

THE FRAM MUSEUM PRESENTS:

THE ROALD AMUNDSEN MEMORIAL LECTURES 2017

The Fram Museum is organizing the sixth annual Roald Amundsen Memorial Lectures on 1 & 2 December 2017.

The Memorial Lectures will be held at the Fram Museum the first weekend of December to commemorate the life and achievements of Roald Amundsen.

The lectures on Saturday will be followed by the recreation of an historical dinner in the museum.



FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

17:30 Registration

18:00 Exhibition opening and book launch:

Eivind Astrup – The Norwegian Ski and Dog Sledge Pioneer with Peary
&

Carsten Borchgrevink and the Southern Cross Expedition (1898–1900)

Reception

20:00 Film: *Roald Amundsen and the South Pole Expedition* – An episode from the BBC-Time Life television series *Ten Who Dared* from 1976. Narrator: Anthony Quinn. Roald Amundsen: Per Theodor Haugen. 60 min.

21:30 End

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SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

10:00 Olav Orheim – Welcome

Launch of Roald Amundsen's 2-volume *Gjøa*-diaries (1900–07) in English,
and Peder Ristvedt's *Gjøa*-diaries (1901–06)

10:20 Beau Riffenburgh: *A Tragedy of Errors – The Disastrous Saga of the Jeannette Expedition*

11:20 **Break**

11:30 Geir O. Kløver: *Fridtjof Nansen and His Men – Their Personal Stories from the Farthest North (1893–96)*

12:30 **Lunch in the Gjøa Building**

13:30 Alexander Wisting: *Shadowland – Otto Sverdrup's Struggle*

14:30 **Break**

14:40 Kenn Harper: *The Ouligbuck Family – John Rae's Inuit Interpreters*

15:40 **Coffee break**

16:10 Eivind Astrup: *Eivind Astrup – Dog Sledge Pioneer and Polar Hero*

17:10 **Break**

17:20 John Killingbeck: *The Last Husky Dog Journey in the Antarctic*

18:20 **Reception on the deck of Fram**

19:00 Recreation of the official dinner served on the evening of Roald Amundsen and his crew members' return to Kristiania on 20 November 1906. The same 8-course menu and similar wine will be served, the same speeches will be held and the same music played

To attend the Roald Amundsen Memorial Lectures 2017 register with pete@framuseum.no. There are only 120 places available. Due to popular demand it is only possible to participate in the full programme. The fee of NOK 1700,- includes lectures, all meals and drinks. Only advance booking.



Eivind Astrup

Eivind Astrup (b. 1945) is a grand nephew of the polar hero. A business economist educated at HEC, Paris and University of Geneva, he worked for 20 years successively with insurance, oil and shipping companies before starting his own shipping and finance business 25 years ago. In 2014 he established a foundation aiming to support vulnerable youth with activities including organized skiing, water sports and sailing ship voyages.

About 30 years ago, Astrup was approached by Helge Ingstad, an admirer of his grand uncle. They organized a relocation of the monument at Holmenkollen and the publication of a new edition of the book *With Peary Near The North Pole* with a preface written by Ingstad. Subsequently, Mr Astrup undertook a dog sledge trip which led to the rebuilding of a monument at Qaanaaq. He has arranged for a search and classification of documents and assisted the author of the biography published in 2011. Ever since the Gjøa building was completed, Eivind Astrup's remaining belongings have been at the museum's disposal.



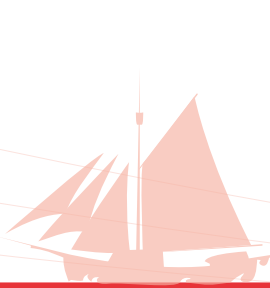
Beau Riffenburgh

Beau Riffenburgh is a historian of exploration, particularly that of the polar regions. After earning his doctorate at the University of Cambridge, he served for 15 years as the Editor of *Polar Record* and the head of the Polar History Group at the Scott Polar Research Institute. His books include *The Myth of the Explorer*, a critically acclaimed examination of exploration and the popular press; *Nimrod*, the account of Ernest Shackleton's heroic attempt on the South Pole; and *Aurora*, the authoritative study of Douglas Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition. He was also editor of the award-winning *Encyclopedia of the Antarctic*, and has written six books for the Fram Museum. In conjunction with mystery writer Susanna Gregory, he has published 12 novels, including *The Nimrod Murders*, based around the refitting of Shackleton's ship prior to his first Antarctic expedition, and *The Killing Ship*, a modern Antarctic eco-thriller.



John Killingbeck

John Killingbeck worked with the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey, the forerunner of BAS, from 1960–63. During this period, large areas of the Antarctic Peninsula were being surveyed using dog sled teams for transport into the field. Survey trips would last for two to three months. The surveyors worked in teams of two men – each man with a sled and nine dogs. John's work is acknowledged by Killingbeck Island (67°32'S 68°7'W), a small island east of Rothera Point, off the south-east coast of Adelaide Island. John has continued his connection with the Antarctic, lecturing on Polar cruise ships and to school and adult groups. He is also an active member of the Devon and Cornwall Polar Society.



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Geir O. Kløver

Geir O. Kløver has been the director of the Fram Museum since 2005. Since then, the museum has undergone a total renovation and modernisation process and stands today as an exciting new museum with attractions for all ages.

Geir has edited or written more than 20 books on Norwegian polar expeditions, including the personal diaries of the crew members on Roald Amundsen's expeditions through the Northwest Passage 1903–06 and to the South Pole 1910–12, and Captain C.A. Larsen's Antarctic diaries. He is currently editing the diaries from Fridtjof Nansen's expedition on *Fram*.



Kenn Harper

Kenn Harper is a historian, writer, and linguist, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, a former member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, a recipient of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog (Denmark). He lived in the Arctic for fifty years and speaks Inuktitut. Kenn is the author of *Minik*, *The New York Eskimo*, and *Thou Shalt Do No Murder: Inuit, Injustice, and the Canadian Arctic*.



Alexander Wisting

Alexander Wisting is an author, director and filmmaker. For the last ten years he has written novels and factual prose, among them biographies of Norwegian polar explorers such as Roald Amundsen (2011) and Hjalmar Johansen (2013). In 2017 his latest book, *Shadowland*, tells the dramatic story of Otto Sverdrup, *Fram*'s forgotten captain. Alexander Wisting is also the great-grandchild of Oscar Wisting who conquered the South Pole as one of Amundsen's men.

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