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Manitoba Shares Experience

The Manitoba Model Forest shared its partnership building experience by assisting Foothills Model Forest in their efforts to build meaningful Aboriginal participation in their programs.

Manitoba has been recognized for their Aboriginal partnership building activities, particularly in the development of linkages with local Aboriginal populations.

Carl Smith, MBMF President, together with Mike Waldram, General Manager and Rene Barker, Community Programs Officer, shared their experience in areas of project development and Board participation in an effort to increase Aboriginal participation.

Manitoba's delegates shared their experience at the request of the Foothills Model Forest. Manitoba has been recognized for

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MBMF President Carl Smith with Chiloé Model Forest (Chile) General Manager Santiago Elmudesi.

MBMF at World Forestry Congress

The diversity of the world's forests was centre stage in Quebec City as the city hosted the World Forestry Congress in September and the Manitoba Model Forest was in attendance.

Four people from the Manitoba Model Forest organization made the trip. They were MBMF President Carl Smith, MBMF Treasurer Vince Keenan, Past President Trent Hreno, and

Ken Fosty of the Manitoba Woodlot Association Together they highlighted Manitoba Model Forest projects as part of an evening reception and poster showcase presented by The Canadian Model Forest Network.

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"This was a very educational and interesting experience," said Hreno. "It addressed many of the issues that we are dealing with in the Manitoba ModelForest."

"To an extent, the experience changed the way I looked at the

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AGM Welcomes New Board Members

The Manitoba Model Forest held its Annual General Meeting in June, 2003. New Board members were welcomed and elections held for executive positions. The Manitoba Model Forest currently has 28 Active Members representing 26 Partner Organizations. As of July 29, 2003, the Manitoba Model Forest Officers are; President, Carl Smith; Past President, Stan Kaczanowski; First Vice-President, Gerald Harry; Second Vice-President, Peter Miller; Secretary, Walter Tokar; Treasurer, Vince Keenan.

The Manitoba Model Forest Board of Directors are: Tembec-Pine Falls Paper Group - Vince Keenan, Alternate: Brian Kotak; Time To Respect Earth's Ecosystems (T.R.E.E.) - Peter Miller; Conservation - John Dojack, Alternate: Jianwei Liu; Conservation - Stan Kaczanowski, Alternate: Tim Swanson; Conservation - Trent Hreno; Canadian Forest Service - Adam Wellstead, Alternate: John Doornboss; Woodlot Association of Manitoba - Dan Mosquin, Alternate: Mike James; University of Manitoba - Gordon Goldsborough, Alternate: John Sinclair; University of Winnipeg - Ed Cloutis, Alternate: Alan Diduck; NESDA - Jill Papineau, Alternate: Jon Phillips; Manitoba Naturalist

Society - David Punter; Tembec-Pine Falls Paper Group Unions - Scott Longridge, Alternate: Don MacLellan; RM of Lac du Bonnet - Robert Bruneau, Alternate: Terry Mihaychuk; Town of Lac du Bonnet - Norm Plato, Alternate: Eugene Typa; LGD of Pinawa - Lynn Patterson, Alternate: Leonard Simpson; Community of Bissett - Steve Spence; RM of Victoria Beach - Rod Bollman; RM of Alexander - Walter Tokar, Alternate: Ed Forsyth; Manitoba Metis Federation Southeast Region - Marcella Vezina; Community of Manigotagan - Dale Boulette; Community of Seymourville - Valdie Seymour, Alternate: Ted Seymour; Winnipeg River Brokenhead Community Futures Development Corporation - Paul Chapman, Alternate: Don Nickel; Manitoba Trappers Association - Stuart Jansson, Alternate: Cherry White; Wassaabiya Shining Waters Heritage Region - Marianne Tokar; Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation - Carl Smith, Alternate: Lawrence Smith;

Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation - Paul Chief, Alternate: John Bunn; Little Black River First Nation - Gerald Harry, Alternate: Don Clarke; Little Black River First Nation - Jonas Peebles; Hollow Water First Nation - Ronnie McKenzie, Gladys Williams, Alternate: Blair Moneas; Sagkeeng First Nation - Richard Bruyere, Alternate: Joe Daniels; Sagkeeng First Nation - Myles Courchene;

The Manitoba Model Forest personnel are; General Manager - J. Mike Waldram; Executive Assistant - Beverly Dubé; Community Programs Officer - Rene Barker; Education Coordinator - Bob Austman.



