



Canoe Manned by Voyageurs Passing a Waterfall
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WHEN TWO WORLDS MET — HOW THE FUR TRADE SHAPED THE FORESTS, PEOPLE, AND HISTORY OF NORTH AMERICA



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Part 2 — Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the Norfolk Library

Adapted from three lectures in a popular course entitled “Forests & People” at the University of Massachusetts, these presentations will explore the formative period between initial European contact with Aboriginal people (circa 1600) and the gradual decline in demand for furs in the 1850s. The ecological, social, and economic legacies of this colorful era are with us still in subtle and pervasive ways. The past *is* prologue and we all have much to learn, especially from Aboriginal people, about sustaining the natural systems upon which we all depend. (Part 2 begins with a brief summary of Part 1, newcomers are welcome)



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