
STROLL OF POETS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

No. 1

November 1992

A SOCIAL AND INFORMAL MEETING will be held November 21 in the Mezzanine Meeting Room of the Renford Inn on Whyte, 10620 - 82 Ave. at 2:00 P.M. This meeting will give everyone an opportunity to discuss, informally, past and future Strolls. In addition, details of the TWELVE DAYS OF POETRY will be announced.

Thank you to all poets who strolled on October 4th. By most accounts, the festival was a great success. There is clearly an interest in this city in the sharing of words. Once again, we put on a good show.

Apologies are here offered to any poets who had a hard time in noisy venues. For the next Stroll, we need to work with fewer venues and prepare them more for the event. This will certainly be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the Analysis of 1992 Attendance at Stroll of Poets Venues. Also, take time to fill out both sides of the enclosed questionnaire. You can bring it to the meeting on November 21 or mail it to:

Stroll of Poets Society
103, 10826 - 78 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6E 1P8

(Please turn over)

And last, but never least, thank you to all the people who volunteered time to the Stroll, or donated money to it, or promoted it, or came from afar to take part in it:

Ah Mui
Yars Balan
Jacquie Bell
Mimi Bengershon
Bob Berube
Astrid Blodgett
Jean Carmichael-Mckenzie
Harold Cashman
Michael Cenknor
Peter Cole
Virginia Dangerfield
Nigel Darbasie
Alan Demeule
Ruth Donovan
Grace Dykau
Jannie Edwards
Doug Elves
Faith Fernalld
Faye Francis
Myrna Garanis
Virginia Gillese
Catherine Girczyc
Gerald Hill
Philip Jagger
Jocko
Jean Jorgensen
Glen Kirkland

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Ron Kurt
Dianne Linden
Alice Major
Katherine McKee
Ron McNeil
Bill Meilen
Brenda Meier
Victor Milo
Anna Mioduchowska
Niel Morton
Michael Penny
Ky Perraun
Jeanne Pfanmuller
Sherri Ritchie
Cathy Roy
Shirley Serviss
Anna Marie Sewell
Ivan Sundal
Guy Tessier
Vanna Tessier
Andrew Thompson
Lyle Veis
Jeanine Verner-King
Scott Wicken
Trace Willin
Ken Wilson
Beverly Vladyka

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Apologies to anyone missed in the list.

Analysis of 1992 Attendance at Stroll of Poets Venues

	Total at Venue							
Time Slot	11:30	1:00	1:45	2:30	3:15	4:00	4:45	5:30
Venue								
Mosaics				30	25			55
Tastevin		50	60	15	6			131
Earth's		18	20	25				63
Varscona		22		15	25			62
Campa Java			20	40	20	35		115
H. McColl's		14		25		32		71
Continental	45		42		23	12	20	142
Bjarne's			25	25	40			90
Mama's			40		22		15	77
Athabasca					52	35	35	122
Vertigo						30	45	75
Grabba			20		60		52	132
J. Strauss				20		45		65
Strathcona					20	20	20	60
Hanratty's				39		100		139
L'Alliance			8					8
S. Carroll						10	20	30
Courtney's							100	100
Slot Total	45	104	235	234	293	319	207	100
Average	45	26	32	27	32	35	30	

(averages exclude non-English readings)

Grand Total 1537

Observations:

1. Reducing the number of early readings succeeded in filling venues.
2. The west-to-east flow seems to work and demands observance.
3. Peak attendance, both total and average, occurred at 4 p.m.
4. A small portion of the audience "took a break" about 2:30 p.m.
5. Non-anglophone readings require special promotional effort.