

THE ROYAL CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY | **SPEAKER SERIES** |

# SEARCHING FOR ARCTIC EDEN

Explore Canada's High Arctic with adventurer Jerry Kobalenko

**OTTAWA**

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

at 7:30 p.m.

Centrepointe Theatre

101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa

**TICKETS\***

Available starting March 1, 2011  
at Centrepointe Theatre Box Office  
or [www.centrepointetheatre.com](http://www.centrepointetheatre.com)  
(613) 580-2700 or (866) 752-5231

**ADMISSION**

\$15 for RCGS members;

\$20 for non-members;

free for children under 12

(who must have a ticket and be accompanied by an adult).

\* Prices do not include venue surcharge for phone orders, CRF and processing fees.

**Writer-photographer Jerry Kobalenko** has travelled more kilometres in Canada's High Arctic than any living person. Over the past 20 years, he has explored Canada north of 75° latitude, by foot, ski, kayak and ship. He considers the High Arctic his spiritual home and his passion for the North is evident in his photography and stories.

In his presentation on April 27, Kobalenko will share his love of ice caps and glaciers, fossil forests, and the flora and fauna at the top of the world, from endangered Peary caribou to herds of thousands of arctic hare. He'll recount close encounters with polar bears, explore the meaning of adventure and our connection to the North, and give a traveller's insights into infamous Arctic tragedies and controversies. And he'll introduce us to the subtleties of a misunderstood Eden.

A frequent traveller to Canada's national parks, Kobalenko is based in Canmore, Alta., on the edge of Banff National Park, Canada's first national park. To mark the centennial of the creation of Canada's national parks service, The Royal Canadian Geographical Society is pleased to welcome Jerry Kobalenko, a Fellow of the Society and intrepid explorer of Canada's national parks, to talk about his experiences in the High Arctic, including Canada's northernmost national park, Quttinirpaaq, on Ellesmere Island.

Kobalenko's most recent book, *Arctic Eden*, features stories and photographs from this remote corner of Canada. He will be available for book signing after his presentation. Copies of *Arctic Eden* will be for sale, with a portion of the proceeds supporting the Society's educational programs.

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