

Whales inspiration to artist

By Jim Robinson
We are not the most intelligent beings on Earth. A culture as alien as creatures from Saturn live on our planet. They possess brains several times larger than man and they use much more of their brains to function.
These beings communicate in sound waves. One millisecond of sound can carry whole paragraphs of information as they communicate around the world. And they have tried to communicate with man.
It is a close encounter of the third kind which has been with us since almost the dawn of time; but man, primitive by comparison, has yet to recognize this superior being for what it is.
David Charles Grainger has been in contact with these beings. The Rockwood resident has been commissioned to create a book with more than 200 illustrations, and he will be doing the writing of the book based on his own close encounters and the findings of other humans.
It is not science fiction but fact and the book will deal with Whales—beings Mr. Grainger, and many noted scientists, now firmly believe tower over man in his miniscule endeavors.
Mr. Grainger is only 27 years old but he has already accomplished much in his life.
Born in London, Eng. in 1953, he came to Canada with his family and in his earliest years he was fascinated with birds and animals. Encouraged by his family, David kept birds, snakes, frogs and reptiles.
As a youth his interest centered on tropical fish. After school years, he obtained a job at a Toronto importing company handling all manner of water life and was soon advising on more efficient techniques of keeping saltwater fish, invertebrates and marine reptiles in aquaria. His abilities brought him consultant work with pet stores and even the Royal Ontario Museum. He began appearing on television and radio talk shows and did a number of interviews.
He then went to work as a commercial diver in the Great Lakes, which was a way of expanding his knowledge of marine life. In 1974 he became interested in larger animals and this led to a job with the African Lion Safari in Rockton. There he started sketching animals and birds.
Encouraged by friends, he started to display his watercolors and met with immediate success. His works have been displayed side-by-side with such famed, wildlife artists as Glen Loates, J.F. Lansdowne and Roger Tory Peterson.
The quality of his sketches brought him a two-year stint at the Doon School of Fine Arts in Kitchener where he taught. With the help of Dr. John Lindner a small wildlife sanctuary was established where Mr. Grainger helped perform surgery on wounded birds and was able to refine the precision style of watercolor demanded in paintings of birds.
This led, in 1977, to a commission to both write and illustrate a hardcover book entitled *Animals in Peril*. Published by Pagurian Press in association with McMillan, the book was released in 1978.
His works now hang in college, corporate, public and private collections across North America. Even in his Rockwood home he is surrounded by his work and this includes yet another menagerie consisting of a dog, cat, two parrots, a fruit bat, and a number of reptiles.
This weekend he will be displaying his past works and the start of what is his greatest project to date.
Mr. Grainger has set about preparing a book on whales which will have 200 illustrations. He predicts it will take three years to complete and will show the 76 main species of whales and all sub-variants.
In preparation he has more than 20 books on whales, thousands of photos, recordings of whales and scientific papers. He firmly believes he is just stumbling into facts which have been repressed over the years.
"Man just will not believe he is not the most intelligent being."
"For years we have been led to believe the whales are just, well, big fish."
"Even at the end of the Second World War, there

was information that he could only just barely think. "Even 20 years ago, scientists only began to believe the whale might just be as intelligent as man."
"But we now know they are superior to us in almost every way."
"Sure, people will say, where are their buildings? "But they simply don't need them," Mr. Grainger said.
While next to no detailed study has been done on whales yet (hence the reason for Mr. Grainger's book) there is no considerable study with the porpoise, and it is considered the dumbest of the ocean-going mammals.
"Did you know that in California, porpoises have been taught to talk and they communicate with ease. "There was a study recently where a girl was holding a fish and she kept repeating the word 'fish, fish, fish.'"
"The porpoise wouldn't respond even though the girl knew damn well the porpoise could say the word. "Finally the porpoise simply got mad and spewed out a long tirade in the porpoise language and then repeated 'fish, fish, fish.'"
"You see the porpoise was mad because the girl wouldn't say the word in Porpoise. He was really trying to teach her his word for it," Mr. Grainger said.
It sounds like something from *Astounding Stories* or *Analog Magazine*, but Mr. Grainger says his research is backed up with fact, and he has even more bizarre, but true, stories to tell.
Mr. Grainger will be on hand to discuss his past, present and future works at the show this weekend in the Mohawk Inn.

