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**BRASH ICE.** This is not really a Newsletter, but more of a late, very late, information bulletin on the Antarctic Society's mid-summer Gathering in Port Clyde, Maine on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, one whose highlight will be a one-day devotion to Antarctic writers and artists.

This Gathering will be without our ever-popular Honorary President, as we lost Charles Swithinbank in mid-May. Not only has Charles' death been a blow to all of us, we also have lost in recent weeks Jerry Huffman, Wild Bill Cromie, and Phil "Crevasse" Smith. The Old Guard is getting decimated faster than we can possibly think. Imagine how this writer feels, being in his nineties and still prevailing. Goes to prove that time honored adage that the good die young, the rest of us living onward for whatever fate that may be dealt to us.

If you are an Antarctic with a bent towards the days of Operation Deep Freeze, the International Geophysical Year, the Antarctic Treaty, this July's Gathering might be one which you might want to attend, as it will feature many of the good old folks who are still alive like Tony Gow, Art Ford, Charlie Bentley, Steve DenHartog, John Behrendt, Dick Chappell, Dick Cameron, Ralph Glasgal, Rob Flint, Johnny Dawson, Liesl Schernthanner, Chet Langway, Ed Robinson, Jack Long, Bob Dale, Peter Wasilewski, John Clough, Tom Laudon, Hal Borns, Michele Raney, Scott Borg, Art Jorgensen, Lou Lanzerotti, Bob Rutford, and many others. You won't find another gathering where so many of the good old boys and gals will appear, so if you can possibly make this Last-Ever Assembly, make plans to visit Port Clyde in mid-July.

Where is Port Clyde? Well it's halfway up the coast of Maine, halfway between Portland and Bar Harbor, at the entrance to Penobscot Bay. The nearest airport is Rockland (Owl's Head), some 20 miles from Port Clyde, although many prefer to fly into Portland (90 miles south) and rent a car there. Port Clyde is a picturesque fishing village of several hundred people, a haven for artists such as the Wyeths, a town that gets overloaded with tourists in summer. It's a jumping off place for people who want to go Monhegan Island, twelve miles offshore, which has fantastic cliffs rising out of the ocean.

But there is a price, finding places to stay, places to eat. However, if you like tenting or camp grounds, you might find this a bit of Heaven. Regulars have already filled up most of the hotel rooms, but one still might find a bed at the Craginair Inn (207) 594-7644, about 12 miles from Port Clyde. There is a small city about 20 miles away, Rockland, which might have some rooms. If push comes to shove, you might call us at (207) 372-8469 and tell us your requirements, although we have no special hideaways that I am aware of at this time. However, be aware of the fact that there are no bargains in Maine during the summer, where the locals make sure that all from out-of-state leave with an empty wallet.

But once you get here and have a reservation, we try to make our Gathering as painless as possible. We have a set charge for the Welcoming Fish Chowder Dinner on Thursday evening, \$20.00 per head. But it will be the best fish chowder served on the whole coast of Maine. Then we provide mid-day refreshments each day. The Antarctic Society only provides a tent, table, chairs and portable johns. However, in an effort to help defray the costs of foodstuffs and goodies, we do put out collection bins each day for you to put in whatever you can afford. We HOPE to come close to breaking even, although we seldom do!

We run a grill on many days, we also will have one day with lobster or crabmeat rolls, and our grand finale is a lobster feast on the last day. There is an added attraction on Saturday night, as there will be a spectacular fireworks display at sundown on Saturday evening as the local town people celebrate St. George Days in Tenants Harbor, five miles away. One

should not miss it as fireworks over the harbor filled with lobster boats and yachts can be thrilling. Back at my place, we will have water and beer on ice, but if you only drink wine, you had better bring your own vintage, as we don't provide wine.

We are expecting somewhere around 140 people, twenty or more will be Antarctic writers and artists. In an earlier Newsletter we wrote that Barry Lopez would be the chief honcho at the Writers and Artists Day at the Greg Mort's. Unfortunately, he has had some medical problems of late, and his doctor has suggested for his own good living that he not come across country from Oregon to join us. We regret that Barry cannot be with us, but Guy Guthridge and Nadine Mort have set up a strong and most inviting program. We are enclosing herein what they have sent out to the writers and artists. **Be sure to read it, as it is really the reason that we decided to have the whole Gathering. Don't hold us to the program shown for the Garage Theatre on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, although nearly all have committed as shown.**

**If you are coming, please let us know, so that we can make a nametag for you. And show us how you wish your name to be shown. Also let us know if you will be here for the Thursday evening fish chowder, ditto for the Sunday lobster feast. If you will be at the Mort's on Saturday, please let us know whether you want a lobster roll or a crabmeat roll, so we can order appropriately.**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday****Kickoff Dinner**

