

831st Meeting

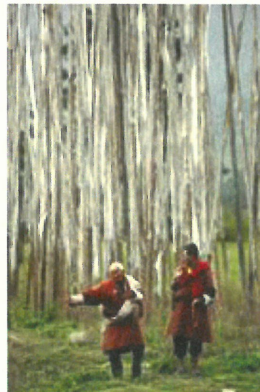


Number 1

2013-2014

October 8, 2013

The first meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, **October 8, 2013**. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by the Friday before the meeting before NOON. RSVP by email is preferred. Reservations received after NOON on the Friday preceding the meeting may incur a \$5 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.



BHUTAN:

INSIDE THE "LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON"

AWARD-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER DON GUREWITZ

Nestled in the Himalayas, sandwiched between India and China, Bhutan is one of the least-known and least-visited countries in the world. It is a Tibetan kingdom that is just opening to the outside world, at the same time trying to preserve its ancient culture and pristine environment. Stretching from the towering, snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas along the Tibetan border in the north, to the semi-tropical forests and grasslands along the border with

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November 12, 2013

The second meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by the Friday before the meeting by NOON. RSVP by email is preferred. Reservations received after NOON on the Friday preceding the meeting may incur a \$5 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.



DEBORAH HOARD - "THEY CALL IT MYANMAR: LIFTING THE CURTAIN"

This is an evocative documentary film about what was until recently one of the most isolated societies on earth. Shot clandestinely over a 2-year period, we get a look at the everyday life of the people who were held hostage by a brutal military regime for 48 years. This unique documentary culled from over 120 hours of striking images, is an impressionistic journey. Interviews and interactions with more than 100 people throughout Burma, including an interview with the recently released Aung San Suu Kyi, are interwoven with spectacular footage of the little seen nation and its people.

The film was called "a thing of beauty...a documentary with all the virtues of a great feature film." and named one of the top 12 documentaries of 2012 by Roger Ebert.

Deborah C. Hoard has been a producer, researcher and writer at PhotoSynthesis, in Ithaca, NY, for 25 years, and president since 2003. Her work in film and video is focused on education and social justice, and has won more than 100 international and national media awards. She produced THEY CALL IT MYANMAR together with filmmaker and Cornell physics teacher Robert H. Lieberman. Deborah will show excerpts of the film and talk about the challenges of producing it.

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Number 3

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December 10, 2013

The third meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Cocktails are served at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:45 p.m., and the meetings begin about 8 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. The deadline for dinner reservations is NOON of the preceeding Friday, December 6th. Please RSVP by email. Reservations received after the deadline may not be accepted or could incur a late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge. We appreciate your cooperation.



Serum Run'25...The Great Race against Death

Dr. Jerry Vanek

In 1925, the threat of a fatal, devastating diphtheria epidemic threatened Nome, Alaska, an icebound city home to hundreds of immunologically naïve Alaskan Eskimos. Twenty Alaskan dog mushers, mail carriers, and trappers formed a relay of volunteers to carry life-saving diphtheria antitoxin across 650 miles of Alaskan wilderness through blizzard conditions in temperatures plummeting to minus sixty degrees. Americans from coast to coast followed the 5-day “Race against Death” with breathless anticipation, and the event and its successful conclusion altered the American postal system, aviation, public health delivery, and journalism forever.

Over 70 years later, in 1997, Harvard alum Colonel Norman Vaughan inaugurated the annual Serum Run '25 reenactment relay across Alaska from Nenana to Nome. Every year, between 15 and 30 dog mushers and snow machine support personnel assume the identities of the original 20 Serum Runners and carry the ceremonial diphtheria serum along the original route. In conditions often

remarkably reminiscent with temperatures hovering around minus fifty, the modern SR '25 reenactment pursues somewhat different goals: To honor the memory of the original heroes; to spread modern public health messages promoting early childhood vaccinations, drug and alcohol avoidance, suicide prevention, etc.; and to celebrate indigenous Native cultures which endure in the Alaskan bush today.