MBMF at World Forestry Congress

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work of our Manitoba Model Forest, in that it gave me a better appreciation of the fact that much of our work and our success - is directly applicable across other areas of Canada, and in other parts of the world.”

The evening reception and poster showcase provided the opportunity to speak one on one with interested parties.

“It was very heart warming to hear all the positive comments about the Model Forest program from people not associated with a Model Forest.” observed Keenan. “It strengthen my belief that we are on the right track.”

With over 4000 participants from around the world the Congress provided a valuable

opportunity to share views and experiences. A full day of the Congress was spent in break out groups where participants were asked to provide a vision statement for 2021, by ecoregion such as boreal and temperate, and the steps which would be required to achieve this vision.

“My group had government and university reps from Sweden, government and industry reps from Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario and 2 graduate forestry students,” said Keenan, who represents Tembec; Pine Falls Paper on the MBMF Board.

“Our group was able to come to a consensus vision and action plan which was very similar to the synthesis report developed for all the break out groups.”

Some of the highlights from this Congress synthesis document include the need:

- to protect biodiversity and maintain ecosystem integrity
- for education and training on all values of forests required to be delivered to many different audiences.
- to decentralized decision making for forest management to local communities.
- to create opportunities for alliances and partnerships and
- to develop forums for information sharing of local, traditional and technical knowledge.

With the needs and demands facing the forest environment becoming more pressing than ever due to demographic growth, environmental concerns, and appreciation of cultural and spiritual values, the Model Forest Network is well situated to playing a lead role when Canada moves forward with these recommendations.

Manitoba Shares Experience

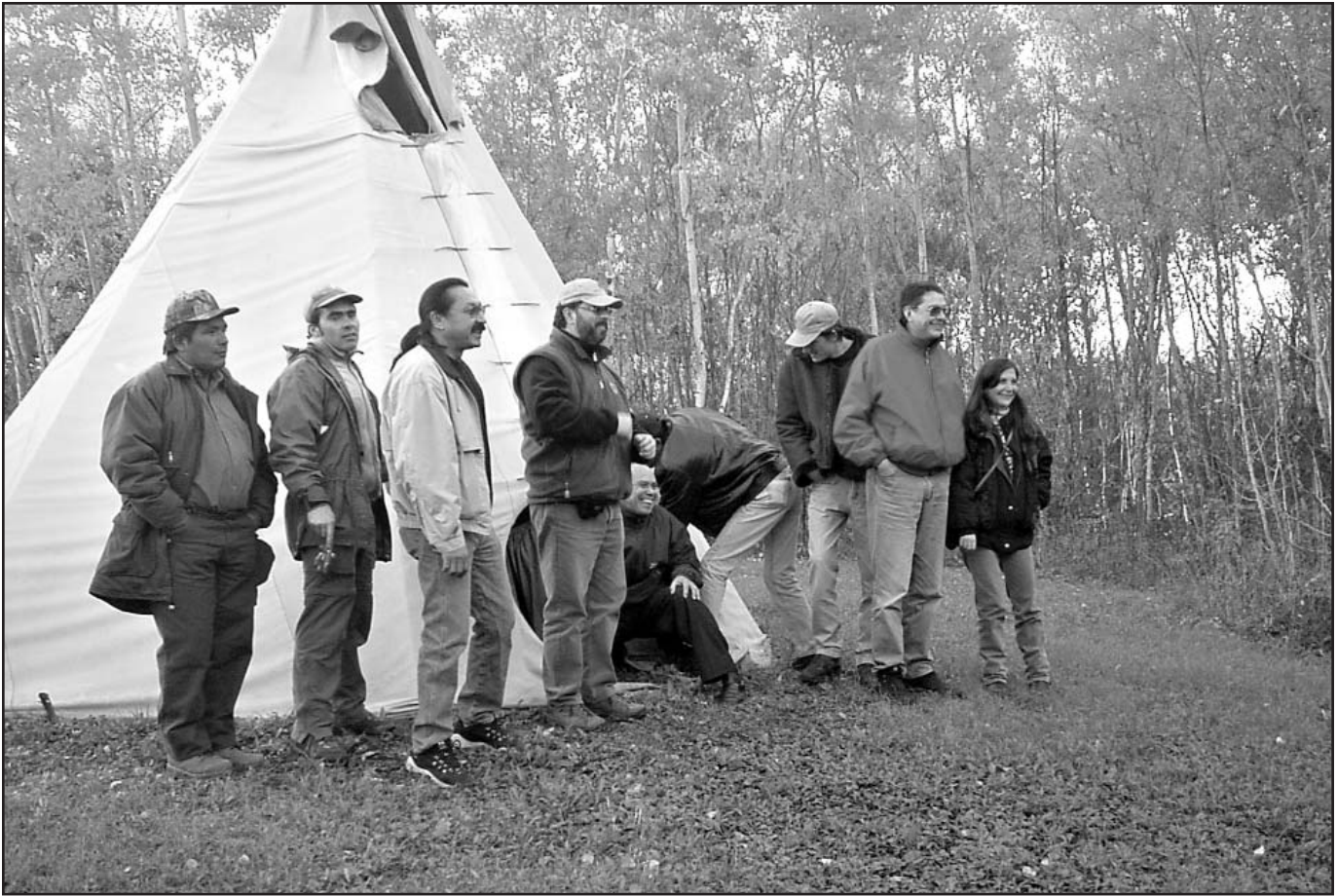
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their Aboriginal partnership building activities, particularly in the development of linkages with local Aboriginal populations.

