

EarthShine Institute

A Supporting Organization of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation

Message from the President

It is my honor to be elected the second president of the Earth Shine Institute. I want to thank Margaret Eiluned Morgan, Reeve Lindbergh and Steven "Rusty" Whitley for their work in establishing this new supporting organization of the Lindbergh Foundation. The Earth Shine Institute honors the legacy of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, her sister Constance Morrow Morgan; and their great friends, Jim and Ellie Newton, and its programs assure a continuing sense of their spirits and vision in the Fort Myers, Sanibel, Captiva, Southwest Florida area.

In the three short years of the Earth Shine Institute's existence there has been expansive growth and achievement under Eiluned's guidance: the six Anne Morrow Lindbergh Shell Coast Poetry Festival anthologies featuring the works of young student poets; the four Lindbergh Symposia with over 20 speakers; and the Argonauta Awards recognizing 13 gifted young scientists – and this is an organization still in its infancy. I look forward to the next developmental stages by seeing the Institute mature from "infancy," through "toddlerhood," to "kindergarten." I hope to expand the existing programs with the Lindbergh Foundation, to forge partnerships and build bridges with organizations that share our vision of nature balanced with technology. I'm looking to the future with sight, vision and insight into new ways for the Earth Shine Institute to connect with a larger audience at this important time on our "island": Earth.

Argonauta Scholars Speak



From left: Jared Reigle, Elizabeth Cook, Christine Johns, Eiluned Morgan, Dick Gilson, Cassie Wagner and Justin Johns.

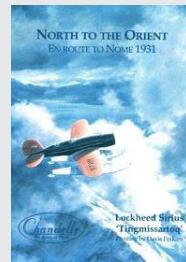
The Argonauta Scholars program was inaugurated in 2003 to mark the 100th anniversary of powered flight. The intent was to recognize exhibitors (middle school and high school students) whose work demonstrated an understanding of the Lindberghs' philosophy of "balance between nature and technology" at the Thomas Edison Regional Science and Inventors Fair held annually in Fort Myers, FL. Those selected receive the Argonauta Award, a \$500 scholarship toward their college education, and the opportunity to present their research to the Lindbergh Foundation board of directors and the trustees of the Earth Shine Institute. As Argonauta Scholars, they are also invited to return each year until their high school graduation to update the combined boards on their work. So far 10 young scientists have been recognized from the Fort Myers area, and their articulate, inspiring presentations have become an eagerly anticipated event.

In 2005, evaluators Margaret Eiluned Morgan, Dr. Richard Gilson and Elizabeth Gilson, decided not to give any new awards or scholarships. "The scholars of the first two years set a very high standard," said Ms. Morgan. "We want to maintain that standard of excellence." On Feb. 26, four scholars from 2003 and 2004, presented fascinating updates of their ongoing work. Responding to the excitement in the audience, Foundation Chairman Rusty Whitley said, "Remember, these students represent only one regional science fair. There are regional science fairs across the country with students working at this level for us to discover and learn from." Ms. Morgan added, "I very much hope that these young scientists will go on with their work and apply for Lindbergh Foundation grants in the future."

Eric Hopkins

Showcase

Chandelle Winery



Chandelle Winery is still offering the special Lockheed *Sirius* "Tingmissartoq" label wine bottle and the "North to the Orient" goblets. With every purchase, the winery is making a donation to the Lindbergh Foundation. Please think of Chandelle Winery and this very special wine for your gift-giving and special occasions throughout the year. You and your friends will enjoy good wine and you'll benefit the Lindbergh Foundation as well. For more information, please visit www.chandellewinery.com.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh Rose

The Anne Morrow Lindbergh Rose is still available. With spring on its way, now is a great time to start thinking about your garden. The lovely "shell pink" hybrid Anne Morrow Lindbergh tea rose would be a delightful addition. Northern stock roses ship in April/May and Southern stock roses are available year round. Contact Lorrie Wolf at Lorrie Wolf Florist in Fort Myers Beach for more information. Tel: (800) 231-6847; (239) 463-6500; www.lorriewolfflorist.com.

