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NEMO Annual Meeting 2001 — *A Map Odyssey!*

June 7-8, 2001

Willits-Hallowell Center
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

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NEMO Meeting 2001 Field Trip to Historic Deerfield Museum

David Bosse, one of this year's speakers and the librarian at the library at Historic Deerfield, has offered to host this year's field trip.

We will visit his library and then tour the Historic Deerfield Museum. David has arranged for a 50% discount (\$6, not included in conference registration) for NEMO members at the museum. There is a second museum in Deerfield, the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Assoc. Museum (admission also required), that people could tour on their own.

It is about a 20 mile drive from South Hadley to Deerfield. We will be carpooling. So, if you plan to attend the field trip please let me know and if you will have a car and will be willing to drive (drive people to Deerfield and return to South Hadley), please let me know also, so we can plan accordingly (jim.walsh@lexisnexis.com; 978-345-4061) (*mark your registration form*). Check their Web site:

<http://www.historic-deerfield.org/index.html>

A box lunch will be available to everyone at the end of the conference program on Friday, whether they are going on the field trip or not.

Additional meeting information on page 2.

From the Bridge

NEMO has met more times in Massachusetts (seven), and this seems to be the center of our professional organization. The maritime history of Massachusetts is a topic we have featured in past meetings, and a book related to this state is the *American Practical Navigator*. Known today as "Bowditch" the work has an interesting history.

Nathaniel Bowditch of Salem compiled this in 1802. It was called the *New American Practical Navigator*, and was printed by E. Blunt in Massachusetts. Bowditch added to it until 1838, when he died.

The United States government bought the copyright in 1867 and they have published 52 editions, including the current one in 1995. The huge work contains information on piloting, electronic navigation, nautical charts, celestial navigation, and cartographic tables.

An great tool to study cities is Dr. William Bowen's **Digital Atlas of New York City**

<http://130.166.124.2/library.html>

Also it this site is the **Digital Atlas of Boston and Vicinity**. Last year I requested this California professor to do Buffalo. He told me he was going to do Honolulu next. Of course Buffalo is not as large today (fifty-fifth), but it was the sixth or seventh largest city in America in 1900. In 1951 it was fifteenth according to Abbey Michaels.

Captain Ernie Woodson
University at Buffalo Libraries

*"A good traveler has no fixed plans,
and is not intent on arriving."*

Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)

Annual Meeting - Additional Information

Mt. Holyoke College Campus map and directory of campus buildings

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/cic/map/>

Directions to the Mount Holyoke College

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/adm/contact/directions.html>

Accommodations

In case there are no rooms available at the Conference center, a list of area hotels can be found at:

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/adm/contact/hotels.html>

Carto 2001 -- May 30-June 3, 2001

The Canadian Cartographic Association (CCA), in collaboration with the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA), and the geography departments of l'Université du Québec à Montréal and l'Université de Montréal, will hold a conference Montreal.

The title of the conference: "Cartography, Professions and Perspectives" emphasizes the expectations and challenges of working in the fields related to cartography at the present time, and offers a perspective on the future of our professions.

The Canadian Association of Geographers will be meeting concurrently in Montreal. Registrants at either conference can participate in both, without additional registration charges. This unique opportunity enables members to interact and exchange ideas.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear lecturers from across the country, who will share their knowledge on history and evolution of cartography; data acquisition and dissemination; conservation of documents; legal aspects or our professions; research and applications; technology; and the risks and futures in cartography.

It is a perfect time for you to enjoy the sights, sounds and hospitality of Montreal. This meeting offers the opportunity for scientific, social and cultural exchange. The meetings are, May 30-June 3, 2001, at l'Universite du Quebec a Montreal. The Web site is:

<http://www.geo.uqam.ca/Carto2001/carto2001e.htm>

1st Annual Rocky Mountain Antique Map Fair October 6, 2001

The Rocky Mountain Map Society is pleased to announce the launch of a new event of interest to map collectors, dealers, and anyone involved with old maps. We will host the First Annual Rocky Mountain Antique Map Fair in Denver Colorado. The Fair will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2001. Our intention is to hold the fair every year on or about the first weekend in October.

Last year the Society sponsored a well-received swap meet open to RMMS members only. This year we have decided to invite up to 20 dealers and actively promote the event. The Fair will only last one day, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be preceded by a social gathering for drinks and dinner on the Friday evening before the sale. Dealers will have set-up time from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday. Plans for the pre-sale get-together are still somewhat tentative, but the cost will be based on actual expenses since this is not a fund raising event.

Admission to attend the map sale will be minimal, probably \$2.00 and will be charged at the door. The fair will take place in the conference center of the Denver Public Library, in downtown Denver. The DPL is home to one of the finest collections of western US cartography anywhere and we hope to schedule an exhibit to coincide with the Fair. We plan to expand the Fair in the future to include lectures and educational presentations of interest to map lovers. Our inspiration is the annual map Fair in Miami. We seek to emulate them in many ways, but hope to give our Fair it's own direction and personality.

Autumn in the Rockies is the loveliest time of the year. It is after the summer tourist season and before the ski season, so affordable rooms close to the Fair site are not a problem. We will be working with hotels in the area to provide rooms at a discount rate. Information on lodgings will be provided to any interested parties.

