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EXTRAORDINARY MARCH SPEAKER'S EVENT

Polar Exploration Ship "Maud"



The Maud was a ship built for exploration in the icy conditions of the far north to serve Roald Amundsen's second expedition to explore the Arctic. It sank at Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island in Canada's north in 1926 and has rested on the sea bed for over 80 years.

"Maud Returns Home" is a project initiative to repatriate the remains of Maud back to Norway. Maud was built in Norway in 1917 with the intention to drift across the North Pole, fixed in the arctic ice-cap. Maud and her crew spent 7 years in the arctic but never achieved their goal to reach the North Pole. However the Maud expedition collected an impressive volume of scientific research material and there is a large collection of film and photographic material saved from this expedition.



Despite being stripped for valuables and wood over the years, Maud still has a lot of its hull intact and represents a valuable historic resource for Norway. The Maud Returns Home initiative has gained great attention both in Norway and Canada and project manager Jan Wanggaard will give a lecture on the Maud history and the Project plans - supported by old and new film cuts and photographic material. Project staff Runhild Olsen will take care of the visual part of the presentation.

Norwegian Jan Wanggaard has a long history of maritime connection starting in the 1980's, being a windsurfing World Champion moving gradually into an artistic expression. In 2007 his documentary film *Panta Rei* won the Award for Creativity at the FIFA International Art Film Festival in Montreal.

The lecture is approximately one hour and is co-sponsored by the Norwegian Embassy.

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:30 pm

Location: Army Officers' Mess, 147 Somerset St. W. (off Elgin), Ottawa, ON
Bar and Coffee afterwards

(The regular CNS Speaker's Event for March will take place on the 28th.)