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Bear Island's Angele Egwuna Remembered

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Angele Egwuna (1888-1955) was from one of Bear Island's original families. She was raised by her uncle, John Egwuna. John's sister, Helen was married to Chief Frank White Bear. Angele married Archie Belaney in 1910 and they had a daughter, Agnes (1911-1998). Archie's relationship with Angele, and his connection to Bear Island greatly influenced his transformation into Grey Owl, "the best known Canadian author and lecturer of his day." Archie's conservationist message and his support of native rights were well ahead of their time.



Back Row: Unknown; Angele and Agnes (in front of Angele) Belaney; unknown; Chief Frank White Bear (centre); Second Chief Alex Paul; John Egwuna; and "Temagami Ned". Anthropologist Frank Speck Photo, 1913. Canadian Museum of Civilization / 23991.

Last summer, a multi-media exhibition at the W.K.P. Kennedy Art Gallery in North Bay highlighted Angele's role in Archie's life and chronicled her own life as a native woman. This summer, the Temagami Community Foundation in partnership with the Kennedy Gallery will bring the exhibition to the Train Station site in Temagami. Coincidentally, 2007 is the 100th anniversary of Archie Belaney's arrival in Temagami, and the 100th anniversary of the station.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation provided funding to the W.K.P. Kennedy Gallery to bring the exhibit to Temagami and to hire a project coordinator and educational assistant. Frog's Breath Foundation awarded TCF a grant of \$14,500 in support of the boxcar refurbishment (to house the exhibition) and the Cultural Symposium to be held in September. We deeply appreciate the support of both of these foundations. The exhibition will feature a range of activities throughout the summer. (See the schedule below).



After five years in Temagami, Archie worked as a fire ranger and trapper in Biscotasing, then fought in WWI. He only occasionally visited Temagami during those ten years, but finally returned in the summer of 1925. While staying with Angele and getting to know his teenage daughter Agnes, he met Gertrude Bernard. He and Gertrude, whom he called Anahareo, were companions for the next decade while Archie went from a barely-surviving trapper to the author of four books, numerous articles and two standing-room-only lecture tours.

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Thanks in part to Angele, Archie's brilliant transition as an author, conservationist and native rights advocate is one of Canada's great success stories.

For more information about the exhibition, visit the Angele Project website:

w w w.angeleproject.com. We hope you will join us this summer to learn more about the remarkable stories of Angele and Archie, their daughter Agnes and their descendants.



Agnes Belaney (right) and friends in the early 1920s. Teme-augama Anishnabai, Bear Island photo.

Community and Educational Events					
Event	Location	Date			
"The Angele Egwuna Project, Grey Owl & his Descendants" Art Exhibition Opening	Temagami Train Station	June 1 4:30 - 7:00 pm			
"Artists, Curators and Historians' talks" Arlie Hoffman and Doug Mackey will lead a tour	Temagami Train Station	June 3			
Community Gala Opening of Art Exhibition	Temagami Train Station	July 1 2:30 - 7:00 pm			
Story Telling & Documentation	Temagami Train Station Temagami Public School Laura McKenzie Learning Centre	June - October			
Mini Film Festival	Welcome Centre Theatre	July 7 & 8			
Square Dance	Bear Island Recreation Centre	July 22			
Open Air Dance	to be announced	July 29			
Historical Maps of Temagami before 1900 Craig McDonald	Temagami Train Station Bear Island	August 11 August 12			
Book Signings	Temagami Train Station & other locations	July & Aug			
Reading of Grey Owl: the Mystery of Archie Belaney By Armand Ruffo	to be announced	to be announced			
Youth Artists in Residence - Summer Art Camp	Temagami Public School	June - Oct			
Different Houses: Contemporary Issues in Northern Culture and Governance Cultural Studies Symposium	Temagami Arena Upstairs	Sept. 23			

Learning Center

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Special funds:

St. Ursula's restoration

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Laura McKenzie Learning Center Fund

Foster Family Aboriginal Wilderness Camper fund



Poster greeting visitors at the Chamber of Commerce

Bettina welcomes the kids.



