

The Explorers Club

Northern California Chapter

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Garrapata—May 31, 2008
Harry Hicks & Dede Whiteside
Explorers' Gathering

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Saving One Heritage Site at a Time

Jeff Morgan
San Francisco

When one looks at the accomplishments of the Global Heritage Foundation (GHF) one has to assume an entrenched bureaucracy, honed in its procedures and connections over years of cooperation with governments around the world and guided by in-depth philanthropy from some generous family. After all they have developed a formula for rebuilding cherished historical and prehistorical sites and creating each as a magnet for on-going ecotourism. Thus, places that might continue to crumble and too soon disappear entirely have been saved for new generations. Take a look at their very informative web site: www.globalheritagefund.org. You will find what they do so well and where they do it.

The surprise is that GHF is just over five years from being founded—by our speaker (Executive Director Jeff Morgan) and a professor of archaeology at Stanford (Ian Hodder.) The added surprise is that there are only eight employees still. All of their remarkable and laudatory accomplishments have been done by garnering expertise from volunteers—volunteers in the sciences and in diplomacy. And, by involving local peoples at each site and local and national governments where each site is located. Thus, the selection, the planning and the on-going work become cooperative efforts of those with the most at stake—those who previously may have ignored (or even damaged) the treasure that lay before them. The treasure is of historical value and economic value for generations into the future.

GHF acts as the initial catalyst to spark the interest, make specific practical plans and generate the seed money to show the value of each site to those who can benefit the most, the locals. If they protect and restore they will draw people from afar that will bring far more resources to the local economy than before. Looting and



Jeff Morgan, GHF Executive Director at our Golden Gate Yacht Club meeting.

destructive reuse of the materials or surrounding lands are shown to be very short sighted. Restoration and protection have an on-going and growth value.

After five years GHF has proven these concepts with very successful results.

Again, look at their web site because, despite their youth and small size, the accomplishments are magnificent and new ventures are being approached each year. You may well want to devote some time and money to help!

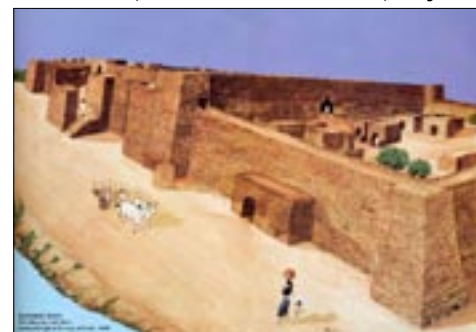
How did they do it? Jeff discussed the approach, the methodology and practical steps, and the rationale for selection. It is simply: choose heritage sites in regions where the economy provides but a dollar a day to the locals! The upside is dramatic.

The staff and volunteers are gathered from the extensive network that abounds in Silicon Valley; GHF is a product of the Valley's success. Morgan, himself a trained preservationist and business man-

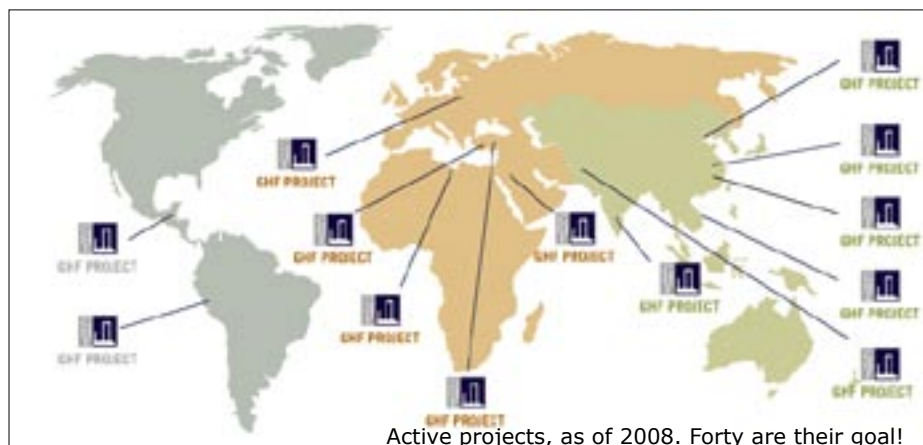
ager spent two decades in sales and management in international high-technology firms. When he was able he took one more entrepreneurial step, and created GHF. His skills, honed in the profit sector, are put to good use in the day-to-day operation and expansion of this very effective not-for-profit enterprise dedicated to saving remarkable places on our earth.

