

The Stroll Scroll

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President's Message

Welcome to the 4th year of the Stroll of Poets. The annual general meeting in April was a great start to what's shaping up to be another excellent year. About 35 or 40 members came out to talk about the 1994 Stroll, elect new executive and board members, enjoy some socializing and eat the free donuts (always good to bring in a crowd). Many thanks to Katherine McKee for arranging the hall.

On behalf of all the members of the society, I'd like to start by offering our sincere thanks to Ivan Sundal and Ken Wilson for their work and commitment to the Stroll over the last three years. Both have stepped down from their executive offices — Ivan as President and Ken as Secretary. Fortunately, both have elected to remain on the board of directors.

Our gallant Treasurer and procurer of grant money, Doug Elves, will remain in that position, forming the foundation of a new executive that also includes Anna Mioduchowska as Secretary, and me, Candace Bamber, as President.

Our new board is a solid mix of new and old members: Jacques Benoit (Jocko), Annette Cannell, Ruth Anderson Donovan, Paul Matwychuk, Katherine McKee, Tracy Murray, Anna Marie Sewell, Ivan Sundal, Andrew Thompson and Ken Wilson. Thanks also to 1993 board members who are not returning: John King Farlow, Phil Jagger, Myrna Garanis and Peter Cole.

Many people at the general meeting volunteered to help put on the Stroll, Twelve Days and Outreach this year, but more volunteers are always needed. If you haven't handed in your registration yet and you want to help (or think you ought to), you can attach a note to the form and someone will call you. If you've already registered, send a note to the Stroll office, phone the Stroll office, or phone me. Believe me, if you want a job, we'll find you one.

I'll keep it short this time. If anyone has any ideas, wants to take on a job (of which there are many), or just wants to chat about the Stroll of Poets Society and where we're going, I can be reached at 435-4360.

— Candace Bamber

Calendar

May 21 -- Farewell to McKay/
Zwicky 7:30 pm at Latitude 53

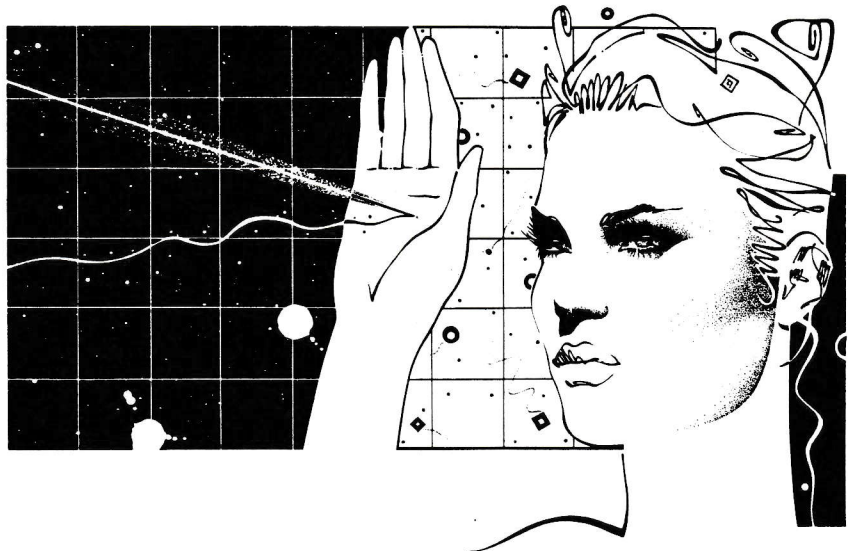
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May 31 -- Submission deadline
for Stroll Anthology

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June 5 -- Calgary's first Stroll of
Poets

Happy Strolling!



Important Reminder!

Anthology Submission Deadline — May 31

If you don't have a Stroll brochure with the forms for taking out a membership, registering to stroll in the festival in October, and submitting to the Stroll Anthology, please phone or write to the Stroll office (424-7764). We will mail you the brochure. It also includes the submission guidelines.

Please don't send poems without renewing your membership or registering to stroll in October. (Sorry about all the forms, but they are very brief, and they do reduce the work of the volunteer organizers.)

Katherine McKee is editor of the 1994 Stroll of Poets Anthology. Questions or suggestions about the anthology can be directed to Katherine at 456-3290.

CJSR 10th Anniversary

CJSR will be hosting a poetry reading in honour of its 10th anniversary on Tuesday, June 6 at Latte Caffe. This is just the early announcement. Time and poets are still to be announced.



