

## 2018 WCHA Annual Assembly Program Descriptions

### Featured Evening Presentations:

**Tuesday, July 17th;**

**Paddler's Welcome Gathering** Wine & cheese reception social event. [Gzowski Dining]

**Wednesday, July 18th;** [ Auditorium]

**Indigenous Welcome** / Introduction W' dae b' wae (Mike Ormsby)

**My Father's Legacy** (Becky Mason)

**What it's really like to Canoe with Bill Mason** (Ken Buck)

**Behind the Scenes' Shooting films with Bill Mason** (Ken Buck)

**Let us go Laughing** (music of Bruce Cockburn) (Ken Buck)

**Thursday, July 19th;** [Auditorium]

**Annual Membership Meeting (President; Michael Grace)**

**A Journey of Two Sisters; Chestnut Canoes in the UK** (Nick Dennis)

**An Inside History of the Chestnut Canoe Company** (Dick Persson)

**Friday, July 20th;** [Waterfront]

**Paddle By and Salute** (Al Sienkiewicz)

**Saturday, July 21st;**

**Lake Superior to Manitoba by Canoe** (H Wilson)

**Original Highways: Traveling the Great Rivers of Canada** (Roy Macgregor) [Auditorium]

### FEATURED EVENING PRESENTATIONS DESCRIPTIONS:

**Paddler's Welcome Gathering** Wine & cheese reception social event. [Cafe/Student Center].

**My Father's Legacy** Becky Mason recalls a lifetime of family canoe travel and camping with her parents Bill & Joyce Mason and brother Paul.

Ken Buck, author of "Bill Mason: Wilderness Artist; From Heart to Hand" presents a series of shorts; "**What it's really like to Canoe with Bill Mason**", "**Behind the Scenes; Shooting films with Bill Mason**" and "**Let us go Laughing**", a slide show featuring the music of Canadian folk music icon Bruce Cockburn. <https://brucecockburn.com/>

**An Inside History of the Chestnut Canoe Company** Master builder and historian Dick Persson (Buckhorn Canoe Company) reveals some of the more esoteric history of the longest producing wooden canoe producer in Canada.

**A Journey of Two Sisters; Chestnut Canoes in the UK** Nick Dennis, UK Chapter Head talks about two Chestnut canoes that made their way to England and their eventual restoration.

**Lake Superior to Manitoba by Canoe** Canoe guide and trail builder Hap Wilson shares his experience exploring and mapping the water routes connecting 25% of the cross-Canada Great Trail located in northern Ontario. (Sat. 7-8)

**Original Highways: Traveling the Great Rivers of Canada** Author Roy Macgregor presents his latest book. (Sat. 8-9:30)

**Annual Membership Meeting President Michael Grace convenes the Annual General Meeting.** (Thursday) [ Auditorium]

**Paddle By and Salute** (Friday) [Waterfront]

Al Sienkiewicz introduces and describes canoes and their owners in this parade of canoes parade on the water.

## **PROGRAM PERENNIALS:**

**Identify and Assess your Chestnut Canoe** (Dick Persson, Mike Elliott + various WCHA Historians & members) (Fri. 1:30-4) & Sat. 9:15-11)[Green]

**New Attendee Orientation** This session provides an opportunity to learn first-hand about the Assembly from the WCHA President, Michael Grace. (Wed 8:30-9) [ Room]

**Board of Directors meeting** Elected Board members gather for their semi-annual meeting. (Wed 1-4) [Room]

**Quilting Workshop** Make a small wall hanging or table mat using Bali batik fabrics. Bring your sewing machine if you can and a sewing kit. Extras will be available. Fabric kits with everything you need will be provided. Small cost for the kit. Class size 10. (Thurs 9-11) [Room]

**Quilters' Meeting** Kits for next year's raffle quilt will be distributed. Bring "Show and Tell". (Fri 9-11) [Room]

### **Pro Builders Forum**

An opportunity for professional canoe builders to share ideas and provide feedback to a Board Representative about how the organization can support and promote canoe sales, repair and restoration. (Fri 9-10) [Room]

**Ladies Tea** Bring your fancy hats, china teacups and a fun-filled attitude. There will be tea, cookies and some surprises. Join us! (Thur 1-2:30) [Cafe]

**Paddle By & Salute** Al Sienkiewicz and team will choreograph this opportunity to parade your pride and joy before the Assembly attendees! Paddlers in costume make this event even more entertaining. This is a wonderful Assembly tradition. Please join in the fun! (Fri 6:45-dusk) [Waterfront]