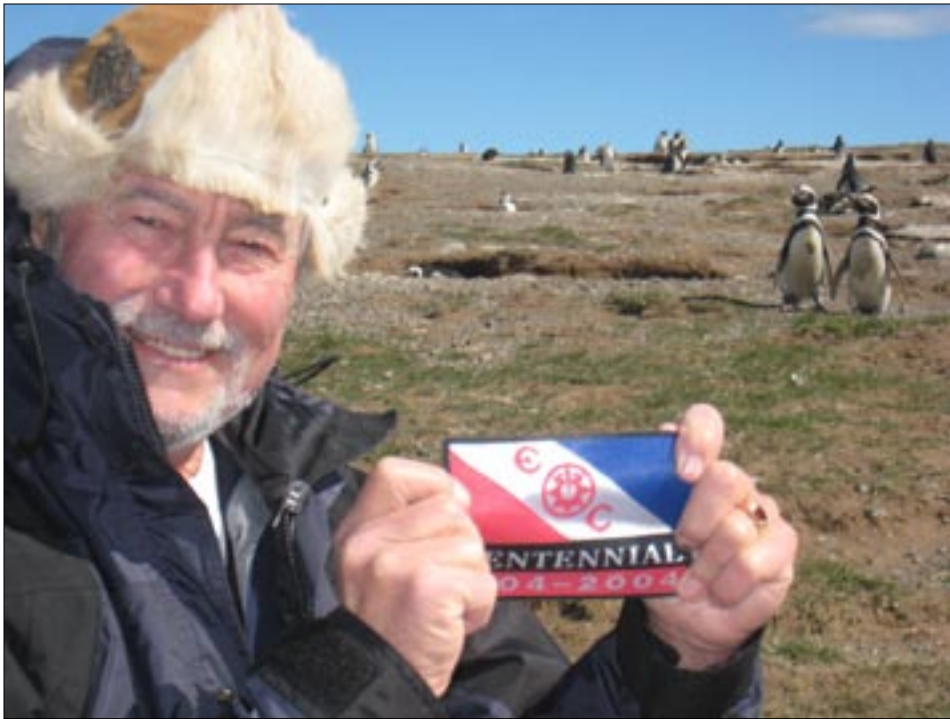
The details and progress is on the web; take a look. You will find some familiar names: El Mirador, Lijiang, Çatahüyük, Kars, Izborsk, Foguang, My Son, Cyrene, Hampi—just to name a few. Makes one want to get involved.

Surkotada, Indus Civilization Site, Gujara



Wooden Sculptures of Foguang Temple





Saber's 'Flag' Expedition: 17 Jan 2008, Magdalena Island, off Punta Arenas, Chile

Go & Come & Tell

The Sabers visiting our little Magdalena penguin friends at their rookery. Around 170, 000 fearless little characters abound here in their protective enclaves, barely out of the scouring and constant howling cold wind effects of Southern Chile.

Later, our 18-day voyage aboard the *Azamara Journey* brought us to Melchior Island, Deception Island (which is an active caldera volcano), and finally the infamous Elephant Island, a savage inhospitable place where Shackleton set off, in 1916, on an 800-mile open ocean rescue mission to a whaling station on South Georgia Island. Shackleton left his crew of 22 stranded on Elephant Island following the loss of their ship *Endurance*, which was crushed in Antarctic ice. With great uncertainty, the crew waited four months for rescue.

Our voyage was a dream come true; however, I was disappointed with Cape Horn. My expectations of horrendous Cape weather were replaced by rather mundane seas with long swells. We sailed completely around Cape Horn Island—yes, it is truly an island! Even the late hour of 2300 hrs revealed it as foreboding and sinister. Yet our passage, like that of many 19th century windjammers, escaped her normal malevolent nature.

Rick (MN01) and Aldeana Saber

to the southeast corner of the terminal. The museum will grab you attention for a while, and you can see Herb's featured pictures. Pretty neat!