The Spirit of Place - A Writer's Retreat May 20 - 23, 1994

Canadian poet Lorna Crozier takes writers on an exploration of the power of place, at a four-day, holiday weekend retreat May 20-23 at the Naramata Centre in the Okanagan Valley.

The release they sent us doesn't specify the cost, but we understand there are bursaries available. Registration, more information and bursary information for The Spirit of Place is available by calling the Naramata Centre's registrar at (604) 496-5751.

Our Voices in Chorus June 3 - 5, 1994 A conference presented by Celebration of Women in the Arts

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***June 3 Performers Showcase 8 pm
featuring Laura Vinson***

***June 4 Brunch 10 am
featuring Myrna Kostash***

***June 4 Film and Video Showcase 8 pm
featuring Sara Diamond & Glynis Whiting***

June 5 Panel Discussions 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

June 5 Wrap Up 3 pm

for more information, contact CWA, #905, 10136 100 St. 424 0287



Beat Speak Workshop

Check out the Beat Speak Workshop on Tuesday nights at 8 pm at Latte Caffe with James Owasak. This workshop focuses on performance, music and sound and is centred on process rather than product. We don't have a contact number for James, but you can just show up at Latte Caffe (10407 Whyte).

Writer's Block Reading Series and Magazine Launch

Writer's Block is a new magazine published here in Edmonton. In preparation for its launch on May 18 (time and place to be confirmed), the magazine is hosting some preliminary poetry readings.

The first reading on May 2 was at the north-side Sugar Bowl. From the readers that performed, Anna Marie Sewell and Gail Sobat were invited to give readings at the launch itself.

Two more pre-launch readings are planned: May 10 at 7 pm at Beans Coffee House (Water's Edge Tower, Saskatchewan Drive and 101 St.) and May 14 at 9 pm at the Misty Mountain Cafe (104 St. and Whyte). If you are interested in reading at these events, and perhaps qualifying to read at the launch itself, contact Wes Dalmer for more info at 438-3298.

Writer's Block Submission Guidelines

Writer's Block invites members of the Stroll of Poets Society to submit work to the magazine. Writer's Block spotlights exceptional stories in the following genres: horror, mystery, romance, science fiction/fantasy, and western. The magazine also accepts poetry of all types. Issues appear quarterly (January, April, July and October) and submissions are accepted year round.

Please include a short bio with your submission and send us only one story at a time. Payment is five cents per word for fiction, on publication. Poems pay \$75. Inquire at Box 92, 9944 33 Ave. Edmonton, T6N 1E8.

Poetry LIVE!

Co-sponsored by the Stroll of Poets Society and Latte Caffe, this weekly poetry series has been going strong for eight months, and has showcased the talents of over 200 poets. Although there have been a few quiet nights, the crowd is usually excellent and enthusiastic, and there are always lots of poets to talk to if you have the urge.

In addition to our usual format — our featured guest readers, followed by an open stage — we also have a variety of special events. These have included poetry sweatshops, hosted by Jocko, and won by Phil Jagger and Dean Hamp so far; Favourite-Poem-Ever night; and a Young Poets Night (another scheduled for June). (Many thanks to Susan Walsh for lining up the readers).

Suggested special events include favourite readings from Shakespeare, ancient poets, Eastern poets, Native Canadian poets, funny poems, dirty limericks, poets that have participated in our outreach program, and others. If you have an idea for an evening of special poetry, let me know, and I'll see what I can arrange.

As well, if you'd like to do a featured reading, participate in a special event, or if you know of young poets who would like to come and read in June, please call me at 435-4360. — **Candace Bamber**

Here's the line-up for the next few weeks:

May 12 - Anna Marie Sewell, Shirley Hughes, Neil Scotten, TBA

May 19 - Francois Willey, Sheila Muir, Annette Cannell, Chris Rechner

May 26 - SWEATSHOP (\$4 entry fee, winner takes home half the pot, Stroll gets the rest)

June 2 - Edmonton Poet Diane Linden and some of her students will be performing

June 9 - Scott Hayes, Jocko, Phil Jagger and Richard Davies

June 16 - Young People's night, featuring readers aged 8-16 and guest poets from the Stroll

June 23 - Doug Elves, Victor Milo, Thomas Trofimuk, Brendi Walls

June 30 - SWEATSHOP (\$4 entry fee, winner takes home half the pot, Stroll gets the rest)

The readings usually start sometime between 8:15 and 8:45 pm every Thursday. Featured readings hosted by Candace Bamber, open stage by Phil Jagger, sweatshops by Jocko. We look forward to seeing you.

Remember: Thursday nights, 8:15 pm at Latte Caffe, 10407 Whyte Ave.