Location: Residence of Paul Dalrymple\*

Time: 5:30 PM

Open to all registered participants

**Menu:** Finest Kind Haddock Chowder dinner on the coast of Maine: Fixed price \$20.00

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday****Antarctican Society Garage Theater Presentations**

Location: Residence of Paul Dalrymple\*

Time: 9:00 AM

Open to all registered participants

**Menu:** Antarctican Society grill offerings midday+

**Ceremonial Opening Remarks****Presentations (tentative)**

1. Ron Thoreson: Introduction and Tribute "A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES SWITHINBANK"
2. Jean Portell, daughter of Ambassador Paul C. Daniels will reminisce about her late Dad and the Antarctic Treaty
3. Liesl Schernthanner and her Welsh husband will give a talk about their participation in the preservation of the various Heritage Trust stations such as Scott's Cape Evans, Shackleton's Cape Royds, Port Lockroy and other stations where they have worked.
4. Lisa Crockett will talk about her Dad being with the Byrd 1928-'30 expeditions, plus her own continuing involvement in Antarctica as a scientist
5. Robert Rutford (or replacement-Dave Bresnhan) will make a tribute to recently deceased Phil Smith
6. Rev Bruce Lieske will made a short tribute on the artistic career of Alice Chappell, wife of Eagle Scout Dick Chappell
7. Hal Borns will present an historical recollection of Univ of Maine in Antarctica
8. Dale Andersen will cover sub-glacial lakes of Antarctica, including his most recent season at a Russian lake
9. Jason Anthony will discuss HOOSH, his bestselling book
10. Scott Borg will review on-going research at the South Pole Station
11. Polly Penhale will make a presentation on the illustrious career of Mary Alice McWhinnie
12. David Marchant will review his Antarctic career
13. Joan Boothe will give an historian's perspective of Antarctica

14. Lou Lanzerotti will offer predictions on the Future of Research in Antarctica

**Dinner** on your own.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**The Art of Stewardship of the Antarctic Exhibition and Seminar**

Location: Fieldstone Castle – Barn \*\*

Time: 9:30 AM

Open to all registered participants

**Part I:**

**Welcome:**

Guy Guthridge, former director, National Science Foundation Antarctic Artists and Writers Program

**Introduction:**

Nadine and Greg Mort: The Genesis of The Art of Stewardship (TAOS)

**Overview:**

Peter West, current Director, NSF Antarctic Artists and Writers Program

**Part II:**

**Artist, Writer, and Scientist Presentations**

Time: 10:00 AM

Six artists, writers, and scientists each will give a talk about how their visual, literary, and scientific explorations have been influenced by and reflect Antarctic environmental concerns.

**Lobster Roll Picnic Lunch**

Location: Fieldstone Castle – Upper Field\*\*

Time: 11:00 AM

Open to all registered participants – pick up nametag at Welcome Table

**Menu:** Port Clyde local fare+

**Part III:**

**Environmental Organizations Panel Discussion**

Time: 1:00 PM

Representatives of six environmental organizations will discuss successful artist/writer/scientist partnerships that further environmental stewardship.

**Break- 2:30 PM**

**Part IV:**

**The Art of Stewardship Antarctic Films Program**

Location: Fieldstone Castle – Barn\*\*

Time: 2:45 PM

Open to all registered participants

**Part V:****Individual Artist, Writer, and Scientist Presentations**

Time: 4:00 PM

Display/Sharing of images (via slide show, Youtube) and readings by participants.

Presenters must sign up and submit copies of their readings or images by July 1<sup>st</sup> for inclusion inTAOS Archive: [TheArtofStewardship@GregMort.com](mailto:TheArtofStewardship@GregMort.com)**Part VI:****Digital Exhibition: The Art of Stewardship of the Antarctic Exhibition**

Time: 5:00 PM

Cocktails, music, and mixing

Sharing/display table for books, images, and materials

Dinner on your own at local restaurants, etc.

Excellent St George Fireworks at over the water in Tenants Harbor

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday****Antarctican Society Board of Directors Meeting** (Board members only)

Location: Residence of Paul Dalrymple\*

Time: 9:30 AM

**Social Gathering**

Location: Residence of Paul Dalrymple\*

Time: 10:00 AM

**Lobster Feast Farewell Luncheon**

Location: Residence of Paul Dalrymple\*

Time: 12:00 Noon

**Menu:** Local Lobsters, clams, etc.+**Luncheon Program**

Changing of the Guard as we bid thanks and farewell to Chips Lagerbom and introduce our new president, Tony Gow

**Gathering ends**

+ Participants are invited to donate funds to help defray the cost of the meals. Soft drinks, water and beer will be on ice each day,

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