



**TORCH Convention 2009**  
**“Rich in Tradition, Embracing the Future”**  
Fox Valley – Wisconsin / Schedule of Events

**Wednesday, June 24, 2009**

6:00 Board Dinner – Atlas Mill on the Fox River! (There will be a shuttle available from the Hotel. Boarding begins at 5:30, departure 5:45.)

**Thursday, June 25, 2009**

Noon - 6:00 Registration desk open - Hotel Lobby near Pool Dome  
9:00 IATC Board Meeting - Cortland Room  
3:00 Officers Exchange - Empire Room  
4:00 Business Session I - Empire Room  
5:30 Cash Bar – Crimson Room  
6:00 Welcome Dinner - Empire Room

**Paper #1 – The Promise of Stem Cell Research - Dr. Rupa Shevde, University of Wisconsin**

Dr. Rupa Shevde is the Director of Education and Outreach for WiCell Research Institute and the Administrator for the Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Shevde earned her Doctorate from Harvard and has conducted research for several years in the area of Bone Biology. Her current research interests involve differentiation of human embryonic stem cells into bone cells. She and her team trains scientists from all around the world to culture and maintain human embryonic stem cells through the training courses offered at WiCell. Dr. Shevde also leads a dynamic Outreach program that focuses on inspiring and empowering middle school and high school students who are our future scientists.”

**Friday, June 26, 2009**

8:00 - 5:00 Registration desk open  
7:00 Past Presidents Breakfast – Cortland Room  
8:00 Torch Foundation Board Meeting – Macintosh Room  
9:00 Business Session II – Empire Room

10:15 Refreshment Break

10:30 **Paper #2 – Changes in the Climate and in Our Lives - Dr. Lewis Gilbert, University of Wisconsin**

The paper will give an introduction into how the global climate works and what the place of Wisconsin is in that functioning. With that as a foundation, Dr. Gilbert will discuss two responses to climate change. The first is mitigation, which encompasses efforts to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide that is in the atmosphere. The second is adaptation, which addresses our responses to the impacts of changes that are already underway and which will continue for many decades to come.

12:00 **Box Lunch and Tours (12:00 Gather in Hotel Lobby to pick up lunch boxes. 12:15 Departure from the front of the Hotel)**

**“Why the Fox Valley?” Three Options:**

**One: “Rich in Tradition” – Beverly Harrington, facilitator**

*Tour of Paine Art Museum, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum*

Beverly A. Harrington, a professional artist, is the retired Executive Director of Hearthstone Historic House Mansion, the first home in the world lit from a central hydro-electric station, 1991-2004. From 1984 - 1991 she was a guest curator and then Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at Paine Art Center and Gardens. She taught

art at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 1981–1987, and taught fifteen years in the public schools. Her professional activities currently include board and committee positions with the UW Fox Valley Foundation, Bergstrom-Mahler Art Museum, Oshkosh Landmarks Commission, and Wisconsin Historical Society. While at Hearthstone she led in the restoration work, collection development and acquiring adjacent land which had been sold off.

**Two: “Niagara Escarpment” – Dr. Joanne Kluessendorf, interpreter**

*The Niagara Escarpment is exposed from southern Wisconsin north through the Door County, in Upper Michigan, then the Manitoulin Islands of Ontario and down to Niagara Falls. It played a major role in exploration and development.*

Dr. Joanne Kluessendorf is the Director of the Weis Earth Science Museum at the University of Wisconsin Fox Valley. She is a specialist in both paleontology and stratigraphy, well-known for her work with her husband, Dr. Donald Mikulic, in a Silurian Fossil Konservat Lagerstätte in Wisconsin. She has done extensive work on the Niagara Escarpment in Wisconsin, including the Indian Mounds which are found at High Cliffs. Dr. Kluessendorf and Dr. Mikulic have worked at Harvard and she has been on doctoral committees in Europe.”

Tour of: High Cliff State Park / Lake Winnebago / Lime Kiln, Indian Mounds

**Three: Walking Tour (on your own)**

Downtown and Riverfront Appleton, Historic Third Ward, Fox Riverfront and Lawrence University (All are within walking distance of the hotel! You will find Appleton Downtown maps in your registration packet, and at the registration desk there will be additional maps with information about many of the historic sites in the "Old Third Ward.")

**5:30 Cash Bar - Salon A**

**6:00 Dinner - Salon A**

**7:00 Presentation of Silver Awards: Stephen Toy**

**7:15 Musical Performance - Salon A**

Entertainment: **The North Star Nordic Dancers!** - The North Star Nordic Dancers perform village dances from Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark to live music performed on the fiddle, guitar, nyckelharpa (Swedish key fiddle), hardingfele (Norwegian Hardanger fiddle), and mouth harp. We wear traditional folk costumes from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

<http://www.northstarnordicdancers.org/index.html>

**Saturday, June 27, 2009**

**8:00 - 5:00 Registration desk open**

**8:30 Meet the Torch Editor– Empire Room**

**9:15 Session on Membership Development – Empire Room**

**10:15 Refreshment Break - Empire Room**

**10:30 Paper #3 – Michael Douglass : *Beavers, Blankets, Guns and Priest’s: the changing cultural landscape of 17<sup>th</sup> century Wisconsin***

This paper will review the history of the trans-Great Lakes Fur Trade and how it influenced Indian and European settlement patterns in Wisconsin and the Mississippi River Valley in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18

centuries. We will explore the various strands that prompted the western drift of Indian nations, the role of Jesuit missionaries, the insatiable demand for North American Beaver, Native fascination with the products of European industry and the convergence of these themes in Marquette and Jolliet's 1673 voyage of discovery. Michael Douglass is the Site Director at Villa Louis, a Wisconsin Historic Site.

**12:15 Lunch and Afternoon Tours**

Two groups separating, rotating the same three locations:

- Hearthstone – first home in world lit with an Edison central hydroelectric station
- Paper Discovery Center – a celebration of Appleton and its history
- Weis Earth Science Museum - a destination for Wisconsinites to learn what “lies beneath!”

**5:00 – 6:30 Reception and Cash Bar - Empire Room**

**6:30 Banquet and Paxton Award Paper - Empire Room**

**10:30 President's Reception - Macintosh Room**

**Sunday, June 28, 2009**

**8:00 - 9:00 Coffee, rolls, etc. - Empire Room**

**9:00 Paper #4 – Ellen Kort – Wisconsin's First Poet Laureate! - Empire Room**

Ellen Kort is Wisconsin's first poet laureate. She is the author of eleven books, including seven books of poetry. Her poems have been featured in a wide variety of anthologies, and architecturally incorporated in downtown Milwaukee's Midwest Express Center, the Green Bay Botanical Garden, and the Fox River Mall in Appleton, Wisconsin. Kort's writing has also been performed by the New York City Dance Theater, and recorded on audio cassette by Ellen Burstyn, Ed Asner, CCH Pounder, and Alfre Woodard, as well as included in the 1997 "Re-Membering" exhibit in Wichita Falls and the 1998 "Women and Their Work" exhibit in Austin. She teaches at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and at the Renaissance Fine Arts Charter School in Appleton.

**10:00 Business Session III and Closing Convocation – Empire Room**

**12:00 Lunch and Board Meeting - Macintosh Room**