

1988 NORTH AMERICAN GEORGIST CONFERENCE

sponsored by the Council of Georgist Organizations

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Tuesday July 26 - Sunday July 31
Oglethorpe University - Atlanta, Georgia
Hosted by Common Ground USA - Atlanta Chapter.

* "Progress & Poverty in the South" *

PROGRAM

All events take place in EMERSON STUDENT CENTER (except The Winters's Tale and Bus tour).

TUESDAY 5:00- 6:00PM FIRST MEAL OF CONFERENCE
JULY 26 8:00-10:30PM THE WINTER'S TALE by William Shakespeare (soccer field)

WEDNESDAY 9AM - 2:30PM COMMON GROUND meetings. Others as desired.
JULY 27 2:30- 3:20PM GEOSOPHY - A New Look at Georgism by COLIN BONNER, Alberta.
3:30- 5:00PM HENRY GEORGE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA meeting. Others as desired.
7:00-11:00PM FESTIVE RECEPTION hosted by Common Ground-Atlanta, MARY R. DAVIS, MC. Guest: FRED HARRISON, Editor, Land & Liberty, London, England. Sing-along; entertainment: STAN & NEAL FREDEPIKSEN. music; VIDEOTAPE OF 1979 Centennial Conference in San Francisco.

THURSDAY 9:00-11:30AM EDUCATION REPORTS (organizations & individuals are invited to give short updates on their recent activities & future plans re:Georgist education). Chairman, SAM VENTURELLA, Henry George School, Chicago. Special Henry George School Report by STAN RUBENSTEIN, New York.
2:00- 3:15PM PROGRESS AGAINST POVERTY with invited guests active in the field: JERRY HARDT, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth; Voorhees College; CRAIG TAYLOR, Director, South Atlanta Land Trust; Chairman: E. ROBERT SCROFANI, Director, HGS-San Francisco.
3:30- 4:45PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS/DISCUSSION GROUPS including: BUYING INTO AMERICA - How Foreign Money Is Changing the Face of Our Nation with GEORGE COLLINS & DON HURFORD (HGS-Philadelphia); summary & critique of 1988 book by MRS Tolchin. THE INTERDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - The First 100,000 Graduates by HARRY POLLARD, HGS-Los Angeles.
7:00- 9:00PM SOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS with EDWARD J. DODSON, mortgage banker and housing industry representative at Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association); WALT RYBECK, Director, Center for Public Dialogue, Washington, DC. Chairman, JOHN BURGER, Minnesota legislator.
9:30-11:00PM SOCIAL HOUR including Cable TV videotape featuring TRIP (Transit Riders In Pursuit, New York; FELICE GRUSKIN, NAN BRAMAN, ROBERT CLANCY). Refreshments.

See over for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Interesting and/or Important Info

Welcome to the 22nd annual GGO Conference! We're glad you could make it.

Program Committee: John Fisher and Alanna Hartzok. **Administrators:** Sue & Scott Watton. **Team GGO:** Pia Desilva, Toni Gwartney, Ted Gwartney, Dan Sullivan, Lindy Davies.

Officers: & Advisors: Mark Sullivan, President; Alanna Hartzok, Vice President; Dan Sullivan, Secretary; Jake Himmelstein, Treasurer; Ted Gwartney, Advisor.

Special Thanks to: Bill Judson-Evanston, IL (signs), Woody Giles-Casper WY (printing), Lindy Davies-HGI (brochure & program); Dan Sullivan (name tags).

Frequently Asked Questions:

Where to Eat: A Taste of London — featuring 40 of London's Best Restaurants — will be occurring from August 22-25 in nearby Victoria Park.

Fun Stuff To Do: There's a Splash Pad (Water Park) down the street from the hotel; plus a double-decker bus tour of the city twice daily at 10 am and 2 pm. The afternoon tour stops at the London Art Gallery. Across the street from Victoria Park and City Hall is Richmond Row — funky shopping opportunities. Down the street is the a indoor Farmer's Market. (For even more, see John Fisher's "A Native's View")

Silence is Golden. Please turn your pagers and/or cell phones to 'silent' during sessions!

Name Tags. It's probably a good idea not to wear your name tag outside of the hotel (it makes you look like a tourist). Please remember that we recycle — return your name tag holder to the registration desk before you leave.

Member Organizations Report Session Procedures: Reports will be done in the order that names appear on the sign-up sheet. The sheet will be at the Registration Desk. Only paid up members are entitled to give reports. Each report will be limited to three minutes.

Audiovisual Issues: We will have one overhead projector. There will be a microphone in the general session room. Selected sessions may be audio or video taped.

Evaluations: Please remember to fill out and return to the box on the welcome table or return to PO Box 57, Evanston, IL 60204 before October 1, 2002. Conference evaluations aid the administrators and program committee in planning future conferences.

Upcoming Extravaganzas:

2003 — Downtown Bridgeport, Connecticut — July 16-20, 2003

2004 — Uptown Albuquerque, New Mexico — July 21-25, 2004

Want to present at our next conference? Ted Gwartney and Josh Vincent are on the program committee for Bridgeport, and they are here in London! They would be eager to consider a written outline of your talk or workshop.