**Family Campfires** Storytelling, music, sing-a-longs, S'mores and assorted informal entertainment and activities (Evenings, as weather permits)

**Canoescapes** (Mark Zalonis) Canoescapes is a gathering of people who love canoes and things and places that canoes take us to. It is a sharing of those thoughts, poetry, prose, music and readings that have special meaning to us and a connection to the canoe. Bring a

special book, poetry, music and thoughts to share or just listen to what others offer. "Yesterday is ashes, tomorrow is wood, only today does the fire burn brightly". Sigurd Olson. Bring a reading to share, and a chair, or blanket to sit on the grass. (Fri 1-3) [Room]

**Assembly Feedback & Planning** (A Burke, Stevens)

Share what you like (or not) about this year's Assembly and what you'd like to help plan to happen next year. "Help Wanted" Volunteer opportunities to join the Assembly Planning Committee (various roles) (Sat 10-11) [Room]

**Assembly Group Photo** Gather on the slope on the green immediately after the Auction. (Sat. 4PM) Wilson & Wilson

Also "**Raising Cane**" Photo of owners of Hugh Clark carved canes. Bring your cane.

**Annual Raffle and Auction** Bidding opens at 2PM Saturday on this popular and exciting event. Preview from Friday Noon. Auctioneer; ??

To donate an item prior to Assembly, please contact Annie Burke; 603-323-8992

[annie@wcha.org](mailto:annie@wcha.org) [Main Tent]

**WCHA Store** Books, clothing, hats, and related items for sale. (Griffin Greene)

Open; Wed.-Fri. 9AM - 5PM, Sat. 9-12Noon [Main Tent]

**Chapters Meeting** (Craig Kitchen)

Chapter Heads are asked to meet for breakfast to socialize prior to meeting to share what and how they plan and run Chapter activities. All active members of any Chapter are welcome to join in the discussion. (Sat 9-10) [ Room]

**United Kingdom Chapter** UK Chapter Head Nick Dennis provides an overview of their group activities. (Wed 1:30-3)

**EXCURSIONS:**

**Indian River; Guided Paddle to Warsaw Caves** Kevin Callan leads a group paddle from the town of Warsaw to the Warsaw Caves. (Wed. 9-1) [Meet at Parking Lot]

**Canadian Canoe Museum Guided Tour of Collection** Spaces limited, sign up at Info/Registration Tent. (Thurs 9-Noon)

**Group Paddle to Lift Lock & Round Lake** (Trent Severn National Historic Waterway)

Meet at Rowing Club dock, ready to go at 9AM, 5.76km. or 4.2 miles each way, return canoe shuttle trailer available for those who want to paddle only one leg. (Fri 9-Noon)

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:**

**26 Ways to Cook Bannock** Andre Francois Bourbeau reveals multiple ways to cook camp bread. (Wed 1:30-3)

**Survival Skills** AF Bourbeau shares a host of survival skills from years of experience of extreme travel in the outdoors. (Thurs 1:30-3)

**Bill Mason Films** (Ongoing)

**Paddle to the Sea** (1966)

**The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes** (1968)

**Path of the Paddle** (1977)

**Song of the Paddle** (1978)

**Waterwalker** (1984)

**Guided Bird Walk** Ruth Zalonis leads a walk through the university Wildlife Sanctuary Trail area. (Wed. 8-9) [Meet at Parking Lot]

**How to be a Happy Camper** Kevin Callan and 10 yr old Kayla Callan recount tips and tricks for enjoying canoe tripping. (Thurs 1:30-4)

**Paddle Performance Dynamics** Graham Warren, author of “100 Paddle Designs” talks about shape and movement through the water. Sat. 9:15-10

**Aboriginal Canoe Paddle Research Program** John Runciman (University of Guelph) shares findings of research into traditional paddle shapes. Sat. 10-10:45

**Paddle Decoration** Murat Vardar shares his experience researching, reproducing and decorating traditional aboriginal paddles. Sat. 10:45-11:30

**CANOEING SKILLS INSTRUCTION/SAFETY: (Jim MacLachlan & WCHA Paddle Skills Coaches)**

NOTE: All participants are expected to provide your own canoe, paddle & PFD.