For the past quarter century, veterinarian Dr. Jerry Vanek has traveled the world working with sled dogs. From South Africa to Norway to Chile to Alaska he has served as an official veterinarian on some 100 races and expeditions and presented over 160 lectures on sled dog medicine to professionals and the public—work for which he stands alone and holds multiple honors. In 1993, he joined Colonel Vaughan on the latter's historic Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, then rejoined Vaughan in 1997 for the first reenactment of the 1925 Serum Run. Jerry returned to the Serum Run '25 in 2007, '09, and '11. Dr. Vanek makes his home on his grandfather's 1881 homestead in Minnesota's northern Red River Valley and at his retreat with partner Jill on the shores of Gitchigami in Minnesota's Arrowhead.

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January 14, 2014

The fourth meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, January 14, 2013. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by the Friday before the meeting by NOON. RSVP by email is preferred. Reservations received after NOON on the Friday preceding the meeting may incur a \$5 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.



FREDDIE WILKINSON - "MOUNTAIN/STORY"

Freddie Wilkinson believes that any mountain adventure is only as valuable as the stories brought home. With intimate book readings and jaw-dropping mountain cinematography, Mountain/Story weaves tales of Wilkinson's own climbing exploits. His captivating multi-media presentation reveals his thought-provoking and wholly original perspective on the freedom of the hills and those that have inspired him.

Wilkinson grew up in the flatlands of suburban Connecticut and climbed his first mountain -New Hampshire's Mount Washington - at age thirteen. By age 20, Wilkinson had climbed Denali via the Cassin Ridge and Nepal's Cholatse via the West Rib. Since then, he has spent three to four months of every year on expeditions around the globe. In between traveling, Wilkinson earned a degree in history from Dartmouth College and worked as a climbing guide in New England and Alaska. In 2007, Wilkinson established new routes on three different mountains on three different continents: Patagonia's Cerro Poincinot, The Fin in Alaska, and Mount Mahindra in the Indian Himalaya. That's pretty good - but Wilkinson still considers himself to be better at telling stories than he is a climbing mountains.

In August 2010, Freddie published his first book, "One Mountain Thousand Summits: The Untold Story of Tragedy and True Heroism on K2". An insider's account of one of the deadliest and most controversial tragedies in mountaineering history-the 2008 K2 disaster.

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February 11, 2014

The fifth meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by NOON on Friday February 7th. Reservations received after NOON on February 7th may incur a \$5 late fee. We regret that Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for their dinner charge.

Annual Members Night Presentations

The following presentations will be made each lasting about twelve minutes:

Laura Babbitt

Research in Indonesia: Successes and Surprises

A tale of travels and troubleshooting in East Java and North Sumatra in the course of studying barriers for women in the workforce.



Darcy Jameson

Nepal: Religion, Art, Architecture and the Land

A photographic journey exploring Buddhist and Hindu holy sites; a walk in Middle Himalaya, and the Tibetan New Year in Langtang Valley.



Ed Summersby

Berlin 1955 – Ten Years after the Fall

Rising out of the war's destruction, Berlin was a divided city, occupied in four sectors by the Allied Powers, an island isolated in East Germany, and a flash point on the front lines of the Cold War. The Berlin Wall was six years in the future, and East-West tensions were building.



Andy Oldman

The Architectural and Geographic Wonders of Mont St Michel

My fascination with Mont St Michel began when first I read Henry Adams' *Mont. St. Michel and Chartres*. This presentation contains exterior and interior architectural slides; and a brief discussion as to the Herculean task French engineers have recently undertaken to isolate the Mont from shore in an effort to prevent the adjacent Couesnon River from further silting The Bay of Mont. St. Michel.



RSVP by Noon February 7th:

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March 11, 2014

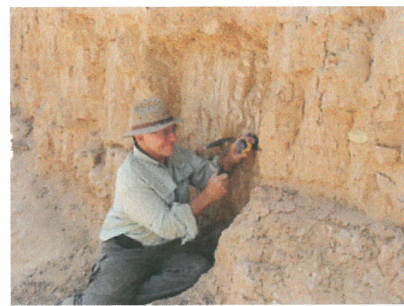
The sixth meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by the Friday before the meeting by NOON. RSVP by email is preferred. Reservations received after NOON on the Friday preceding the meeting may incur a \$5 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.

March 11 Program

Afghanistan The Glory of Mes Aynak:

Past Magnificence, Future Threats

Dr. Joseph Schuldenrein



Dr. Schuldenrein hosts a weekly Internet radio program entitled **Indiana Jones: Myth, Reality, and 21st Century Archaeology** on the Voice America Variety Channel. (www.voiceamerica.com/show/1975/indiana-jones-myth-reality-and-21st-century-archaeology) In the manner of Indiana Jones, Dr. Schuldenrein asks: **What is the significance of Mes**

Aynak and how is Afghanistan's magnificent heritage threatened in a turbulent world?