The 22nd Annual
Conference of the
Council of Georgist
Organizations

**Green Communities
and Zero Waste**

Economic Ecology

**Justice and First Nations
Globalization**

and the and Free Trade

**Green Green Taxes for
Sustainability**

**MOVEMENT
The Politics of Money**

Peace, War, and Land Rights

August 21-25, 2002 at the Delta London Armouries Hotel, London, Ontario

The Program

Wednesday Evening: Welcome!

7-10 pm — Registration — Welcome by London Councillor David Winninger and conference host John Fisher — Reception.

Thursday: War, Freedom and Discovery Tour



8:00 am — Continental Breakfast.

8:45 am — History, Conviviality and Many Surprises as we spend the day touring War of 1812 Battle Sites, the Fairfield Museum, the Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site (where we'll have lunch), the first commercial oil well in North America, and the Oil Museum at Oil Springs.

6:00 pm — Bus returns. Dinner on your own.

8:00 pm — CGO Member Organizations report on their activities for the year; Open Mike follows.

Friday: First Nations, Land Rights and Trade

(Note: Mid-morning and Mid-afternoon breaks for beverages and conversation are scheduled on Friday and Saturday.)

8-9 am — Registration and Welcome.

9-10:30 am — *First Nations Resource Management* — Michael Williams, Walpole Island Heritage Centre, talks about cross border movements, pollution issues and resource rentals.

11 am-noon — *Land Claims, Legal Challenges, and Solving Social Problems* — Joe Miskokomon, Chief of the Chippewas of the Thames.

12:30 — Lunch topic: *Canada/USA Trade Relations* — John Pope of the Council of Canadians will introduce Jim Stanford, Chief Economist with the Canadian Auto Workers. Do disputes over wood, steel, water and trade with Cuba threaten Canada's sovereignty?

2:00 - 3:00 pm — *Peace, War and Land Rights* — An international panel examines these most vital issues. Printed papers are available.

3:00 - 4:00 — *The Citizens' Dividend: Two Visions of How to Share our Social Fund* — Jeff Smith, the Geography Society, and Gerry Shaw, School of Economic Science, are the panelists.

4:30 - 5:30 — *Education Workshop: Effects of the Remedy* — Lindy Davies, Henry George Institute and Mike Curtis, Henry George School of Social Science.

6-ish — Suggested Dining: Taste of London Festival.

7:30 - 10:30 pm — *CGO Strategy Session*, followed by the *CGO Annual Business Meeting* (for CGO members and affiliates only; free time for others).

Saturday: Green Communities, Money Issues

8-9 am — Registration and Welcome.

9:00 — 10:15 am — *Municipal Sustainability* — Josh Vincent, Henry George Foundation of America and Alanna Hartzok, Earth Rights Institute.

10:30 am — *The Tax Shift and Zero Waste* — Laurie Gallant, Footprint Environmental Associates, Smithers, BC.

12:00 — Lunch topic: *Globalization, Free Trade and Money* — Paul Hellyer, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Canadian Action Party, Author of *Goodbye Canada*.

2:00 - 3:30 pm — *The Politics of Money* — Paul Hellyer, Steve Zalenga, author of *The Myth of Money*; Bill Hulet, Green Party; Dan Sullivan, Center for Local Tax Research.

3:45 - 5:15 — *Green Tax Shift and Sustainability* — Alanna Hartzok; Laurie Gallant; Jeff Smith.

6:30 pm — Cash Bar.

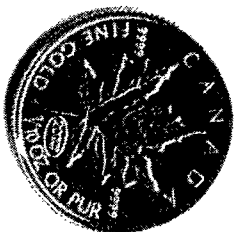
7:00 - 10:00 pm — *Our Annual Gala Banquet* with Your Host Frank Peddle, special guest Vancouver planner/historian Mary Rawson, and Keynote Speaker Frank de Jong, leader of the Green Party of Ontario.

Sunday: Celebrations and Goodbyes

8:00 - 9:30 am — Open Mike / Table Topics, led by the inimitable Don Hurford.

10:00 - 11:30 am — Brunch — Awards and Tributes.

(All times are approximate. Subject to change without notice.)



Green Communities and Zero Waste Ecology and First Nations
 Globalization and Free Trade Green Taxes for Sustainability
 The Politics of Money Peace, War, and Land Rights

Two Views of Social Justice

How Catholic and Georgist perspectives reconcile.

University of Scranton
July 24-27, 2007

Local Historical Context:
Tuesday, July 24

Pennsylvania's Coal Monopoly Spawns the American Labor Movement

The Molly Maguires and Catholic condemnation of secret societies

Terence Powderly, Mayor of Scranton and leader of the previously secret Knights of Labor

Henry George on Coal Mining in Pennsylvania

Lackawanna Coal Mine and Anthracite Heritage Museum Tours

Banquet "The Optimistic View: What People Around the World Are Doing Right" by John L. Kelly, Peoria, IL



Judge, 1886: As Henry George looks on, Terence Powderly prepares to swat Jay Gould, who is gazing at his monopolies. **Caption:** CAUGHT NAPPING "We are Knights of Labor because we believe the thief who steals a dollar is no worse than the thief who steals a railroad... and the law should reach out with a firm, unshaken hand and punish both criminals according to the magnitude of their crime."
—Powderly's Address

Theoretical Foundations:
Wednesday, July 25

Natural Law: Anthony J. Lisska, Department of Philosophy, Denison University; Francis K. Peddle, PhD., Director, Canadian Research Committee on Taxation