Aboriginal participation has not always been a strong part of Manitoba Model Forest activities. During the first five years of the program, Manitoba had low Aboriginal participation. During the following five years, the Board of Directors made a focussed effort to include Aboriginals, not only at the project level, but at the Board and committee levels.

Today, Aboriginal participation is at an all time high with participation at all levels of the Manitoba Model Forest Program.





Some of the delegates from Model Forest program in Chile, Argentina and Dominican Republic with MBMF President Carl Smith at the Brokenhead Ojibway Traditional Village.

South Americans Visit Manitoba Model Forest

On October 1st and 2nd, the Manitoba Model Forest received a delegation from the South American Model Forest Network. This group was composed of people from Chile and Argentina and the Dominican Republic

The delegation included indigenous peoples and was investigating how the experiences of the Manitoba Model Forest can be used in their countries to meet their sustainable development needs.

The delegates were en route from Quebec City where they attended the World Forestry Congress.

A full day was spent touring the Manitoba Model Forest region

by bus escorted by Manitoba Model Forest, MBMF, General Manager Mike Waldram.

Among the highlights was a visit to the Little Black River First Nation and briefing by Don Clarke on the Walleye Spawning Project; and the Hollow Water First Nation and a briefing on Hollow Water Traditional Advisory Committee by MBMF Community Programs Officer, Rene Barker and Bob Yatkowsky of Tembec Pine Falls Paper.

The delegation was also able to travel to Ahgaming and receive a briefing on Model Forest projects that have helped the development of the small community. The group then travelled to

Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation for a tour of its Traditional Village and a dinner arranged by Carl Smith, President of the MBMF.

While at the Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation the delegates encountered Zeus, a 1600 kg American Bison which is part of the community's commercial herd. The close encounter is sure to be a topic of discussion on their return to South America as they were able to approach within a few metres of the animal and take many photographs.

The second day of the delegates MBMF visit was occupied with presentations. The presentations included a brief overview of the challenges faced in South

American Model Forests. It also included a history of Aboriginal participation in the MBMF, current issues and the future. This discussion was led by MBMF Vice-President Gerald Harry and MBMF Director Paul Chief, of Black River First nation and Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation respectively.

This is not the first international delegation that the Manitoba Model Forest has hosted. Over the past decade the Manitoba Model Forest has received international visitors from a number of South American and Asian countries. It has a particularly strong and ongoing relationship with Mexico and the Monarch Butterfly Model Forest.

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The Fundy Model Forest and Nova Forest Alliance recently hosted a similar group of visitors from Brazil in June, 2003. The six Brazilian delegates represented Brazil's Private Reserves of National Heritage Program, established in 1992. This Program has a mandate to increase the number of protected areas in Brazil.