Obituary

Harvey Jestin

A life-long Everton resident, Mr. Harvey Raymond Jestin, died at Guelph General Hospital on December 30, at the age of 65, following a three week illness.
Mr. Jestin was born in Everton on December 12, 1915, son of George and Florence Jestin, and married Lois Margaret McCutcheon of Everton on June 6, 1942.
Mr. Jestin served in World War II. He was active in both Rockwood and Guelph bowling leagues and was an excellent carpenter. He attended S.S. Number 7 in Eramosa.
On New Year's day a service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home with Rev. Don Whitehead officiating. Interment followed in Everton.
Left to mourn Mr. Jestin are his wife Lois; son - Robert - Edwin; daughter - Betty Ann; brother George Edwin and sister Mrs. Eva Cutting, both of Everton; and three grandchildren. His parents and daughter Betty Ann predeceased him.

Limehouse

WI hears impact of Year of the Child

by Mrs. A.W. Benton
Vice-president Mrs. Frank Hannah presided on Thursday afternoon for Limehouse WI meeting in Limehouse Memorial Hall with 13 members attending.
Roll call asked "How many children and grandchildren do you have?" brought in great grandchildren as well.
The secretary was requested to thank Mrs. Mileham for an electric kettle which she presented to the WI at the December meeting.
Holidaying WI president Mrs. Anderson left a note of thanks for those who had helped with the Christmas WI dinner and to provide and pack Christmas boxes for shut-ins. Thank you were received from several recipients and from Georgetown hospital for a donation towards a heart treatment machine. The WI also received an invitation to the hospital on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. when the machine will be presented.
Summary Day for the house plants and macrame course will be held Jan. 31. Members were advised to get busy on house logs to be ready by April 1.
Standing committee convener and current events convener Mrs. Kirkwood read interesting reports. Mrs. Hannah read Mrs. Anderson's motto re "year of the child based on the home and country accompanied by a chart. Twenty-five dollars was again donated to the Hospital for Sick Children.
Mrs. F.T.C. Brown introduced the guest speaker, her niece, Mrs. John McNabb, Halton District WI president. Mrs. McNabb mentioned the area convention, 1980 District Annual and last summer's district day. Mrs. McNabb's topic

was the "International Year of the Child". Each lady was asked to write down ten games or past times of her childhood. They make one wonder if we didn't have more fun then. She showed "Rights of the Child" as drawn up by the United Nations.
Many world children are better off as a result of the International Year of the Child which sponsored over 500 programs. Canada should wake up. It was felt that small pox had been eradicated in the world in 1979, but in Canada, especially in Ontario a large percentage of children starting to school have not been immunized against communicable diseases. A new Child Welfare Act was introduced in June, 1979. She went on to relate that nutritional programs are being promoted by the WI including \$2,000. sent to India for eye care, and programs to make women aware of the needs of children of unwed young mothers unable to cope with their children. Social convener Mrs. Bert Benton served lunch afterwards.

Files West
Mrs. Gordon Booth flew to Vancouver where she spent the Christmas season with her daughter and husband and family. About 30 members of the Scott families who were able to attend, enjoyed their New Year's family dinners and a party afterwards in Limehouse Memorial Hall.



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The lovely decorations in Mrs. McDuffe's home and a log burning in the fireplace enhanced the Christmas atmosphere of the meeting.
With 18 members and one visitor in attendance a delicious pot-luck supper was enjoyed, following grace.
The opening Ode was sung by the women and the Mary Stewart Collect was recited, followed by the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report. It was decided at the meeting that cheer baskets would be sent to "shut-ins."
Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. H. Black led the group in singing carols and Mrs. Dyer and Miss H. Bayne showed the King Tut film.
Gifts were exchanged by the ladies and desert, coffee and tea enjoyed by all.



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