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**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF MARGARET MEE'S 12th AMAZON TRIP**

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The 2003 Margaret Mee Amazon Trip will be from May 18th (a Sunday) to May 24th (the following Saturday).

Gilberto Castro, Margaret Mee's friend and host on two of her trips to the Amazon, is leading the party which will retrace Mee's river routes in the lovely Amazon aboard a boat which holds up to 16 people in double air-conditioned cabins with bunk berths and private toilets. All will enjoy the breathtaking scenery made famous by the book "In Search of Flowers of the Amazon Forest" .

We will go out in the canoes and see the Victoria regia, look for Hoatzins, a very primitive bird and many other types of birds, fish for "piranhas" (caribe), go up the Rio Negro, passing through the Anavilhanas Islands, the largest fresh-water archipelago in the world. As we did last year, we will explore the Rio Cuieiras, to visit a "campina dos índios" an area that was inhabited by an indian tribe some 800 years ago, a natural campina of very sandy soil covered by moss and a large selection of orchids and bromeliads. We will look for the Moonflower and visit the boatyards at Novo Airão. Some walks in the forest will give us an idea of this small part of the Amazon.

The price is US\$1,100 per person for paid-up members for 2002/2003 (US\$1,200 for non-members of SAMM) plus the air fare. There is a special discount of US\$100 for each additional accompanying person. The price will include transfers in Manaus to and from the airport providing you are with the group on the normal arrival and departure dates, all meals aboard, mineral water, excursions in the canoe, walks in the forest, and entrance fees to the Manaus Opera House and museums. Not included in the cost are: alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, personal and baggage insurance, laundry, tips, airline tickets and hotel costs in Manaus.

If you are coming from abroad a valid passport will be required, as well as a visa for certain countries (such as the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, etc.).