

WINGS NEWS: 2009 ELECTED FELLOWS

On April 28th in New York City, Wings WorldQuest will host the 7th annual *Women of Discovery Awards*, honoring five outstanding women explorers from around the world, and six elected Fellows whose explorations have taken them from the depths of the sea and into space, back in time and charging into the future.

In 2007, the Fellows Program was established to expand the scope and reach of Wings' network of women explorers. Along with our Awardees, our elected Fellows create a vibrant community of colleagues who advance Wings' mission of collaboration and advocacy. They comprise the braintrust that informs our education and outreach programs, offering inspiring role models for future generations.



Cindy Lee Van Dover: Deep-sea Oceanographer

Dr. Cindy Lee Van Dover is a deep-sea biologist with an interest in ocean exploration and the ecology of chemosynthetic ecosystems. Her current research focuses primarily on the study of biodiversity and biogeography of invertebrates from chemosynthetic ecosystems and invertebrate functional anatomy.



Jane Poynter: Biospherian & Co-founder of Paragon Space Development Corp.

Jane Poynter is one of only eight people ever in history to live sealed in an artificial world for two years, the Biosphere 2. She is now President of Paragon Space Development Corporation and Chief Scientist for Carbon Sequestration for the Seawater Foundation.



Selma Huxley Barkham: Historical Geographer



Dr. Margaret Lowman: Biologist & Canopy Ecologist

Selma Barkham, a Canadian historian, discovered important Basque sites along coastal Newfoundland and Labrador when she analyzed historic legal documents from Spain. Her research, which has unveiled key aspects of Basque maritime history during the 16th & 17th centuries & reconstructed this unknown page of Basque-Canadian history.



Dr. Susan Shaw: Environmental Toxicologist & Founder of Marine Environmental Research Institute

An environmental toxicologist and public health professional, Dr. Susan D. Shaw is Founder and Executive Director of the Marine Environmental Research Institute,(MERI), which is dedicated to scientific research and education on the impacts of pollution on marine life, and to protecting the health and biodiversity of the marine environment for future generations.

Dr. Meg Lowman pioneered the science of canopy ecology. For 30 years, she has designed hot-air balloons and walkways for treetop exploration to solve mysteries in the world's forests, with special expertise on the links between insect pests and ecosystem health.



Dr. Maureen Clemmons: Ancient Egypt/Pyramid-engineering Expert

Dr. Maureen Clemmons is recognized for her groundbreaking research on the use of wind power to build the Egyptian pyramids. Her work has attracted the attention of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the aeronautics department of the California Institute of Technology.

For more information about Wings Women of Discovery Awards on April 28th or related lectures at the American Museum of Natural History, please contact Gala Coordinator, Annabelle Rosborough at annabelle@wingsworldquest.org or call 212-759-1128.