Having fun at the basketball toss game -- Temagami Public School principal, Keri Shepherdson, Cindy Fraser, Evan Shepherdson

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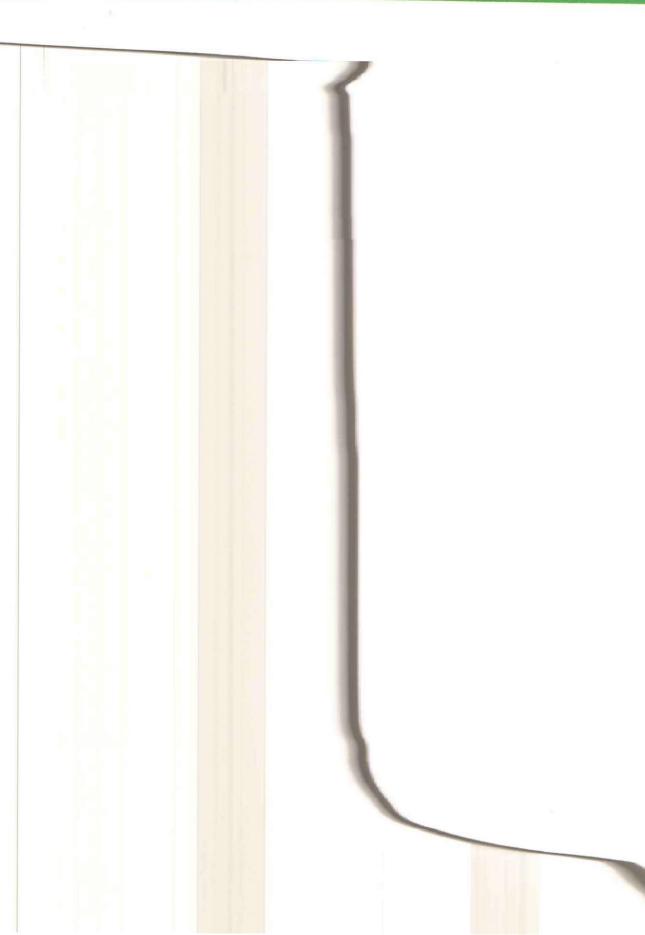
- Meet an obvious community need within our Mission
- Promote community discussion & dialogue
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Sherry Guppy with her mother Peggy Guppy (one of the women Sherry will interview for the Women's Narrative)

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Profiling Our Donors

Diane MacLeod talks with Spencer Johnson and Sherry Guppy

In 1940, Georgette Pinon, Diane's Mom, was a young girl of seven when her family moved from Quebec to Goward, one of Temagami's historic lumber mills north of Temagami on the narrows of Net Lake. Diane's father, Charlie Reeder, was a seventeen year old, fresh out of Montreal when he spent his first summer on Lake Temagami in 1944, working at Camp Wabikon. He would return again after a sevenyear absence, working up North in Abitibi. Georgette was waitressing at The Minawasi in Temagami and Charlie was working at Copperfields Mine when the two met in 1956. They married in 1958.

Diane, the third of four Reeder children, was born in Haileybury on a chilly January day in 1963. The newborn was delivered home by her proud, young parents, Georgette and Charlie, to her beloved island #216 on Lake Temagami. Diane is the first to admit that from her earliest memories she always loved Lake Temagami and never wanted to leave. The lake community of her childhood was small but very closely knit and active. She reflects, "being raised on the Lake, you learn to do many things young, like swim, drive a boat and a snow mobile ... "



Charlie Reeder and the kids

Diane remembers when her eldest brother Fred was ready to begin grade one at Temagami Public School, the family had to move to town for the school year since there wasn't a school bus on the access road. These were the kinds of decisions families living on the lake had to work around. Thankfully for the Reeder family, by the time Diane was ready to attend school, there was a school bus that transported the kids daily from the Mine Landing to school and back. The bus trips lengthened for the high



school years when Diane attended New Liskeard Secondary School, graduating in 1982.

