

Albany Chapter of Sigma Xi Meeting Announcement

DINNER AND LECTURE TO BE HELD

at

The College of St. Rose
Tuesday, October 30th, 2007

"Antarctic Marine Ecosystem Research: An Art/Science Collaboration"

-presented by-

Sam Bowser, *Polar Biologist* and **Claire Beynon**, *Polar Artist*

About the Talk: The fine arts and natural sciences are often regarded as disparate disciplines. Art/Science collaboration is, however, becoming recognized as a powerful means of enhancing knowledge about the world around us (see: www.asci.org). This presentation will feature the collaborative dynamics between Sam Bowser and Claire Beynon, which include visual, scientific, and poetic interpretations of the Antarctic landscape and under-ice seascapes.

About the Speakers: Dr. Sam Bowser is a Research Scientist at the New York State Department of Health's Wadsworth Center, and Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences in the UAlbany School of Public Health. He has conducted marine science research in Antarctica since 1984, specializing in the evolution and physiological ecology unicellular organisms (esp. Foraminifera) inhabiting the seafloor. Claire Beynon is a fulltime artist and writer based in Dunedin, New Zealand. She accompanied Bowser's research team in 2005, and has since launched three exhibitions of her Antarctica-inspired drawings and paintings. She has recently published an illustrated book of her poetry, entitled *OPEN BOOK* (<http://steeleroberts.co.nz/books/isbn/978-1-877448-15-7>), which also features work inspired by her Antarctic experiences.

Background web links:

- www.bowserlab.org/claire
- www.clairebeynon.co.nz
- www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/marlboroughexpress/4214410a19817.html

Location: College of Saint Rose Campus Activity Center, Standish Dining Room 1 and 2, Second Floor

Schedule:

5:30-6:30 Sigma Xi Business Meeting
6:00-6:30 Reception
6:30-7:45 Buffet Dinner in Standish Dining Room 1
7:45-9:00 Presentation, questions & discussion, book signing Standish Room 2

Dinner: Buffet will consist of rolls and butter, a chicken entrée, a vegetarian entrée, vegetables, a starch, dessert, with a full coffee service, soda and water. Beer and wine will also be served.

The cost of the dinner is \$22.00 per person (\$11 for students and retirees)

Make reservations for dinner by 10:00 AM, Thursday October 25, 2007 with Dr. Linda Cooley, Dept. Phys. & Biol. Sci, College of St. Rose, 432 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203

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Directions can be found on the world wide web at:

www.strose.edu/Visitors/map_directions.asp

OR below:

From the North

Take I-87 south to the end, Western Avenue/Route 20, before it turns into the NYS Thruway. *SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW "FROM Western AVENUE."*

From the South

Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) to exit 24. After the tollbooth take exit 1-S (Western Avenue/Route 20). *SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW "FROM Western AVENUE."*

From the East

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) to the New York State Thruway, get off at exit B-1 (I-90 west). Proceed on I-90 to exit 5 (Everett Road). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Everett Road. At the third light, turn left onto Route 5 (Central Avenue). On Central Avenue, continue through four lights and then turn right onto North Main Avenue. Proceed on North Main for three traffic lights, then turn left onto Western Ave. At the very next traffic light, located in front of 432 Western Avenue, you can either turn right for P-7 or left for P-6.

From the West

Take the New York State Thruway (I-90) to exit 24 After the tollbooth take exit 1-S (Western Ave./Route 20). *SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW "FROM Western AVENUE."*

From Western Avenue

Take the exit for Western Ave./Route 20. Take a left at the light (Route 20 east) and follow for approximately 2.7 miles to the corner of South Allen St. There will be a sign that says to get in the right lane for Saint Rose, however, get in the left lane and bear left at the light down Western Ave. (which is no longer Rt. 20) instead and follow for another .3 mile (two traffic lights). Parking is available at either lot, left (P-6) or right (P-7) at the light, at 432 Western Ave.