Like the Model Forest Network, the Private Reserves of National Heritage Program was designed using a model based on the participation of civil society and private enterprise, with the support of the Brazilian government.

Brokenhead Climate Workshop

The Manitoba Model Forest provided a Climate Change Workshop in the community of Brokenhead First Nation in June, 2003. This is the fourth in a series of workshops being conducted in the region.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide a forum where communities can come together and review presentations on

Climate Change as well as exchange their own experiences and observations of changes in their region.

The event was well attended and demonstrated that there is a significant level of concern regarding how small forest communities may be affected by climate change.



Woodland Caribou Research and Habitat

Since 1993, the Manitoba Model Forest has been researching the habitat needs and habits of the Woodland Caribou. Woodland Caribou are considered a threatened species in the province. Manitoba's provincial policy directs the conservation of Woodland Caribou.

In previous phases, the establishment of the Eastern Region Woodland Caribou Management Committee resulted in the development of a "Model" strategy for the conservation of Woodland Caribou in the Manitoba Model Forest. The development of this strategy required the collection of one of the most extensive databases on Woodland Caribou habits and habitat in Western Canada. Today, there are approximately 40 Woodland Caribou monitored through Global

Positioning System and standard VHF-radio telemetry.

In the 2002 season, caribou researchers recaptured and recollared 20 caribou with GPS collars. This also provided the opportunity to download data stored in the collars over the previous season. The downloaded data has been incorporated into the project information system. Preliminary analysis of data is being conducted by the University of Winnipeg, and C-FIR.

Analysis of the data has defined some preliminary results. These results show that there are some distinct groupings of animals in the northern area of the Manitoba Model Forest. Data analysis has also defined some core areas of winter and summer use. The data analysis has also allowed for preliminary testing of the

Woodland Caribou Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) model. This testing reveals that caribou are selecting the high valued habitats predicted by the HSI model, supporting the validity of the model.

Part of the project goal is to provide caribou habitat data for use in forest harvest planning. The data gathering and analysis of the past decade has allowed for an integrated forestry/Woodland Caribou management plan for the Owl Lake range. This planning is well underway. It includes consideration of the viability for some forest harvest in the caribou management zone.

Education has always been a component of the caribou project. Workshops to share research and newsletters have been an integral part of this project since 1994. A video has been produced and is now in the final editing phase. The video highlights the research and advances in our understanding of Woodland Caribou.



Western Newfoundland Model Forest Partnership's Stream Crossing Inventory Completed

The Western Newfoundland Model Forest (WNMF) Partnership's stream crossing inventory and characterization project - covering a total of 5,484 stream crossings in western, central and eastern Newfoundland over the past five years - is complete, and will be housed at the Newfoundland Forest Service for professionals in the forest sector.

Paper companies, government agencies and the general public have used forest access roads extensively over the years. Whether for profit, research or pleasure, this usage has degraded some of these roads and, in turn, stream crossings are affected directly. Surveying stream crossings and their conditions allows agencies to determine which structures require upgrading or special attention.

To view the complete article, click here:

http://www.modelforest.net/nnews_e/wnmf_e/2003_02_01e.html

Fundy Model Forest Teams With University Grad Class

Consumer demand continues to grow for certified forest products. What does this mean for the landowner in terms of implementation? The Fundy Model Forest has teamed with the University of New Brunswick's Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management fifth year Management Practicum class to look at this issue. "We wish to provide our partnership with the most current information to help them make decisions about various certification systems," says Jeanne Moore, Fundy Model Forest's project coordinator.

The model forest has asked the class to investigate three certification systems and apply one to each of three watersheds within the model forest.

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Ontario Model Forests Formally Recognized in Canada-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation in Forestry

The Eastern Ontario and Lake Abitibi Model Forests have been formally recognized in the Canada-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation in Forestry. Since the inception of the Canadian Model Forest Program in 1992, the two Ontario model forests - now dubbed the 'Ontario Model Forest Network' - have been collaborating with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources on a variety of projects of mutual relevance. These projects range from the development of guides for forest equipment operations and woodlot owners, to education and outreach at events such as National Forest Week.