Diane left Temagami and attended Humber College for two years, graduating with honours from the Developmental Service Worker program. Her interest in working with young people and adults with special needs was greatly influenced by the nature of her relationship with her special-needs sister Cathy Reeder. After college, Diane worked in group homes, schools and workshops in Toronto and New Liskeard, implementing developmental programming for adults with special needs.

In 1989, Diane married Mark MacLeod from Oshawa. They had met at the infamous Manitou on Lake Temagami. His family had spent many summers at their family cottage on Narrows Island, where they developed a strong bond with Lake Temagami. Like Diane, Mark shared a great love for the Lake.

Mark was studying chiropractics. Once he graduated, he and Diane began setting up a chiropractic practice in North Bay while still living at Boat Lines. They also briefly partnered with Charlie and Ken, Diane's brother, in running the Boat Lines. Shortly afterward, Diane and Mark moved to North Bay to focus on Mark's chiropractic career.

Their first daughter, Meghan, was born in 1991. In the same year, the ever-entrepreneuring Mark partnered with Charlie Reeder once again, this time to purchase a private four-seater Stinson plane to fly on Lake Temagami. Mark's passion for flying was renewed, licensing extended, and soon he was teaching at Algonquin Flight School in North Bay. In 1994, Diane and Mark's second daughter, Morgan was born. In 1995, Charlie Reeder died and Diane, Mark and their young daughters began spending more time in Temagami, helping Georgette on Island #216. In 1998 they moved back to Lake Temagami, and Mark and his business partner, Marshall Smith, opened a flight school on the Reeder family island.

Although Diane remained busy at home raising her young daughters, she stood behind Mark in all his ambitious aspirations. She also managed a seasonal ice bungalow business during these busy family years.



Tragically, in April of 2003, Mark was killed in a local plane crash. Although Diane and her family's lives were altered forever, she never considered leaving Lake Temagami. She's received overwhelming support from the community at large and her immediate neighbours on the lake.

Diane maintains a very active and involved life with both Meghan and Morgan who take great pleasure in pursuing their individual interests. She has a very close relationship with Mark's family, and his mom often visits Diane and the girls on Lake Temagami.

Each May, Diane still helps out at the Boat Lines preparing for yet another busy summer season on the lake. Diane appreciates the Temagami Community Foundation and said, "I like what TCF does supporting different programs, and it's great for the area." The Reeder Family has long been a vital link in Temagami's Lake Community and we take great pleasure in acknowledging Diane as our featured donor to the Temagami Community Foundation.

Interview at Spencer Johnson's, Temagami Friday, March 15, 2007 THE TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION . . . BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY



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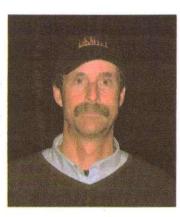
Profiling Our Board Members

Board Member Profile: Kirk Smith by Judy Gouin

Kirk Smith grew up in Toronto and, like many kids in The South, discovered The North through summer camp in Algonquin Park. He took his first canoe trip when he was nine years old, and at age nineteen, in 1972, he came to Temagami for the first time as staff for an Algonquin-based camp.

Kirk had always wanted to live in The North. In 1977, when Hugh Stewart offered Kirk a job Headwaters on Lake at Temagami, Kirk decided to stay. In those days, Headwaters was an all-season camp offering winter camping, cross-country skiing, and summer canoe tripping. Kirk guided canoe trips from Temagami north to James Bay and Hudson Bay, and east to the Kipawa region and La Vérendrye Park. His year-round camp work included guiding, managing, maintenance, and building.

Kirk graduated from York University with a B.A. in political science and Canadian history. He had planned to study law his father and older brother had both trained to be lawyers. But he decided on a different path and instead studied bush skills with Gordon Guppy. Gordon was the son of Bill Guppy, the famous "King of the Woods" who taught Archie Belaney (Grey Owl) about living in the bush. Kirk describes Gordon as having "the mind of an engineer without the education - brilliant, and a great character." Gordon, his cousin Alf, Gus Friday, and Fred Blake were the last of the real bushmen -"The Temagami Originals" who made their living guiding, trapping, prospecting and hunting. Kirk spent time with all of them, trapping, staking claims, cutting line and prospecting. He deeply admired them and respected their skills, outlooks, and long histories in the Temagami area. Kirk still has the trapline that used to be Gordon Guppy's.



