

**JOHN MUIR: FAMILY & FRIENDS**  
**University of the Pacific**  
**Sesquicentennial 1851-2001**  
**Feather River Inn**  
**MAY 4-6, 2001**

**PROGRAM**

**Thursday, May 3**

6:30-7:30 p.m. Arrival of presenters and early guests  
Dinner for presenters and early guests lodging at Feather River Inn  
8:30 p.m. Evening Reception - Presenters

**Friday, May 4**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast - guests who arrived on Thursday  
8:30-12 noon Registration

10:00 - 12:00 SESSION 1A      **MUIR AS STORYTELLER**

>Moderator: Daryl Morrison, Holt-Atherton Special Collections, UOP

>Speakers: Dick Shore, Battletown, KY: **The Thousand Mile Walk, And Other Adventures With My Friends**  
Garth Gilchrist, Living River Stories: **Mystical Lover of Land. John Muir as Storyteller**

10:00 - 12:00 SESSION 1B      **MUIR'S WILDERNESS WANDERINGS: PART I**

>Moderator: Dennis Williams, Southern Nazarene Univ.

>Speakers: Mike Gillis, Calif.State Univ., Chico: **John Muir and the Bidwell: Rambles and Botanizing in Northern California**  
Nicholas C. Polos, Ph.D., Claremont, CA: **John Muir: A Stranger in the Southland**

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:15 Ron Good, Chair Bd.of Directors, Restore Hetch Hetchy: **HETCH HETCHY VALLEY: YOSEMITE'S LOST TWIN**

2:30 - 5:00 SESSION 2A      **JOHN MUIR: DOMESTIC, WILD, AND PASTORAL**

>Moderator: Michael Branch, Univ. of Nev.

>Speakers: Daniel J. Philippon, Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities: **Domesticity, Tourism, and the National Parks in Muir's Late Writings**

Corey Lewis, Univ. of Nev.: **Meeting Muir's Mountains**

Jim Warren, Washington and Lee Univ.: **Near and Far: Burroughs and Muir**

>Respondent: Michael P. Cohen, Visiting Prof. Literature and the Environment, Univ. of Nev.

2:30 - 5:00 SESSION 2B      **MUIR'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & LEGACY**

>Moderator: Richard J. Orsi, CSU Hayward

>Speakers: Nancy Woodbury, UCDavis: **Preservation of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Region: A Contemporary View of John Muir's Efforts**

Ronald A. Eber, Sierra Club History Comm., Oregon: **John Muir and Forest Conservation "Preaching God's Forestry" versus "This Fierce Storm of Steel"**

Char Miller, Trinity Univ.: **With Friends Like These: Muir, Pinchot, and the Drama of Environmental Politics**

5:00 - 6:00 Break

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 Keynote Speaker - Ronald Limbaugh, UOP Emeritus Professor of History: **PRIDE, PREJUDICE AND PATRIMONY: THE DISPUTE BETWEEN GEORGE WHARTON JAMES AND THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JOHN MUIR**

8:30 Reception\*\*

**Saturday, May 5**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 - 12 noon Registration

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 3A      **MUIR AND FRIENDS: PART I**

>Moderator: David Blackburn, John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez, CA

>Speakers: Michael Strelow, Willamette Univ.: **Muir, Friends and Family and the Changing Self**

Barbara Mossberg, President, Goddard College: **If Trees Are Us: John Muir's Domestic Literary Strategies**

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 3B **THE LITERARY MUIR**

>Moderator: Robert Fricke, West Valley College

>Speakers: Susan Shillinglaw, San Jose State Univ.: **Writers on Land & Sea: John Muir & John Steinbeck**  
Edward J. Renehan, Jr., Rhode Island: **Muir and Burroughs: A Friendship of Contrasts**

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:15 SESSION 4A **MUIR AND FRIENDS: PART II**

>Moderator: John Phillips, Dept. of Sociology, UOP

>Speakers: Daryl Morrison, Holt-Atherton Special Collections, UOP: **Muir and the Bairns**  
Ruth Sutter, San Francisco: **John Muir and the John Swett Family**

10:45 - 12:15 SESSION 4B **TEACHING MUIR AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

