

The Stroll Scroll

Stroll of Poets Society News from 10523 - 100 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0A8 August 26, 93

Dear Poet,

I'm pleased to report that the festival organizers and volunteers are on schedule. Everything is coming together. Incredible! It's hectic, however, so perhaps you shouldn't bet on perfection. Bet on a very rich day.

Information and Instructions

Please find a rough-draft copy of the festival schedule enclosed. The final schedule will appear in the **September 22** issue of *See Magazine*.

Please locate your readings on the schedule. Your group will read twice (i.e. once at two different venues.) Please be at each reading a little bit early. Someone in your group will have been asked to host the readings (or run the show) for your group. Your host will give you your complimentary anthology and your \$10 honorarium. He or she should contact everyone in your group ahead of time, to see what plans your group might want to make.

Your reading time at each venue should be close to five minutes. It might be advisable to time the poems you plan to read. If you like to introduce your poems, you should take that into account. The idea of the festival is for a considerable number of poets to showcase their work to an audience; hence we must pay careful attention to sharing the stage. The performance time for a group at a venue should be half an hour, which leaves half an hour for everybody to visit, have a coffee or browse, and

stroll to another show. Hosts should be **very** brief in their introductions.

If you wish to sell your work at any of the bookstores, you should talk to the store managers before the festival. There's no conflict in selling your work at any of the other venues.

Happy Strolls!

Ivan Sundal, Festival co-ordinator.

424-7764 at Stroll office at WordWorks,
Tues. Wed. Thurs. from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Home: 421-0227

Other News

Wordshop/Speakshop with Walter Kaasa

Twenty-six poets so far have indicated an interest in these workshops, to be held in two parts:

Saturday, **September 18**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
Friday, **September 24**, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The limit is about 30; so if you're interested in a great buy--\$5 for some time in small groups with a highly regarded voice teacher, and for a chance to work with five other poets on several wordcraft skills--then you should call Anna Marie Sewell right away (426-0979 or 434-2711).

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Anna Marie requests the 26 poets mentioned above to **CONFIRM** their registrations.

Brunch with Don McKay

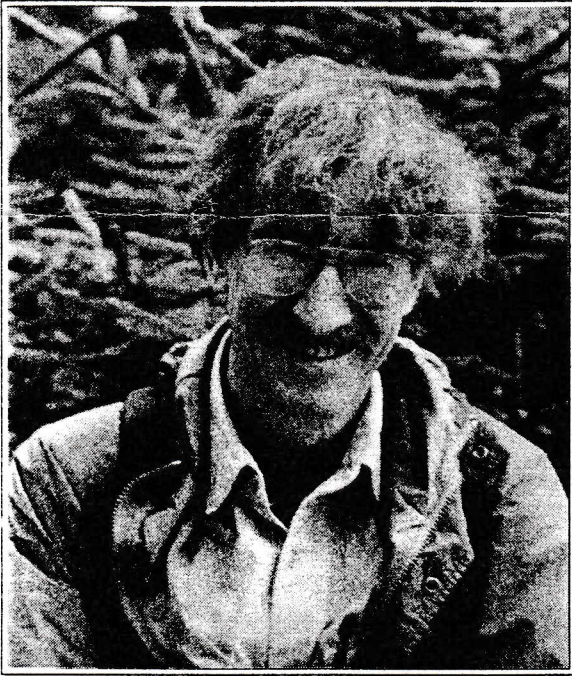


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The festival will open at a brunch with a reading by Don McKay, winner of the 1991 Governor-General's Award for Poetry, and Poet-in-Residence at the U of A this upcoming year. It will be at the Strathcona Legion, 10416 - 81 Ave. at 11 a.m.

Tickets can be bought for **\$8** at Athabasca Books, 8230 - 105 St., **until September 29**. After that they're **\$10** at Athabasca and at the door. Not an event to miss!

Poetroopers

If you're after a **complimentary brunch ticket**, then you should join up with the Poetroopers, who will spend an afternoon or evening in late September distributing Stroll leaflets. Call Jean Jorgenson, 465-2161.

Anthology

Stroll of Poets Anthology 93 will appear in Greenwoods, 10355 Whyte Avenue, and Athabasca Books on September 18, we hope.

The price is \$10 in the bookstores and at the festival. Scheduled poet performers will receive a complimentary anthology on festival day; and they will be able to buy any unsold copies at the No Bards Barred Bar wrap-up party for \$8.

Open Stage

There will be an open stage on festival day for any interested poets who aren't in the scheduled readings. It will take place at Akashik Books from 2 to 4 p.m. during the Stroll. Names will be taken up to the last minute if there are still openings. Several names are down already. The manager of the open stage is Andrew Thompson, 429-0712. Perhaps you know another poet who would like five minutes on the stage.

No Bards Barred Bar

All bards, friends and fans are invited to the wrap-up party after the Stroll. Meet us at the Strathcona Legion right after 5 p.m.

Celebrate the day, luxuriate in poetic company, lubricate your vocal cords, and wax profound. Wane when you like. Fun, prizes and surprises.

Rhona McAdam

Schemes are being laid for Rhona McAdam to give a public reading and a workshop (on international marketing of our wares) November 13 at the Edmonton Public Library. Rhona McAdam is a past winner of the Writers' Guild Poetry Award; her new book is *Old Habits*. Watch for further developments.