In the late 70's, Cathy Dwyer worked 9-month contracts with the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources). She filled out the other three months working in the kitchen at Headwaters. She and Kirk met there in January 1980. They were married in May of 1981. This same year, Kirk started learning construction from Gordon and Alf. His first big job was the house that he and Cathy bought on Bell Island. It was September and the house was just a shell, so getting the insulation and vapour barrier in before winter were top priorities. The couple's first Thanksgiving dinner was brought to the island by Cathy's family; photographs show the dinner party in the all-pink (fibreglass) interior of the "new" house.

Kirk had always been interested in the timber business and its role in the economy and history of The North. When the MNR began to "outsource" (as we say now) some of its work, Kirk shifted his focus. He became a logger for Wm. Milne & Son. In Milne's last year of business, Kirk ran its logging operation with Joe Montreuil. After Milne's closure, Kirk and Joe ran bush operations for Fryer Forest Products in the Spanish Forest/Vermilion River area.

In the summer of 1989, Kirk and Cathy started the Temagami Garden Centre, which quickly expanded to include landscaping and related construction projects. Cathy was still working for the MNR, and Kirk worked in construction for George Mathias. In 1992, Kirk started his own construction business, Kirk Smith Construction, which now employs fourteen full-time people. Kirk and Cathy recently started TGC Propane, a propane supply and service business. They are proud to contribute to Temagami's economic and social stability through their businesses, and are proud that their success has been substantially based on their faith in Temagami and its potential.

In the 1990's, the local debates over amalgamation, the environment and land use planning intensified. Kirk's diverse education and experiences gave him a unique perspective on these issues and he saw big changes coming for Temagami. He ran for Township Council in 1994 to take an active role in setting Temagami's future direction. As a Council-member from '94-'97. Kirk participated in the transition planning process and the completion of amalgamation. He was and is still confident that the lake communities, the town, and Bear Island can work together for their mutual benefit.

It was this vision of a diverse community working together that drew him when he was asked to help create the Community Temagami Foundation. While the Foundation itself is not political, its accomplishments have implications for the body politic across all of Temagami. Kirk sees the Foundation as a mirror of the community - it has enormous potential, and the realiza-, tion of that potential will be a long process. The Foundation's strengths are its clear objectives, experienced board members, strong donor support, and sound investment strategy. It has established credibility with the community through its grant giving. Being the first Community Foundation in Canada to include both First Nation and non-Native communities in its make-up and mandate is key to the TCF's uniqueness. Kirk says, "Special is always the term we end up using when we try to define Temagami. And we think we are special."

2006 Report and Comments from the Co-Chairs

We begin our report with an expression of thanks to Vicki Grant who completed her term as Chair of the Board of the Temagami Community Foundation in 2006. Vicki's enthusiasm for and dedication to the Temagami community have been exemplary. In her report last year she compared the Foundation to a pine seedling, slow to grow, but one with a very healthy root structure that will ensure future strength. Thank you Vicki.

During 2006, we made a number of grants to worthwhile community projects which are described elsewhere in this newsletter, and once again, for the fourth year, our summer arts camp was a great success. Many thanks to Bettina Schuller and her volunteers for making this week a time when Temagami kids meet and have a good time together.

We are very grateful to Temfund for a grant of \$50,000 to be received in 2006 and 2007. In applying for this grant, we received the strong endorsement of both the Temagami Municipal Council and the Band Council of the Temagami First Nation. This community support is most gratifying. Also during 2006 we received a donation from the Temagami First Nation of \$20,000 for the benefit of the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre, the school on Bear Island. These two donations signify strong support for the Foundation.

As we look forward, we hope that the "healthy root structure" of the Foundation will be well nourished in the next few years. Our objective is to substantially increase the size of our endowment to at least \$2 million. The Board has ideas, the Foundation has the roots, and we need your support.