>Moderator: Lydia Fox, Dept. of Geosciences, UOP

>Speakers: Harold W. Wood, Jr., Sierra Club: **John Muir on the Internet**  
Catherine Soria, Yosemite Valley School: **Yosemite Valley School's Studies and Projects**

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 - Maymie Kimes, Santa Rosa, CA, and Jill Hareke, Pleasant Hill, CA: **JOHN MUIR: HIS LONG AND VERY CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN FAMILY AT CASTLEROCK**

2:30 - 6:00 **FIELD TRIPS**

>Lee E. Christianson, UOP

>Mike De Lasaux, National Resource Advisor, Univ. of California Cooperative Extension

>Sam Wilbanks, District Ranger, Sierraville Rangers District, Tahoe National Forest

>Mike Yost, Forestry Instructor, Feather River College, Quincy Library Group Member

>Linda Blum, Environmental Activist, Quincy Library Group Member

>Lydia Fox, UOP

>Frank Helling, Seasonal Park Ranger, Sequoia National Park

>Curt Kramer, UOP

>John Phillips, UOP

6:30 - 7:30 Dinner

7:30 - 8:30 Keynote Speaker, Michael P. Branch, Univ. of Nev., Reno: **JOHN MUIR'S LAST JOURNEY: SOUTH TO THE AMAZON AND EAST TO AFRICA**

9:00 - 10:00 Lee Stetson: **"IN HIS OWN WORDS"**

**Sunday, May 6**

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 5A **MUIR'S SPIRITUALITY & THE DIVINITY OF WILDERNESS**

>Moderator: Frank Helling, Seasonal Park Ranger, Sequoia National Park

>Speakers: Dennis Williams, Southern Nazarene Univ.: **The Content of Faith: Muir's Vision of Nature in the Midst of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Religious Ferment**

The Rev. Chris Highland, San Rafael: **Nature's Temple: John Muir's Spiritual Home**

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 5B **MUIR AND FRIENDS: PART III**

>Moderator: Mark Foley, Diablo Valley College

>Speakers: Jill Carlino, Langley, WA: **John Muir and The Influence of Significant Women in His Life**

David Blackburn, John Muir Historic Site, Martinez, CA: **Muir and Family: The History of Interpretation at John Muir NHS**

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:15 SESSION 6A **MUIR'S WILDERNESS WANDERINGS: PART II**

>Moderator: Curt Kramer, UOP

>Speakers: Cherry Good, Joshua Tree, CA: **On the Trail of John Muir**  
Graham White: **John Muir and the Nation of Scots**

10:45 - 12:15 SESSION 6B      **MUIR'S WILDERNESS WANDERINGS: PART III**

>Moderator: Edie Sparks, Dept. of History, UOP

>Speakers: Millie Stanley, Marquette County, WI: **John Muir's Formative Years in Wisconsin**

Bonnie Johanna Gisel, UOP: **Carr, Muir, and Tuolumne Canyon: Relations of Botanical Inquiry to the Divinity of Wilderness**

12:30 - 2:30      Lunch

**HOLT-ATHERTON SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**, University of the Pacific, will be open Monday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact Daryl Morrison, Director of the Holt-Atherton Special Collections, 209 926-2945; fax 209 946-2942; e-mail [dmorrison@uop.edu](mailto:dmorrison@uop.edu) to schedule an appointment.

**JOHN MUIR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** will be open Monday, May 7 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.\* Contact David Blackburn, Chief of Interpretation, 925 228-8860; fax 925-228-8192; or e-mail [jomu\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:jomu_interpretation@nps.gov) to schedule a visit. \*Since the Muir house is normally closed on Mondays, special arrangements have been made to open the house in conjunction with the Muir conference. Reservations must be made in advance. There is an entrance fee of \$2.00.

**YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK** - There will be a field trip to Yosemite Valley, May 7-9, limited to fifteen individuals. Some transportation may be available. Campsites and Curry Village tents have been reserved. Participants must supply food, tent, sleeping bag. See enclosed reservation form.

**COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE.** One unit of extended education credit is available to participants who attend all academic sessions of the weekend conference and prepare a short paper. A copy of the course description and registration materials will be mailed upon request. Contact either the Office of Lifelong Learning at UOP (209 946-2424) or the John Muir Center (209 946-2527).

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**\*\*PLEASE BRING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION ON FRIDAY EVENING.**

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