Human Nature: Rev. Joseph Koterski, SJ, Associate Professor, Philosophy, Fordham University; Dr. James Dawsey, Chair, Religion Department, Emory & Henry College

Nature of Work: Daniel K. Finn, Professor of Theology and Economics, St. Johns University; Brendan Hennigan, Research director, Canadian Research Committee on Taxation

Rerum Novarum (Papal encyclical that confounded Georgists with socialists): Brian Benestad, Professor of Theology, University of Scranton; Mason Gaffney, Professor of Economics, UC Riverside

Applications:
Thursday, July 26

Causes of War: William J. Parente, Professor of Political Science, University of Scranton; Alanna Hartzok, Codirector, Earth Rights Institute

Immigration: Fr. William O'Neill, S. J., Associate Professor of Social Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley; John Beck, Professor of Economics, Gonzaga University

Development & Wealth: Charles Clark, Associate Dean, Tobin College of Business, St. Johns University; Bill Batt, PhD, former tax policy analyst, NY State legislature.

Neighborhood Revitalization: Professor John J. DiIulio, Jr., Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania; Joshua Vincent, director, Center for the Study of Economics

Concluding Banquet with the Bishop of Scranton, the President of the CGO and the President of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

Farewell Brunch Friday, July 27

Sponsored by The University of Scranton, the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Council of Georgist Organizations

For more information, contact:

<http://georgists.org/conf07.html>

Sue and Scott Walton, conference planning consultants, 1-888-262-9015



Puck 1887: "It's a very pretty quarrel as it stands — and the Protestants can afford to smile, whoever is victor."



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Council of Georgist Organizations, 19TH Annual Conference, Gaithersburg, Maryland, July 8 - 11

Henry George Institute & Georgist Gild Education Conference, Arden, Delaware, July 11 - 13

<i>NEW TITLES (Supplement to 1999 Catalog)</i>	<i>Author/Editor</i>	<i>List</i>	<i>RSF</i>	<i>Conference</i>	
Antidote for Madness	Young	---	\$10	\$8	___
Beyond Neoclassical Economics	Foldvary	\$80	\$64	\$58	___
The Billion Dollar Monopoly Swindle	Anspach	\$17	\$14	\$12	___
The Creature from Jekyll Island	Griffin	\$19.50	\$16	\$14	___
Dictionary of Free-Market Economics	Foldvary	\$95	\$76	\$68	___
Opportunities for Property Tax Improvement	Harriss	---	\$1	.50	___
The Pollution Dividend*	Barnes	---	\$1	.50	___
* Conference Special: Free with any book purchase					
The Road to Peace: CGO Speech by Russell Means (videotape)		\$15	\$12	\$10	___

<i>PRICE CHANGES & SPECIAL DISCOUNTS</i>	<i>Author/Editor</i>	<i>New List</i>	<i>New RSF</i>	<i>Conference</i>	
Commons Without Tragedy	Andelson	\$60	\$39	\$33	___
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Losses of Nations	Harrison	---	---	\$10	___
Tax Shift	Durning & Bauman	---	---	\$5	___
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Special Conference Prices and Discounts are valid with this Order Form if received by **September 2, 1999**, and subject to item availability.

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Check the titles you want & continue on Reverse Side. **Write-In other titles from 1999 Catalog on Reverse Side. Thank you.

Georgist Perspectives at the EEA

Panelists in each of the following sessions incorporate perspectives of Henry George into their talks:

Friday, March 4

11:00 am:

[43] USBIG (Basic Income Guarantee) Session 3A: The Value of the Commons (JEL Codes H, Q)

2:00 PM:

[63] USBIG Session 4A: Gradual Steps Toward a Basic Income Guarantee, Part One

4:00 PM:

[76] Taxation (JEL Code H)

Saturday, March 5

11:00 am:

[118] New Approaches to Macroeconomics (JEL Code E)

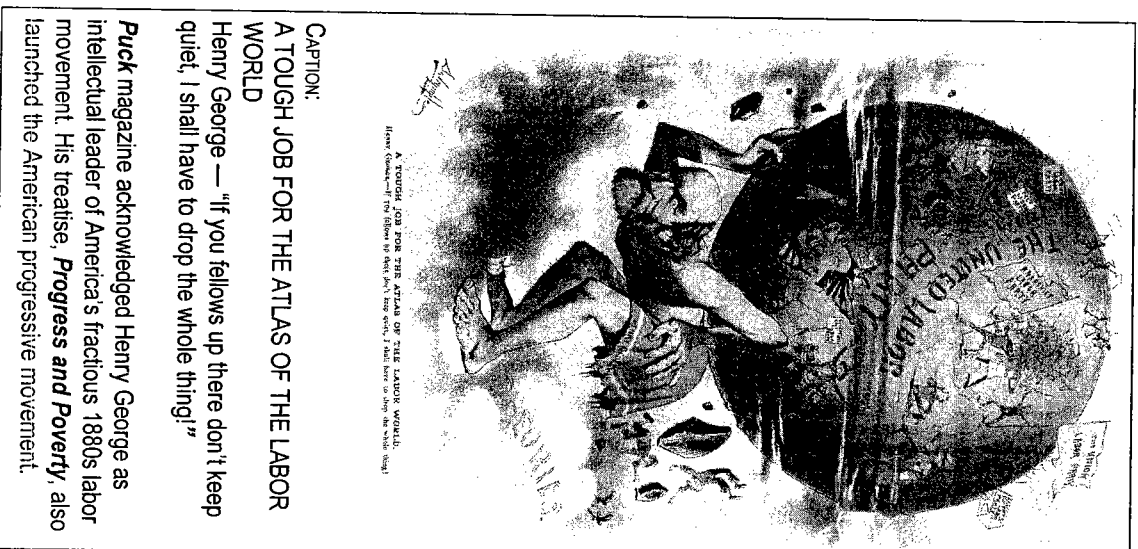
2:00 PM:

[139] The Critics of Henry George (JEL Code B)

Sunday, March 6

9:00 am:

Sherraton Hotel, NYC 7th Ave. & 53rd St. Distributional Equity and the Commons: How Allocations of Public Goods and Common Pool Resources Affect the Distribution of Power, Status and Wealth (JEL Code H)



CAPTION:
A TOUGH JOB FOR THE ATLAS OF THE LABOR WORLD

Henry George — "If you fellows up there don't keep quiet, I shall have to drop the whole thing!"

Puck magazine acknowledged Henry George as intellectual leader of America's fractious 1880s labor movement. His treatise, *Progress and Poverty*, also launched the American progressive movement.

Council of Georgist Organizations
2005 Conference

Champions of Tax Reform

Philadelphia, PA, August 3-7

Featuring:

- Richard Biddle, director of the Henry George School of Philadelphia and collector of early Monopoly games, on the Georgist roots of that game.
 - Ed Goppelt, founder of hallwatch.org, who used the Freedom of Information Act to acquire Philadelphia's real estate assessments and put them online.
 - Diane Lucidi, executive vice president, Greater Philadelphia Association of Realtors®, who got that organization to forcefully advocate a shift to land value tax.
 - Jonathan Saidel, Philadelphia City Controller, who introduced a comprehensive tax reform plan featuring land value tax.
 - James Tayoun, former Philadelphia Councilman and publisher of a Philadelphia weekly, *The Public Record*, who has been advocating land value tax for over two decades.
 - Dave Wetzel, Vice-Chair of Transport for London and chair of the Labour Land Campaign since 1983, on the Georgist movement in Europe.
 - Joshua Vincent, director of the Center for the Study of Economics, which has led 17 Pennsylvania cities to shift to land value tax, and now has viable land-tax option bills on board in nearby states.
- The tentative conference schedule is regularly updated at:
<http://progress.org/cgo/conf05.html>
- A comprehensive list of Georgist organizations is online at:
<http://progress.org/cgo/>

General Information

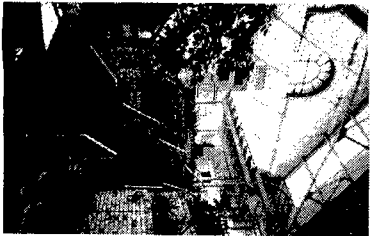
Administrators: Scott Walton & Associates, Ltd. (Sue & Scott Walton) 847-475-0391 or 888-262-9015 (sorry only in the US) or fax: 775-248-8630 or e-mail: swalton@surfbest.net. Please call us with any questions or comments.

Currency: Prices are in US Dollars, except where noted.

Prices: The full Conference Package, including all sessions, breaks, scheduled meals, bus tour and banquet, costs \$375 for the first member of a couple and \$285 for a Significant Other. Partial packages are available. For Friday or Saturday, one full day including all sessions and scheduled meals: \$150 for the first member and \$100 for the S.O. For folks on a tight budget, session-only prices are available. To get complete pricing and registration details, please call the numbers shown above, or visit us online at:

www.progress.org/cgo

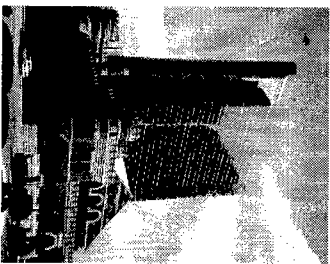
Hotel: Delta London Armouries, 325 Dundas Street — right in the middle of downtown London, close to many fine restaurants. Parking is about \$3 per day. Amenities include an indoor pool, voice mail, a video game room, sauna, whirl-



pool,

Special Kids Play Room, plus in room irons and ironing boards. The Taste of London will provide free entertainment August 22-25th!

Travel Options: Air Canada is our official carrier; our convention number is: CV630857. Make your reservations directly at 800-410-7585, or have your travel agent use the same number, to get 10% off the best published price. Our special AMTRAK fare code is X13V-936; participants get 10% off the lowest regular fare (800-USA-RAIL). Or, you can let Greyhound do the driving — book early to get discount fares. If your most convenient travel option takes you to either of the nearby hubs of Toronto or Detroit, you can get discount shuttle service to London with Robert Q Airbus (800-265-4948).



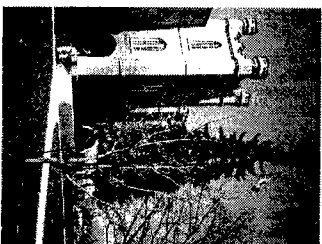
Rooms: Sleeping rooms are \$123 Canadian, + tax (Approximately \$80 US) single/quad. To get this rate you *must* reserve your room by July 25, 2002 by calling 800-668-9999 or 519-679-6111, and you *must* mention that you are attending the Georgist Conference. You will pay more if you reserve your room after July 25th, or if you don't say "Georgist Conference."