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"From the Atom to the Star" — Exploring the Creative Spirit; The Outward and Inward Journey

By John Nance

The 2004 Lindbergh Symposium held its audience in rapt attention at Florida Gulf Coast University with a lineup of expert speakers, arresting visual presentations, and a dramatic exhibition of birds of prey that flew just above the heads of fascinated observers.

The Nov. 13 program's theme—"FROM THE ATOM TO THE STAR—Exploring the Creative Spirit: The Outward and Inward Journey"—was introduced by Margaret Eiluned Morgan, President of the Earth Shine Institute, which together with the Lindbergh Foundation, and the University presented the annual event. Morgan, a niece of the Lindberghs, said the symposium aimed to "explore the crossroads of innovation, creativity, and adventure, and the intellectual legacy" of her uncle and aunt "in aviation, exploration and preservation of the environment."

Leadoff speaker **Dr. Paul MacCready**, an inventor known as the "father of human-powered flight," said that preparing his acceptance speech for winning the 1982 Lindbergh Award had compelled him to focus all of his past activities on a solitary theme: "doing more with less." Bringing his work into this focus, he said, "changed my life" and became his primary dedication. MacCready showed a video of the solar-powered and battery-powered aircraft and vehicles that his company, AeroVironment Inc., had produced. Later, one of his tiny model airplanes circled him repeatedly as he stood smiling on the conference room floor.

Aviation historian and author **Dr. Richard P. Hallion** traced some of the exploration and pioneering adventures of the Lindberghs and their connections with others in aviation and aeronautics—including Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Robert Goddard, Werner Von Braun, and several NASA astronauts. Hallion—formerly Air Force Historian and now Historical Advisor to the Air Force—also focused on key moments in Charles Lindbergh's life that marked changes in his thinking about the role of science and technology and his increasing awareness of the need to balance those endeavors with respect and value for natural life.

Then a dramatic example of natural life entered the symposium with the appearance of Jeff Ewelt and his wife from the nearby Lowry Park Zoo. They brought feathered guests: a Black Vulture, a Eurasian Owl, a Harrier Hawk, and a Southern Bald Eagle. The audience watched and ducked in awe and delight as the team introduced and described the impressive raptors one-by-one and had them fly across the room from one gloved handler to the other, dipping at times near the heads of the seated observers.

Aerial landscape painter **Eric Hopkins**, who is also a pilot and gallery owner, presented brilliant slides of his artwork to "ex-

plore the nature of creativity and the creativity of nature." A life-long resident of Maine's North Haven Island, Hopkins paid homage to the mystery and beauty of life with his photographs and paintings (three large works painted on sailcloth were hung in the auditorium). His stage presentation featured images of apparently unconnected aspects of the world then rearranged and joined them in meaningful compositions.

After lunch, former NASA astronaut **Gregory J. Harbaugh**, who flew four space shuttle missions and made three space walks, showed favorite photographs he had taken in space and told personal stories from those journeys of exploration. Harbaugh, now museum director for the Florida Air Museum at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, gave particular praise to the Hubble Spacecraft (on which he made two of his spacewalks) for having "enriched our imagination and expanded the landscapes of our dreams."

The final presenter, **Jesse H. Ausubel**, an author and editor, and director of the Program for the Human Environment at

The Rockefeller University in New York City, addressed human mobility over the past 10,000 years and the next 100. Looking at basic human instincts as applied to the system of transport, Ausubel described four human constants fundamental to mobility, and outlined a vision of a new mode of transport (magnetic lev) that will someday move vast numbers of people while producing zero harmful emissions and sparing the surface landscape.

Wrapping up the day's events, **Reeve Lindbergh**, daughter of Charles and Anne, recalled highlights of each presentation, and acknowledged the lifelong explorations of her parents. She concluded that "wherever we go, in our lives or in our imaginations, we will take with us the legacy of those who have gone before, and we will always travel the dual path, as they did, the outer explorer and the inner explorer moving together, into new worlds."



From left: Eric Hopkins, Paul MacCready, Reeve Lindbergh, Greg Harbaugh, Richard Hallion, Jesse Ausubel, and Eiluned Morgan. In front: Jeff Ewelt and an Eurasian Owl.

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