Dr. Gretchen Hofmann, Professor of Ecological Physiology of Marine Organisms and Chair of the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara. With artistic accompaniment from Lily Simonson, National Science Foundation Antarctic artists and writers program awardee.

Please join us for a special evening of Antarctic art and science. Dr. Gretchen Hofmann will take us on a virtual field trip to the ice-filled seas of Antarctica, and talk about how this ecosystem is responding to rapidly changing climate conditions. Experience what it is like to work in Antarctica and try on the gear that the scientists use in this frigid climate. Enjoy Antarctic-inspired art from artist Lily Simonson. Learn more about penguins and pteropods.

This is our ‘Season Opener’ seminar, and we encourage you to come early and participate in some Antarctic activities. Doors open at 6PM. We will have a station set up to try on Antarctic ECW (Extreme Cold Weather) gear. At the penguin station you can draw your favorite penguin postcard and have it mailed to you from Antarctica. We will have Antarctic maps to give out and more. Young people are welcome!

Please arrive early to park, secure a seat, snack and mingle. Seminars are geared to adult audiences, however young people are encouraged to attend and well-behaved children are welcome. Visitors are not allowed to bring dogs to SNARL, so please leave pets at home. This week’s seminar sponsored by Mountain Rambler Brewery, Bishop, CA.