The ancient site of Mes Aynak, Afghanistan, was one of the pivotal stations along the famed Silk Road connecting the Far East to Europe. The site was the location of some of the earliest and richest Bronze Age mines. Subsequently it functioned as a major site of the Buddhist era with magnificent sculptures and a series of monasteries housing some of the world's richest ceremonial structures. The site is in danger of destruction because of the emergence of a renewed copper mining industry. This presentation tracks the evolution of Mes Aynak through its age of florescence and abandonment and also examines the very real threats to its preservation in a developing Afghanistan.

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Number 7

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April 8, 2014

The seventh meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by the Friday before the meeting by NOON. RSVP by email is preferred. Reservations received after NOON on the Friday preceding the meeting may incur a \$5 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.



Epic Journeys: Tracking the Migrations of Shorebirds in the Western Hemisphere

Shawn Carey

Each year millions of shorebirds make an amazing round-trip journey between the Northern and Southern hemisphere. Migration Productions' newest video, "Epic Journeys", looks at three shorebird species—Red



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 30, 2014

Pursuant to Article Seven of the Constitution, the Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for the year 2014-2015.

President: Marilyn D. Stempler

Vice-Presidents: Alice Burgess
Peter H. Creighton

Secretary: Deb Swenson

Treasurer: Michael Greene

Councillors: Peter Lou
Laura Babbitt
Darcy Jameson
Tamara Busch

Respectfully submitted,
NILS BONDE-HENRIKSEN,
Chair
JOHN O. FIELD
EDMUND K. SUMMERBY
Nominating Committee



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Number 8

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May 20, 2014

The eighth meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and guests. If you are coming to the dinner, please respond by the Friday before the meeting by NOON. RSVP by email is preferred. Reservations received after NOON on the Friday preceding the meeting may incur a \$5 late fee. Members and guests who fail to attend without cancelling their reservations prior to the above deadline will be liable for the dinner charge.



Close Encounters of the Wild Kind

Adventures at the Top of the Food Chain

John King

Explorer, photographer, author, and Cape Cod conservationist John King will share insights into his personal voyage of re-discovery during expeditions into the wild in the earth's most remote places. During this presentation, you will hear John's stories and see photographs of unique encounters with white sharks, whales and his now famous extraordinary encounter with mountain gorillas as seen by millions and featured on ABC's Good Morning America..

John is an entrepreneur with a diverse resume, who has strong ties to Cape Cod that span many generations. After finishing college, John spent more than 7 years working as a commercial fisherman on vessels in Alaska. He became a licensed ship's Master at the age of 27 and skippered the 180 foot crabber, Baranof, operating in the Bering Sea during the "hey day" of the king crab fishery. After helping to raise a family and managing a subsequent, successful career in the biopharmaceutical world that spanned 26 years, John relocated back to his roots in Chatham and has been active in various pursuits working to make a difference in the community. Among other responsibilities, John is the co-founder of The Common Flat Project, a Cape Cod based conservation organization, a Board member of the Center for Coastal Studies as well as a Board member of the recently formed Atlantic White Shark Conservancy. John also serves as the Chairman of the Board of

Trustees for the Chatham Historical Society and its Atwood House Museum.

In recent years John, together with his wife Pam, have been pursuing a lifelong passion to experience and record the earth's wild places and wild things through their photography. Their first book entitled: *Wild Cape Cod, Free by Nature* is available from many local booksellers and through Schiffer Publishing.

CLUB NEWS:
ANNOUNCEMENT

The Council of the Harvard Travellers Club
is pleased to announce the following awards

Kennard Award

to

Kenneth Bures

for his Distinguished and Meritorious Service to the
Harvard Travellers Club

And the award of

Fellow

to

Louis Sgarzi

and

Janet Swanson

in recognition of their extensive travels emphasizing their love of nature and wild places, and
their willingness to share their enthusiasm as trip leasers to remote places.

And the award of

Fellow

to

Ruthanne R. Cowan

in recognition of her long-time, prolific and adventurous travel to
off-the-beaten-path locations around the world.

The awards will be presented at the May Meeting

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