Room Sharing: If you would like to share a room, please contact the administrators.

Meals: All scheduled meals will have vegetarian and fruit selections. There

will be a catered lunch each day and an evening reception on Wednesday; Saturday evening will feature our annual Gala Banquet. The conference concludes with our traditional friendship brunch on Sunday. If the schedule says "dinner on your own," take heart! There are many tempting restaurants nearby.

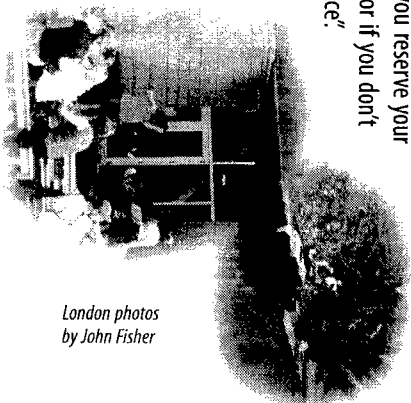
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Exhibits/Inserts: A limited number of 6' by 30" tables will be available for exhibits, at \$50 per table or \$35 per half table. The exhibit room will also be used for coffee breaks and casual conversation. The cost to insert materials in conference packets will be \$25 per insert. If you wish to be an exhibitor or to do an insert, please contact the administrators by August 1, 2002.

Refund Policy: A 20% administrative fee will be charged if canceled before August 5, 2002. After that date, the cancellation fee will 50% on all full and partial packages. (Excepting documented medical emergencies.)

Please bring ID (passport or birth certificate) for border-crossing. **Schedule** is subject to change without notice.



London photos
by John Fisher

Economic Justice and the Green Movement

The 22nd Annual
Conference of the
Council of Georgist
Organizations

August 21-25, 2002 at the Delta London Armouries Hotel,
in "the Forest City", London, Ontario



This conference is devoted to understanding and advancing principles of economic justice, with a focus on relationships between sprawl, urban decay, pollution, environmental destruction, trade problems, deepening debt, and poverty. It draws heavily on Henry George's ideas about land tenure and taxation, which have been credited with launching the Progressive Era.

**Green Communities
and Zero Waste
Ecology
and First Nations**

**Globalization
and Free Trade**

**Green Taxes for
Sustainability**

Speakers include leaders from First Nations, Canadian Greens, the Council of Canadians, and the Canadian Action Party, local politicians, and economists.

The Politics of Money

All these groups share a quest

Peace, War, and Land Rights

for clear principles that can help remedy social ills. This quest lies at the heart of our conference.

Council of Georgist Organizations
P.O. Box 57, Evanston, IL 60204

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6:00 pm — Bus returns. Dinner on your own.
8:00 pm — CGO Member Organizations report on their activities for the year; Open Mike follows.

An intelligent approach to the problems of poverty and racism will cause us to see the words of the Psalmist — "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" — are still a judgement upon our use and abuse of the wealth and resources with which we have been endowed. — Martin Luther King, Jr.

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4:30 - 5:30 — **Geonomic Education Workshop: Effects of the Remedy** — Panel led by Lindy Davies, Henry George Institute

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7:30 pm — CGO Annual Business Meeting followed by CGO Strategy Session

Taxes on income, payroll, property and retail sales discourage entrepreneurship hiring, investment, savings and work... they also encourage sprawl, depletion of natural resources and pollution of land, air and water... They could be replaced with taxes on land values and on actions that pollute, deplete or destroy habitat. — Alan Thain Durning, This Place on Earth

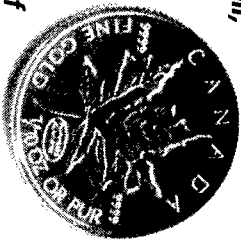
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Donna Morton; Laurie Gallant; Jeff Smith

6:30 pm — Cash Bar

7:00 - 10:00 pm — **Our annual Gala Banquet with Your Host Frank Peddle, special guest Vancouver planner/historian Mary Rawson and Keynote Speaker Frank de Jong, leader of the Green Party of Ontario**

Sunday: Celebrations and Goodbyes

8:00 - 9:30 am — Open Mike / Table Topics
10:00 - 11:30 am — Brunch — Awards and Tributes
After check-out — Special Interest Meetings



Detail from a map of the Thames watershed by the Thames River Conservation Authority

We need a big debate on different kinds of taxation, to talk about how corporations are freeloading on public services and getting tax breaks while taxes are falling on workers and smaller businesses. We need to open a debate about land taxation and Henry George, to tax bad things, not good things, and not to tax people who go to work every day. — Ralph Nader

We do not return to the earth what we take from it; each crop that is harvested leaves the soil the poorer. We are cutting down forests which we do not replant, we are... flushing into the sea through the sewers of our great cities the elements of fertility that have been embedded in the soil by the slow processes of nature, acting for long ages.

— Henry George, Social Problems (1883)

How to Register:

Canadians:

If you're paying by cheque, please pay in Canadian dollars and use the enclosed Canadian registration form. If you're paying by credit card, see below.

