

Banff Mountain Summit

October 27-29, 2002

The Banff Centre

The 2002 Banff Mountain Summit was a great success. Speakers included award-winning author Gretel Ehrlich, mountaineer, author and parliamentarian Reinhold Messner, author, alpinist, scientist and philosopher Bernard Amy, author and ethnobotanist Wade Davis, specialist on sacred mountains Edwin Bernbaum, cultural photographer Chris Rainier, climber and founder of Patagonia Yvon Chouinard, respected Nakoda Elder, traditional storyteller, poet, and author Chief John Snow Sr., adventurer Will Gadd, mountain writer Rick Ridgeway, leading authority on international peace parks Jim Thorsell and many others.

Featured performances included:

Julia Taffe's Vertical Dance, world-champion hoop dancer

Alex Wells, and poet and singer Sid Marty. On display throughout the week are exhibitions by mountain photographer Bradford Washburn, British multi-media artist Andy Parkin, and cultural photographer Chris Rainier.

Summit Book: *Extreme Landscape: The Lure of Mountain Spaces* – is a collection of essays on mountain themes by festival guests and others. Edited by Bernadette McDonald and published by National Geographic Adventure Press, this beautiful collectors' edition paperback will be a treasured keepsake of International Year of Mountains.