We cordially invite anyone interested in attending our Fair to share our love of old maps as well as our beautiful city and surrounding area. Some dealer spaces are still available and we invite exhibitors to apply. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome any input that you believe might be helpful. More detailed information will be available soon. Inquiries may be directed to:

Myron West, Rocky Mountain Map Society, 307-638-2396 / farwesttc@sisna.com

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Thank You, Myron West

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Carto Clips

New World View Featured On Nbc's Popular Political Drama, West Wing

President Bush move over! President Bartlet has a new view of the world! On NBC's WEST WING, the Organization of Cartographers for Social Equality (a fictionalized professional society) pitches President Bartlet's staff to support legislation mandating every public school in America teach geography using the Peters Projection map.

There are over 83 million Peters Projection maps in circulation around the world — most of them in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. This maps has its least circulation, and acceptance, in North America. To order a full-color Peters Projection Map call 1-800-736-1293.

The Peters Projection map developed by Dr. Arno Peters has generated a firestorm of controversy. It has passionate fans and staunch detractors. Conservative Thomas Sowell criticized advocates of "political correctness" for supporting the Peters Projection in "Vision of the Anointed." Many faith-based, social justice organizations, including Oxfam, the National Council of the Churches, and the Mennonite Central Committee, support the Peters as being more accurate and more importantly fair to all peoples.

The Peters is in a class of map projections, equal-area maps, that show all countries at true size and true proportion. And what a difference that makes! Suddenly, North America and Europe are taken off center stage. Africa is huge. Greenland, on the familiar Mercator projection, appears to be the same size as Africa. However, Africa (at 11.6 million square miles) is REALLY more than 14 times larger than Greenland (at 0.8 million square miles). This comparison and others can be found at www.petersmap.com

To read more, visit the Web site "Explanation of the Peters Projection Map" at www.diversophy.com/maps.htm to read or download Chapter One of the groundbreaking book *Seeing Through Maps: The Power Of Images To Shape Our World View* by Ward L. Kaiser and Denis Wood. The book reveals the biases inherent in all map projections along with tips for map users to overcome being misled by various maps.

The Peters Projection Map is available at local book and map stores, or from ODT, Inc., PO Box 134, Amherst MA 01004. Call (toll free) 1-800-736-1293; E-mail: Petersmaps@aol.com; or via fax: 413-549-3503. Media kits are available from Kate Larson, 413-549-1327.

Note: The choice to accept or reject this map should be made by each reader based on research in determining the map's accuracy and its ability to properly depict the World. The validity of the above article is neither claimed nor denied by the editor nor the NEMO membership.



Delisle, Guillaume, 1675–1726

French geographer and cartographer. His most important work is a world map (1700), as accurate as the data available at that time permitted and the first map on which the errors of Ptolemy were wholly absent. Delisle is called the founder of modern cartography. He was geographer to Louis XV.--*Columbia Encyclopedia*. 6th ed., 2000.

How To Lie With Maps (and data)

<http://www.mapcruzin.com/news/env041101a.htm>

The myth that economic growth is a requirement for sustainability has no historical basis yet it pervades our culture. Some even claim that maintaining our consumptive American lifestyles is required if other nations are going to become sustainable.

A recent report, Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI) [<http://www.ciesin.org/indicators/ESI/>], An Initiative of the **Global Leaders for Tomorrow Environment Task Force, World Economic Forum, Center for International Earth Science Information Network**, and the **Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy** is one of many recent reports that reassure us that it is okay to maintain the status quo-- that growth and consumption is good. Their maps and data indicate that many of the most industrialized nations in the world are the most sustainable while the poorer nations are not. A very convenient conclusion.

The April 2001 issue of the *Ecologist Magazine* demonstrates that things are not quite as they seem -- far from it. Go to the Web site listed at the top of this article and read about the creative map reading techniques used.

NEMO member **Paige Andrew** recently had an article about map postcards published. Titled "Map Postcards: A Unique Genre of Cartographic Information," this illustrated article can be found in Vol. 71, No. 3 (Mar. 2001): 161-165 of *Catholic Library World*.

Map Resources

NEW HISTORIC MAP REPRINT CATALOG

Higginson Book Company has just issued the second edition of their *Historic Map Catalog*, featuring high-quality reprints of several thousand 19th century American town and village maps, and hundreds of maps of Canada and the world.

The U.S. maps were reprinted from atlases published in the late 19th century, and are extremely detailed, showing the location of every building in the town and usually the names of the occupants at the time of publication.

The catalog is available **free of charge to NEMO members** from Higginson Book Company. Contact them at 148 Washington St., Salem MA 01970; phone (978)745-7170; fax 978745-8025; or e-mail higginsn@cove.com.

Earth at Night

A composite photograph showing the entire Earth as seen during the night from space, is available for viewing. Go to: http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/image/0011/earthlights_dmsp_big.jpg

Membership Renewal Form

Dear NEMO Member;

If you cannot attend the annual meeting in June, please make sure to take the time to renew your membership for the 2001-2002 year. Besides the meeting, NEMO membership provides you with the quarterly newsletter and to a network of colleagues. To renew, please photocopy and fill out the form below and send it with a check for \$15.00 (payable to **NEMO**) to:

Eric Riback
National Geographic Maps
2504 Kerry Lane
Charlottesville Virginia 22901

Thank you.

Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

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e-mail: _____

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