

Report on the Educational Sessions conducted by
GRAND RIVERKEEPER LABRADOR INC. (GRKL)
hosted by the **Northeast Avalon Sierra Club**
St. John's, Newfoundland on January 13, 2007

Clarice Blake Rudkowski, President, GRKL held three sessions at the Masonic Lodge. Members of the Northeast Avalon Sierra Club advertised the sessions and their members provided beverages and snacks for break times. As well, they arranged for members to ferry me around the city as needed, i.e. to/from the venue, to/from airport and for media interviews. A friend accommodated me in her home to save on hotel bills. Because money was so tight, it was only with this cooperative effort that it was possible to pull it off.

8 (30" x 40") Posters, showing the negative consequences of the Upper Churchill Hydroelectric Project, were hung on the walls of the Lodge. Our DVD, about a canoe trip on the lower part of the river, was on sale at the door along with informational handouts. My talk started out with discussion of the Upper Churchill, using the posters as reference points. This was followed by a showing of our DVD (Labrador's Treasure, Newfoundland's Secret) and ended with a lively questions and answer period. Each session was attended by an average of 30 people with one having 50. The afternoon session was very child-friendly when a volunteer brought along face paints much to the delight of the kids.