**Wed Jul 18;**

6:30-7:45am **Poling Basic** (A, Brylawski)

**Traditional Recreational Solo Basic** (MacLachlan)

4:15-5:30pm **Traditional Recreational Tandem Basic** (Barsevskis & Wyman)

**Thurs Jul 19;**

6:30-7:45am **Traditional Recreational Solo Intermediate** (MacLachlan)

**Northwoods Style Paddling Basic** (Nolan)

4:15-5:30pm **Traditional Recreational Tandem Intermediate** (MacLachlan & Whitehead)

**Fri Jul 20;**

6:30-7:45am **Traditional Recreational Solo Basic** (MacLachlan)

4:15-5:30pm **Traditional Recreational Tandem Basic SWITCH** (Barsevskis & Whitehead)

**Sat Jul 21;**

6:30- 7:45am **Traditional Recreational Solo Intermediate** (MacLachlan)

**Poling Basic** (A. Brylawski)

9:15am-2:00pm **Family Canoeing** (Barsevskis & MacLachlan)

**TBA Canadian Style Solo Paddling** (Becky Mason)

## **CONSTRUCTION;**

**Cedar/canvas Canoe Construction** Members of the Wooden Canoe Builder's Guild demonstrate construction of a cedar/canvas canoe. (Ongoing)

**Cedar Strip Construction** John Sallows of Lolk Paddle Company demonstrates cedar strip construction using a form for a small canoe.

**Chestnut Canoe Restoration** Mike Elliott, Kettle Creek Canoes, and author of "This Old Canoe", talks about build characteristics for restoration of Chestnut Canoes. (Thurs 1-3)  
**Paddle Carving** Roger Foster of Carlisle Canoe Co. leads a full day paddle carving workshop. (Friday). A variety of shaped black cherry blanks will be provided. All participants will leave with a fully carved, sanded and sealed cherry paddle, with their initials stamped in the shaft. Cost \$170. Participants (14+ yrs old, limit 6) must preregister (by July 18<sup>th</sup> with [roger@carlislec canoe.ca](mailto:roger@carlislec canoe.ca)) and provide their height. <https://youtu.be/G3h7vJSzS20>  
Carlisle Canoe Co: <https://www.carlislec canoe.ca/index.html>

## **LOCAL INTERESTS & ATTRACTIONS:**

**Peterborough & the Kawarthas Tourism;** <https://thekawarthas.ca/>

**Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park;** <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/kawarthahighlands>

**Friends of Algonquin Provincial Park;** <http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/>

**Ontario Provincial Parks:** <http://www.ontarioparks.com/en> (celebrating 125 years!)

Note; Reservations for Provincial Parks are done online 5 months ahead of time –which affects availability of sites. <https://reservations.ontarioparks.com/>

## **PADDLING RESOURCES:**

**Paddle Canada:** <https://www.paddlecanada.com/>

Ontario Recreational Canoeing and Kayaking Association (ORCKA): <http://www.orcka.ca/>

**Wilderness Canoe Association:** <https://www.wildernesscanoe.ca/>

## **REGIONAL CANOE ROUTES:**

**Algonquin Provincial Park:** <http://www.myccr.com/content/algonquin-provincial-park>

**French River Region;** <http://www.myccr.com/content/french-river-region>

**French River Provincial Park:** <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/frenchriver>

**Georgian Bay;** <http://www.myccr.com/content/georgian-bay-basin>

<http://www.myccr.com/content/georgian-bay-coast>

**Massassauga Provincial Park:** <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/themassassauga>

**Friends of Massassauga Provincial Park:** <https://friendsofthemassassauga.wildapricot.org/>

“Thirty Thousand Islands” [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty\\_Thousand\\_Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty_Thousand_Islands)

**Haliburton, Kawarthas & Georgian Bay;** <http://www.myccr.com/content/haliburton-kawartha-muskoka>

**Kilarney;** <http://www.myccr.com/content/killarney-region>

**Friends of Kilarney Park:** <http://www.friendsofkillarneypark.com/>

**Ottawa River Valley;** <http://www.myccr.com/content/ottawa-region>

+Whitewater Rafting; <https://owlrafting.com/>

<http://www.wildernesstours.com/>

<http://www.riverrunners.com/>

**Temagami Region:** <http://www.myccr.com/content/temagami-region>

Ottertooth forums; <http://www.ottertooth.com/discus/discus.cgi?pg=topics>

**ONTARIO WOODEN CANOE BUILDERS:**

**WCHA Builder Members:** <http://www.wcha.org/builders-and-suppliers-directory> ("Ontario)

**Wooden Canoe Builders Guild:** <http://www.wcbguild.com/>