Non-Canadians (and Everyone using VISA or MasterCard):

Please pay in United States dollars and use the attached form. Clip and send it with your check or credit card information to CGO, Box 57, Evanston, IL 60204. Make checks payable to the Council of Georgist Organizations.

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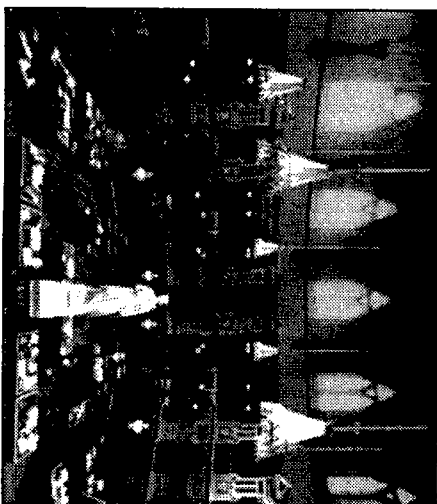
are subject to a fee of 10% before Sept. 27th — after that, the fee becomes 20%. (Medical emergencies excepted.)

American Airlines

is our official carrier this year; participants can get 5% off the lowest discount fare. Call (800) 433-1790 for reservations, and please mention our "star number" — S5206MC.

If You have Questions or Special Needs,

please get in touch with Sue and Scott Walton as soon as you can, by any of the following means of communication: Phone: (847) 475-0391; Fax (847) 475-3776; E-mail: swalton@landtax.org



Ottawa's Parliamentary Library

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Council of Georgist Organizations will be held on Saturday, October 12, 1996, beginning at 1:30 PM.

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**Council of Georgist Organizations
16th Annual Conference**

**Ottawa,
Canada**

**October
11-13, 1996**

**Alternative
Tax
Strategies
& Protection
of the
Environment**

Registration Form - USA

Mail to: CGO, Box 57, Evanston, IL 60204
Please copy this form for each participant.

Name _____

Address _____

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Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

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Full Package: \$ _____

\$275 before 9/2/96; \$300 after.
Includes Friday lunch, Friday party,
Saturday Banquet, Sunday brunch,
and all conference presentations.

Spouse/Child: \$ _____

\$135 before 9/2/96; \$150 after. Friday
lunch & party, Banquet, Sunday
brunch. Spouse/Child packages can only
be purchased along with a full package.

Common Ground Lunch: \$ _____

On Monday: \$25 before 9/2/96; \$40 after.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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What is the Council of Geor-gist Organizations? "Geor-gist" refers to the economic analysis and social philosophy advanced by Henry George, the Ameri-can economist and reformer, author of *Progress and Poverty*. George held that land values arise from natural causes, activities of the community and government-created privileges. As such, they are the natural source of public revenue which, if tapped, would allow the elimination of taxes on labor and industry. Geor-gists believe that the manner in which revenue is raised has crucial implications for fairness, environmental protection and economic productivity. If the politics of society are to be based on sound models of economic justice and ecological steward-ship, then equal rights to the earth must be our guiding principle and fundamental law. The Council of Geor-gist Organizations was founded in 1979 to bring together advocates of these views.

The objectives of this conference are to acquaint Cana-dian public officials, policy experts, academics and the general public with genuine alternatives to the smoke-and-mirrors tax proposals that are the steady diet of the mod-ern state — and to draw Geor-gists together for reflection and consultation on the work of articulating and applying their philosophy now ninety-nine years since Geor-ges's death, and to begin to focus on the century ahead.

Hotel Accommodations

(and all conference meetings, except for Friday's sessions) will be at the Parliament Hill Travelodge, 402 Queen Street. Make your own reservations — before Oct. 1st — by calling (800) 578-7878 or (613) 236 1133. Mention that you're a Geor-gist to get the special rate of \$70 CND (approx. \$52.50 USD) per night for a single-to-quad room.

Registration

begins at 7 pm on Thursday, October 10th at the Travelodge. On Friday, you may register at the Citadel Hotel, a block away at 101 Lyon Street. Registration will also be open on Saturday morning at the Travelodge.

Friday, October 11th at the Citadel Hotel

Opening Welcome—Drew Harris, CGO President,
Frank Peddle and John Fisher, Canadian
Research Committee on Taxation

Morning—Roundtable on New Technologies

Tax Impact Study demonstration
Recent Advances in GIS Technology
Henry George on the Internet

Afternoon—Ethics, Economics and the Environment

Hon. Mitchell Sharp, former Federal
Finance Minister of Canada
Matthew Coon Come, Grand Chief
of the Council of Crees of Quebec

Property Tax Reform

Panel on Political and Administrative Perspectives
with author & journalist Jim Kunstler and others

Evening—Open House Party at the Travelodge

Saturday, October 12th

Welcome—John Fisher, Frank Peddle, Drew Harris
CGO Member Reports

Tentative Program

CGO Business Meeting

Workshop: Who are we? What it means to be a Geor-gist
Conference Banquet—Jim Kunstler, main speaker;
special guest appearance by Henry George

Sunday, October 13th

Morning—Sunrise Ecumenical Gathering with Geor-gist
philosopher Ian Lambert

CGO Town Meeting: Whither the Geor-gist Movement?