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Biosphere Designation Made With the Eastern Ontario Model Forest

The ecologically rich area between Brockville, Gananoque and Westport - in the southwestern reaches of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest - has been designated the Canadian Thousand Islands-Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) made the announcement recently from Paris, after two years of dedicated work by local conservationists. This designation, which strengthens voluntary actions to protect habitat but carries no regulatory force, puts the area in the company of 425 biosphere reserves world-wide, including 11 others in Canada.

The biosphere encompasses some 1,500 square kilometers and is home to 50,000 people. As well the biosphere hosts a rich diversity of plant and animal species, which range from Pitch Pine to the Red-Shouldered Hawk and the threatened Black Rat Snake.

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Foothills Model Forest Recruits New Aboriginal Coordinator

The Foothills Model Forest is pleased to announce our newest staff member, Bob Philips. Bob has been hired as the Aboriginal Coordinator/Team Leader, and brings with him considerable experience in working with Aboriginal communities in Western Canada. With his first hand knowledge and 20 years experience, Bob will be providing the leadership for moving the Enhanced Aboriginal Involvement program ahead. Please welcome Bob to our organization and give him your fullest support in all future dealings with our Aboriginal Program.

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McGregor Model Forest Welcomes Media Partner

The McGregor Model Forest Association is pleased to welcome its first media organization to its partnership. The Association's Board of Directors has voted to grant The Jim Pattison Broadcast Group - Prince George Division a membership.

The partnership is the first between a media organization and a Model Forest in Canada, and represents the 47th partnership in the McGregor Model Forest Association. The addition of the Jim Pattison Broadcast Group broadens the diverse expertise and capacity of the membership. It is expected it will lead to a better understanding of the importance of sustainable forest management among a broader range of people.

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Nova Forest Alliance Gets New Chair and New Partners

The Nova Forest Alliance Partnership elected and welcomed a new Chair at their 6th Annual General Meeting held June 10th, in Truro, Nova Scotia. New Chair, Bob Bancroft, MSc., is a forestry-wildlife biologist and an assessor for SmartWood.

An author or coauthor of more than 30 scientific papers, Bancroft is a regular guest on CBC radio's Maritime Noon, speaking on wildlife and natural resource issues.

Other highlights of the Annual General Meeting included the addition of four new Nova Forest Alliance partners.

The Registered Professional Foresters' Association of Nova Scotia, the CFS First Nations Forestry Program, the Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission, and Deniso Lebel Inc. are now full partners in the Nova Forest Alliance.

To find out more about Nova Forest Alliance events and projects, or to be added to their mailing list, contact them at info@novaforestalliance.com or telephone: (902) 639-2921.

Prince Albert Model Forest Holds Annual General Meeting for 2002-2003

The Prince Albert Model Forest held its Annual General Meeting in June, 2003. The partnership reviewed the projects happening in the Prince Albert Model Forest as well as elected officers for the upcoming year.

Norm Stolle, of the Prince Albert National Park was appointed President for a second term. Clinton Mauthe, of Candle Lake, returns as Vice President. John Doucette, Weyerhaeuser, is Secretary and Chris Dunn, Saskatchewan Environment, was appointed Treasurer.



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Cover featuring Kathy Long's painting "Sunset Harbour". You can see more of Kathy's work at these websites: www.granite.mb.ca/roorules, www.mayberryfineart.com

Annual Report features Artwork by Local Artist

Due to the success of last year's annual report cover we decided to feature another painting by local artist, Kathy Long.

Kathy Long has worked full-time as a professional artist since her graduation from the University of Manitoba in 1975. She has exhibited works in many group and solo exhibitions in Manitoba and across Canada. The recipient of a number of academic bursaries and Manitoba Arts Council project grants, she has also had her work recognized

through its inclusion in provincial, national, and international collections. Kathy's paintings can be purchased from galleries in Winnipeg and Calgary and they are also available through the Winnipeg Art Gallery's fine art rental programme.

"My work is based on my experience of the Canadian Shield. I live and kayak in this type of landscape and am touched by its power and magic." says Kathy.

The Manitoba Model Forest region continues to be a valuable source of inspiration for the creative people who live and work in the area.