evolve and how she photographs while traveling. In particular, she will focus her presentation on a 1970 trip to Ethiopia, an ancient, complex, and at the time, almost inaccessible country on the verge of insurrection and civil war. Her encounter with Haile Salassie was an extraordinary event in an extraordinary time. Her journey there exemplifies the strategy and style she has mastered in order to capture portraits and landscapes reflecting exceptional, often exquisite, thought-provoking moments in time.

Club Notes: The remaining meetings for the season are on April 13 and May 25. We welcome S. Donald Slater as a new member of the Club. We regret to announce the deaths of Dr. Samuel D. Clark, a member since 1934, on December 12, 2003, and Dr. Graham W. Rowley, a member since 1976, on December 31, 2003.

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LORDS & LEMURS

Mad Scientists, Kings with Spears, & the Survival of Diversity in Madagascar

Dr. Alison Jolly is an expert on the behavior of lemurs and on conservation in Madagascar. Educated at Cornell and Yale, she began field observations of lemur behavior in 1962-1964 in the Berenty Reserve in southern Madagascar. Dr. Jolly currently teaches at Sussex University and returns to Berenty regularly with colleagues, students, and volunteers.

Madagascar is one of the world's poorest countries, but one of the richest hotspots of endemic species, foreign aid, and "eco" tourism. The impact of tourists on fragile reserves, and the urgency of economic gain from the reserves for local people, is a central theme of Dr. Jolly's professional work. She has written extensively and is currently promoting her new book, *Lords and Lemurs*, in this country.

Dr. Jolly's presentation, in addition to an informative appraisal of her work on lemurs, will tell a little of the history of Madagascar, an extraordinary corner of the world, from the 1674 Massacre of the Pink Girls down to the new President's stunning announcement in 2003 that his government plans to triple the area of Madagascar's protected forests while welcoming foreign visitors to admire his country's riches of culture and natural history.

Club Notes: We welcome Kent B. Lawrence and Nathaniel V. Langman as new members. The last meeting of the season will be on May 25. Our speaker will be Mr. Cary Wolinsky, who will give us a behind-the-scenes look at producing stories for the *National Geographic* magazine.

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Article Seven of the Constitution, the Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for the year 2004-2005.

President:	Liisa M. Kissel
Vice-Presidents:	Daniel Woodbury Senecal Edmund K. Summersby
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kenneth J. Bures
Councillors:	Jo-Del Gaeth C. Lansing Fair Elizabeth Gaye Brown Lauren Meridith Bruck Brian P. Dill

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN S. STRANG, *Chair*
ROBERT BIGELOW STEPHENSON
GEORGE B. WENCKEBACH

Nominating Committee





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The eighth meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on **Tuesday, May 25, 2004**. Cocktails will be served at 6:15 p.m., dinner is at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. The price is \$30 each per member and one guest, and \$35 for each additional guest. Please respond as soon as possible using the enclosed card, email, or by telephone only if you are coming to the dinner. Reservations received after midnight of the Saturday preceding the meeting will incur a \$5 late fee. Members who, after making a reservation, fail to attend without canceling may be liable for the dinner charge.

ANATOMY OF A STORY

Those amazing *National Geographic Magazine* stories... where do the ideas come from? What really goes on in the field? How does a story work its way through the *National Geographic* article-making apparatus toward publication?

Cary Wolinsky began working as a news and magazine photographer for the Boston Globe in 1968 while completing a degree in journalism at Boston University's School of Communications. By 1972, he was providing freelance photo stories to many national magazines, including *Natural History*, *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Newsweek*, and *International Wildlife*.

After becoming a contract photographer with *National Geographic* in the mid 1980's, Mr. Wolinsky came to specialize in historical and cultural assignments that require in-depth research and well-managed, global coverage. His stories, published in *National Geographic*, are numerous.

Mr. Wolinsky's photographs have been licensed for advertising and editorial use in hundreds of publications throughout the world. His photographic prints have been exhibited and acquired by museums and private collections in the United States, Europe, Australia, and Asia.

In his presentation to us, Mr. Wolinsky will explain the "Anatomy of a Story", taking us behind the scenes for a look at how articles are created for publication. Along the way, we will visit Papua New Guinea, Australia, and various locations in Asia.

Club Notes: We welcome W. Philip Rice as a new member. The following dates have been reserved for next season: October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 24.

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