Open Mike: Don Hurford, chair
Brunch—Alanna Hartzok and Mary Rose Kaczowski
report on their recent participation at the UN Habitat II
conference in Istanbul.

Afternoon—CGO Strategy Meeting

Geor-gist Education: Values & Tactics
by the Henry George Schools

Evening—Common Ground activities begin

Monday, October 14th

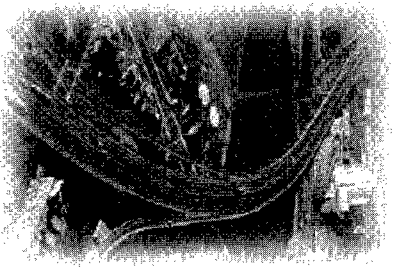
Common Ground activities continue and conclude
with lunch.

Administrators: Scott W. Walton & Associates, Ltd. (Sue & Scott Walton) (847)475-0391 or (888)262-9015 (sorry only in USA) fax: (775)248-8630 e-mail: swalton@surfbest.net. Please call us with any questions or comments.

Our hotel is the Bridgeport Holiday Inn, in the center of downtown Bridgeport close to several restaurants. Parking is free to all guests. Amenities include: indoor pool, voice mail, coffee makers, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards.

Getting there: Our hotel is at Exit 27 on I-95. It is two blocks from the Greyhound Bus Station and Amtrak/Metro North Rail Station; the Port Jefferson Ferry Terminal is also close by.

There are five nearby airports: LaGuardia, Kennedy, Newark, Hartford & Islip. All have ground transportation to our hotel. Please allow approximately three hours to get to and from the airport of your choice.



Complete travel details will be sent with confirmations.

Rooms: Sleeping rooms are \$89 plus tax for single/quad occupancy. Reserve your room by June 13th by calling 800-HOLIDAY, or (203) 334-1234. Mention that you are attending the Geogist Conference/CGO. To get this price, you must **follow these instructions** — no exceptions.

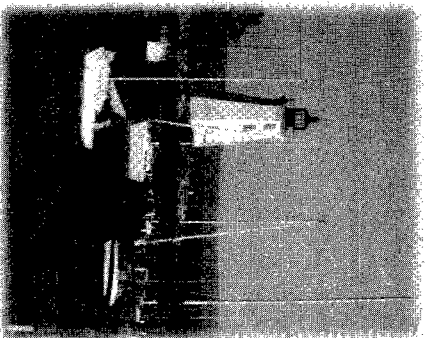
Meals: There will be a catered lunch each day. Saturday evening will feature our annual Gala Banquet. The conference will conclude with our annual Friendship Brunch on Sunday. All program meals will have vegetarian and fruit selections.

Room Sharing: If you would like to share a room, but need to find a roommate, please contact the administrators as soon as possible.

Exhibits and Inserts: Tables are 72" by 30". Prices are \$50 per full table; \$35 per half table. The exhibit room will also be used for conversation and breaks. The cost to insert materials in registration packets is \$25 per insert. If you wish to Exhibit or to Insert, please contact the administrators by June 25, 2003.

Refund Policy:

A 20% administrative fee will be charged if you cancel before June 27, 2003. After that date, the cancellation fee will 50% on all full and partial packages. (Excepting documented medical emergencies.)



Participant List: A list of participants as of July 1st will be available at the conference.

Questions and Special Needs: Notify Sue or Scott as soon as possible if you have any special needs, at 847/475-0931 or 888/262-9015 or efax: 775/248-8630 or by e-mail: swalton@surfbest.net.

Team CGO: Mark A. Sullivan, President; Alanna Hartzok, Vice President; Dan Sullivan, Secretary; Jake Himmelstein, Treasurer; Ted Gwathney, Advisor & Co-Host; Toni Gwathney, Co-Host; Sue & Scott Walton, Administrators; Ramon A. Alvarez (Henry George School of New York), Hanno Beck (Banneker Center), Lindy Davies (Henry George Institute), Pia DeSilva (Henry George School of New York), Ed Dodson (School of Cooperative Individualism), Sonny Rivera (Robert Schalkenbach Foundation), Josh Vincent (Henry George Foundation of America)

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Affordable Cities:

Bringing

the Cost

of Living

Down to Earth

The 23rd Annual Conference of Geogist Organizations July 16-20, 2003



Why has the nation's leading industrial region become a hodgepodge of urban "quick fixes"?

Why are huge shopping malls built right next to blighted downtown shopping districts?

Why must ever-more desperate cities offer corporations ever-sweeter deals?

What if we told you that every city sits on a revenue source that is fully sufficient to meet its budgets while bringing businesses and people in? Would you be interested?

The Program

Wednesday, July 16th

3:30 PM — Conference Registration Begins

6:30 — **Welcome** — from Mayor John Frabrizi and Hosts Ted & Toni Gwartyney. Refreshments in the Roof Garden.

7:30 — **Fundraising** — Scott Walton will share an overview of foundations, corporate sources & planned giving.

8:30 — **CGO Member Reports # 1** — Welcome from Mark Sullivan. Jake Himmelstein, Moderator.

9:30 — **Internet Workshop** — Wynn Achenbaum, Lindy Davies, Dan Sullivan and others on how we're doing at using the Web to get the Georgist message out.

Thursday, July 17

7:30 AM — Conference Registration

8:30 — **Welcome** — Ted Gwartyney & Mark Sullivan.

