

8th WORLD 
WILDERNESS CONGRESS
30 SEPTEMBER - 6 OCTOBER 2005 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Conservation Writers Rendezvous

Monday, October 3

Session 1. Monday, October 3, 2005 • 1:30 pm—3:00 pm
Panel Discussion—*Writing and Advocacy*

In this session on writing and advocacy, established writers talk about their work and its meaning, where they were, what they were thinking and feeling and what they were trying to communicate.

Chairman: Bob Baron

Panelists Authors: Dave Foreman
Jay Griffiths
John Haines
Patty Limerick
David Quammen
Marianne Wallace

Session 2. Monday, October 3, 2005 • 3:15 pm—4:15 pm
Tribute—*Writing and Advocacy*

This is a tribute to five deceased people who through their writing effected our vision of the natural world and helped to preserve wilderness. These people—Henry David Thoreau, John Muir, Rachel Carson, Edward Abbey and David Brower, had major influence on conservation and our love of the land. A short biography of each person will be presented and then selections from their work will be read.

Chairman: Bill Sherwonit

Tribute to

Henry David Thoreau: Bob Baron
John Muir: Doug Scott
Rachel Carson: Janine Selendy
Edward Abbey: Dave Foreman
David Brower: Boyd Norton

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Session 3. Monday, October 3, 2005 • 4:30 pm—5:00 pm

A Special Place

Each afternoon's writers session will close with a half-hour tribute to a special place, somewhere that perhaps you have not ever visited. In each session, a person will present in images and words, a tribute to a place still wild and important to the presenter.

America's Latest National Park: The Great Sand Dunes
Audrey Benedict and Wendy Shattil
Author and Photographer of
Valley of the Dunes

Tuesday, October 4

Session 4 Tuesday, October 4, 2005 • 1:30 pm—3:00 pm

Writings and Readings about Alaska

Alaska is a place where people come to live out their personal dreams. In the panel **Children of Dreamers** contributors to a new book *The Alaska Reader: Voices from the North* will discuss what it means to live in the shadow of others' dreams of Alaska. In the panel **Alaska as a Parable for the Future**, contributors to the anthology will discuss why Alaska is a canary in the mine for so many issues of national and global significance.

Part 1—Children of Dreamers

Chair: Carolyn Kremers

Panel: Jean Anderson
Marjorie Cole
Arlitia Jones
Seth Kantner
Kim Rich

Part 2—Alaska as a Parable for the Future

Chair Anne Hanley

Panel: John Haines
Dan O'Neill
Tom Sexton
Charles Wohlforth

Tuesday, October 4

Session 5. Tuesday, October 4, 2005 • 3:15 pm—4:15 pm

Native Writings from North America

Native Americans will talk about writing and its importance to their culture, their environment and their world.

Chairman: Charlotte Baron

Panelists: Marilou Awaikta
Daniel Wildcat

Session 6. Tuesday, October 4, 2005 • 4:30 pm—5:00 pm

A Special Place

Wild Alaska and Siberia by Boyd Norton
Author and Photographer

Wednesday, October 5

Session 7. Wednesday, October 5, 2005 • 1:30 pm—3:00 pm

Recognition and Encouragement of Writers

This is a session where writers can meet and talk about their work, get advice and encouragement from other writers, teachers, editors and publishers. The session will start with a panel discussion on writing and then we may meet in small groups.

Particular attention will be paid to books, essays and poetry in progress that deal with the theme of these sessions, *Wilderness and Advocacy*.

Panel Participants: Bob Baron, Publisher and Writer
Carol Batrus, Writer
Ann Hanley, Alaska State Writer, 2002-2004
Nick Jans, Writer and Photographer
Rowena Paxton, Producer, England
Janine Selendy, Producer and Director
Marianne Wallace, Writer and Artist

Wednesday, October 5

Session 8. Wednesday, October 5, 2005 • 3:15–4:15 pm

Roundtables—Conservation Writers

Drafting resolutions for the 8WWC and a global strategy of written works for conservation.

Themes:

Nature writing and science: Bob Baron

Nature writing and the media: Jessica Dyer

Nature writing and education: Marianne Wallace

Nature writing and Indigenous people: Charlotte Baron

Session 9. Wednesday, October 5, 2005 • 4:30–5:00 pm

A Special Place

Wild Germany by Ulf Doerner
Photographer

Session 10. Wednesday, October 5, 2005 • 6:00–7:00 pm

Concluding Reception

Conservation Writers and Photographers

Captain Cook Hotel