At our Board meeting on March 25-26, 2007, we convened a morning roundtable discussion on the subject of community sustainable economic development, an important aspect of our mandate. Chaired by Kirk Smith of the Foundation, we had presentations from Ike Laba and representatives of the Municipality, and Doug McKenzie and representatives of the Temagami First Nation. Kirk Smith and Walter Ross discussed the potential role of the Temagami Community Foundation, and Ike and Doug spoke about their current activities and long-term plans. The discussion was constructive with goodwill evident from all. Follow-up activities are planned.

We have exciting plans for 2007. This summer the Foundation, in partnership with the Kennedy Gallery in North Bay and generously supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, will be presenting the Angele Project. Lots of community enthusiasm is already evident for the project – the story of Angele Egwuna and her marriage to Archie Belaney (who later became known as Grey Owl), and their history in Temagami told from the perspective of Angele and her descendants. The exhibit will run from June 1 until October 15 at the Temagami Train Station. By the time you receive this newsletter there will be two rail cars located near the station that will house the exhibit. A number of ancillary events are planned by a committee co-chaired by Mac McKenzie and Cathy Dwyer-Smith. More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned.

As we conclude this report, we would like to acknowledge with appreciation the contributions made by retiring Directors Maureen O'Sullivan and particularly John Turner, one of our Founding Directors. Sadly Marj Belanger passed away, and her enthusiasm will be much missed. In 2006, we welcomed three new Board members: Kim Krech, Mac McKenzie and Bill Porter. At our meeting in March, 2007, we were delighted to announce the election of our two newest Board members: Carol Imbeau and Murray Pridham. Both are eager to lend their energy, strong connections, and their enthusiasm to contribute to our common good. Continuing their excellent participation Sara Manderstrom and Spencer Johnson were reelected at this meeting as youth Directors. We also thank our Executive Coordinator Lorie Hunter for her dedication to the Foundation and her cheerful willingness to accommodate our many needs.

Finally, we pay tribute to our two new Honourary Directors: Lorne Pacey and Vicki Grant. Both have served the Foundation with great distinction, and the Temagami community is better for their generosity and vision.

Respectfully,

Dick Lewis and Walter Ross, April 2007. Co-Chairs of the Temagami Community Foundation

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Finance and Investment Report for 2006

In 2006 the Temagami Community Foundation made grants of \$15,179 to various community projects including, for the fourth year, support for the summer art camp. Our cumulative grants now exceed \$100,000 amounting to \$105,508 to December 31, 2006. Total Foundation assets increased to \$154,000 from \$144,000.

Our grants are made possible by generous donors, 103 in total for 2006. We are very proud of the wide, diverse and growing group of supporters listed in this newsletter. Many thanks to all of you. We are particularly grateful for a \$50,000 grant from Temfund, \$12,000 of which was received in 2006 with the balance to be received in 2007.

Much has been achieved in the past few years. We have excellent operating policies and procedures. Assets are invested as part of the Community Foundations of Canada/Bank of Montreal "Supporting your Community" program which for 2006 had a 13.5% return on our funds invested. While we are not expecting these excellent returns to continue in 2007 we are confident that the funds are prudently managed.

All donations are welcome, large and small. We are particularly pleased that so many in Temagami have expressed their support for the Foundation by making a financial contribution. We would welcome, and we need, larger donations, memorial contributions, bequests, etc. to expand our capacity. As noted above we have made over \$100,000 of grants in our first five years. But think of the things we could support if we could make \$100,000 in grants annually.

The Foundation is a registered Canadian charitable foundation. We have equivalent charitable status in the United States thereby making all donations tax deductible. Our financial statements have been audited by KPMG, Chartered Accountants, and are available on request.

As noted last year in May 2006 the Canadian government announced the complete elimination of capital gains tax on securities donated to public foundations such as the Temagami Community Foundation. For Canadian donors of securities that have appreciated in value, this is a great opportunity to make a significant donation, and reduce taxes. I would be very pleased to assist anyone with the tax planning around such a donation.

There is no such thing as a small donation, they "accumulate to form a mountain" in the words of the monks of Taimyoji. We commit to being good stewards of all resources entrusted to us.

Walter Ross FCA, March 2007

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