One of the rewarding elements of each meeting is when members rise to speak of their travels and accomplishments. Always something of interest. I have asked in the past if someone would step forth to 'report' on these comments; I ask again. Meanwhile, I urged Capt. Saber to send me a picture, which he did. The result, above, gives some insight into what we learn.

We have had a rather diverse array of speakers this year, and plans for next year are already well underway. While this will be the last newsletter of our 'academic' season of 2007-2008, your 'annual' dues cover the calendar year. Thank you to the 32 members who have responded so far with their voluntary contribution. This is a repetitive plea, not unlike those heard on National Public Radio, for an expanded response. Each Explorers Club member of the Northern California Chapter is asked to volunteer \$25, as Chapter Dues. This amount is now payable, so do not hesitate to send the \$25 to Anders. You are only half-way through the benefits of 2008!

Thanks for coming! (We will send out notice for Marta's tea, but, let me emphasize, save the date.)

—Lee Langan (FN99)

Mark Your Calendar!

On June 25th, a Wednesday, we will have a *Tea for Marta*, Don Walsh's mother who will celebrate her 100th birthday the following day. This is a very special occasion, and a small group of chapter members is busy making plans.

We know the place: DOER Marine's offices and facilities at the Alameda Marina. (Marta raised Don in Alameda.)

We know the time: 4 to 7 pm.

Mark your calendar! Make plans to attend; details to follow.

As you might presume from the photo below, Marta loves cats! Of all sizes. The cub might be distracted with a bottle of milk, but...I don't know about a back pat.



The Chapter Chair

April was a bounty! How very interesting and rewarding that the speakers we heard devote such energy to accomplishments that really count to save threatened parts of our environment! Felicia Nutting attending to sea mammals caught upon the land and caught up in man's detritus. Jeff Morgan finding a way to save places that otherwise continue to crumble. Personally I am rejuvenated being made aware of these efforts. Hurrah!

Before we break away for Summer excursions we have two fun events remaining.

At the end of May we are invited to gather at Garrapata to experience that extraordinary part of California that is the wild coast; along the stretch between Carmel and Cambria this land-sea boundary is legendary. Come, if you can, for a leisurely afternoon and evening, and take extra time before and after to prowl the environs. Be sure to let us know; even free hospitality requires some preparation!

On June 25, we will have a wonderful afternoon tea in Alameda to celebrate a centenary birthday. Even if you have not met Marta Walsh you will enjoy the gathering I can assure you! Mark your calendar. Drag yourself away from work a little early and beat the traffic.

I took the time to attend the reception for Herb Lingl's aerial perspective opening at the San Francisco Airport International Terminal Museum. The exhibition extends through August. If you find yourself awaiting the arrival of some visitor—or waiting to depart for far-off lands—stroll over

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Make housing plans for Carmel!

**Northern California
2007-2008 Calendar of Events**
(Venues will be identified at time of event.)

Future Meeting Schedule

June 25 (Wednesday) Alameda
A tribute to Marta Walsh at 100.
September 26 (Friday) Art Ford
Tourism in Antarctica Woodside
October 24 (Friday) in planning GGYC
November 21(Friday) Leela Hutchinson
Giant Selenite Crystals Dana home, Tiburon

Meetings earlier the season

September 23 Rick Blake
Meteorite Collision near Sacramento
Gene & Sibyl Boudreau Home, Sebastopol
October 19. Brian Fisher
Save an Ant; Save a Planet: Madagascar
Golden Gate Yacht Club, San Francisco
November 8 Laurence Bergreen
Marco Polo
Golden Gate Yacht Club, San Francisco
December 9 Lee & Karine Langan
A gathering of Explorers
Langan home, San Francisco
January 26 Vince Backen
OR/V White Holly, SF Bay Model, Sausalito
February 22 Lawrence Lansburgh
David & Goliath in the Amazon, the Achuar
Golden Gate Yacht Club, San Francisco
April 4 Felicia Nutter
The Marine Mammal Center GGYC
April 23 Jeff Morgan
Global Heritage Fund New Sites GGYC

May LOCATION

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