

Gary and Joanie McGuffin are renowned adventurers, nature photographers, writers, and conservationists. They have canoed on waterways throughout North America, bicycled from the Arctic to the Pacific to the Atlantic oceans, backpacked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, sea-kayaked Greenland's fjords and Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Between adventures, the McGuffins are ambassadors of the wilderness, touring the world with photo



exhibitions and slide shows of their travels. (www.adventurers.org)

Their best-selling books include *Superior: Journeys on an Inland Sea*, a Great Lakes Booksellers Award winner; *Paddle Your Own Canoe, An Illustrated Guide to the Art of Canoeing* celebrated by the Canadian and American canoe associations; *Where Rivers Run*, the tale of their honeymoon canoe trip from the Atlantic to the Arctic Ocean; and *In the Footsteps of Grey Owl: Journey into the Ancient Forest*.

In 2000, the Ontario government officially appointed Gary and Joanie as Champions of the Coast under the Great Lakes Heritage Coast program. In 2003, they were the recipients of the Premier's Award and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for wilderness preservation and environmental education achievements for their province and their country.

Gary and Joanie live with their daughter, Sila, and their dog, Kalija, on a 300 acre wilderness preserve in the Algoma Highlands overlooking Lake Superior.

Title of presentation: Paddling & Preservation: Ecotourism as a Way to Save Wilderness.

From Lake Nipigon to Georgian Bay, from the Pigeon River to Canoe Lake, wilderness travelers Gary and Joanie McGuffin take us on a voyage by canoe that you will never forget. Their 2003 summer circumnavigation of Ontario's 6th Great

Lake, Lake Nipigon, will be a featured part of the presentation.