

ICON5 Closing Remarks Topping Ourselves

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How we doin' NY? ICON5 has been the most ambitious ICON ever. We have had four days of workshops, tours, sessions and lunches. We have discussed topics ranging from the hand-made to the highest levels of digital technology. We've come together, had social responses, gotten personal, made fire, heard tall tales, revisioned ourselves, thought about endless possibilities and gotten ready for self-defense!

Additionally, we've had an opportunity to enlarge our perspectives, to get a global view. Included in our audience are attendees from around the world. Will you stand up as I call your country's name? Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden!

There are also numerous attendees who have come to ALL of the conference. Would you all please stand for our recognition? I stand among them.

It has been an honor for me to serve as the President of ICON5. It has been very hard, but rewarding work. I also want to honor the ICON5 Board members and others who made this conference possible:

Ross MacDonald, Vice President; Isabelle Dervaux, Programming Chair; Jack Tom, Education Chair and Advocacy Co-Chair; Nancy Stahl, Treasurer; Martha Rich, Secretary; Fernanda Cohen and Julia Breckenreid, Events Co-Chairs; Von Glitschka, Technology Chair; Mark T Smith, Sponsorship Chair; Don Kilpatrick, Bookstore Coordinator.

And all of our advisors: Rebecca Bradley, International Liaison, Allan Comport, Ann Field, Doug Fraser, Seymour Chwast, Christoph Niemann, Nicholas Blechman, and Steve Heller.

Thank you all for coming. Please check our website for post-conference podcasts and other content. See you at 8pm at the Carnival Carioca. Music, food and drinks until 11pm!