8:45 — **Seeing the Galt Issues in Georgist Education** — (concurrent sessions)

Georgist Panditry: Responding Knowledgeably on Current Events — Led by Don Hurford and Mike Curtis.

Georgist Education: Theory and Practice — Chuck Metelitz, HGS-Chicago and Vesa Nelson, HGS-NY.

10:30 — International Georgist Issues

The Case for Land Rent Taxation in South Africa

— Peter Meakin.

Building the Georgist Movement in Nicaragua

— Paul Martin & Jim Dawsey.

Lunch — **Does overpopulation cause poverty?** — Point/Counterpoint with Ed Dodson & Lindy Davies.

1:45 PM — **Land Appraisal Bus Tour of Bridgeport** — Tour Guide: Ted Gwartyney. With a visit to the Booth Family Farm in Fairfield, a national historic landmark with beautiful architecture & gardens.

5:30 — Dinner on Long Island Sound: Last stop on the Bus Tour before returning to the Hotel.

8:30 — **CGO Member Reports # 2** — Moderator: Jake Himmelstein.

9:30 — **Open Mike #1** — with Your Host, Don Hurford.

Friday, July 18th

Affordable Cities:

Bringing the Cost of Living Down to Earth

7:30 AM — **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:30 — **Welcome** — Ted Gwartyney.

8:35 — **The State of Our Cities** — Introduction by New Haven Mayor DiStefano, President of the National League of Cities — **Problems created by tax policies** — Bob Kantor, Regional Director, Fannie Mae, Hartford — **Who Owns our Cities?** — Ed Dodson, Senior Housing & Community Development Business Manager, Fannie Mae, Philadelphia.

10:30 — **Connecticut: A State of Haves and Have-Nots** Moderator: Bob Kantor.

What does Connecticut give up in Federal taxation, and what does Connecticut get back in Federal services? — Jeff Cohen*, University of Connecticut at Hartford.

What are the effects of high State taxes, subsidies and targeted tax breaks on Connecticut citizens? — Andrea Stillman, Chair of the Connecticut House Finance Committee.

How can Connecticut's cities balance their budgets without driving residents and businesses away? — Josh Vincent, President, Center for the Study of Economics, Philadelphia.

1:30 — **Elected Officials Roundtable** — Introduction by New Haven Mayor DiStefano.

Why Connecticut needs the local option to Move to Land Value Taxation — Jeff Davis, State Representative.

LVT and the renaissance of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania — Nate Saunders*, Harrisburg City Business Manager.

Other officials will engage in discussion exploring the potential benefits of LVT in their cities: Representative Andrea Stillman; New Haven Mayor DiStefano; Hartford Mayor Perez*; Stamford Mayor Malloy*; Assemblyman Mike Arnone, New Jersey.

3:30 — **Wrap Up / Next Steps** — Jeff Davis, Bob Kantor and Ted Gwartyney
*Speaker invited

4:00 — **The Monetary Free Ride** — Monetary solutions to the American fiscal crisis. Stephen Zarlenga, author of *The Lost Science of Money* & Michael Hudson of the Institute for the Study of Long Term Economic Trends.

Friday Evening Options:

Ferry to Port Jefferson, Long Island (Ferry leaves dock at 4:45 and 6:00PM, takes 1 hour 15 minutes each way.) — **Bridgeport Bluefish Baseball** — **Cabaret Theater** near the hotel — **Excursion to New York City** (train every hour, takes 1 hour & 20 minutes).

Saturday, July 19th

7:30 AM — Registration for Day Visitors

8:30 — **Welcome** — Ted Gwartyney & Mark Sullivan.

8:45 — **Native Sovereignty, Casinos and Connecticut's Economy** — Lindy Davies.

9:30 — **Ecologising the World** — Jeff Smith.

10:45 — **Natural Resource Wars: Geopolitics in the 21st Century** — Dan Sullivan, Alanna Hartzok, Susan Witt (E. F. Schumacher Society). Moderator Christopher Williams

1:30 — **Missed Opportunities: Great Economics but Terrible Politics** — Michael Hudson, Jeff Smith, Stephen Zarlenga and Dan Sullivan on the early years of the Georgist movement.

3:00 — Break: Last Chance to Browse Display Tables.

3:30 — **CGO Business Meeting** — Members and Affiliates

6:30 — Cash Bar

7:15 — **Gala Banquet** — Welcome by Ted & Toni Gwartyney, Jeff Smith, Master of Ceremonies. Mark Sullivan on "Why the Georgist Movement Has Not (Yet) Succeeded" Lindy, Sue & Scott present Team CGO Awards

Sunday, July 20th

8:30 AM — **Open Mike # 2** — with Don Hurford

10:00 — **Friendship Brunch** — Short Speeches by Newly-elected CGO Officers. Toasting, Tributes & Farewells

Program is subject to change without notice.

Time to Relax!

We'll have a half-hour break each morning at 10, and a catered lunch each day

Scheduled Meetings of Member Organizations

- ▶ Thursday, 7:30 PM — Henry George Institute.
- ▶ Friday evening — International Single Tax Association, on the ferry to Port Jefferson.
- ▶ Friday evening — Henry George Foundation of America and Center for the Study of Economics. *Limited to members of the respective organizations.*