

The Stroll Scroll

The Stroll of Poets Society, September, 1994

Stroll of Poets - October 2

By the time you read this, it will be only two weeks to the Stroll. This issue of the *Stroll Scroll* contains all the information you need: your schedule, instructions, bookmarks, the addresses of the Brunch and the No Bards Barred Bar and Anthology launch.

The final festival schedule is included with this newsletter. It will appear in the September 21 issue of SEE magazine.

Please locate on the schedule where and when you will be reading, and remember that each group will be reading twice (once at two different venues). We have some new venues this year, so please be certain you know where you are reading and try to be there a few minutes early. One person in your group has volunteered to host the readings for your group. The host will give you your complimentary copy of the Anthology and your \$10 honorarium. Your host will also contact everyone in your group before the festival to see what plans your group might want to make.

Each poet has only five minutes reading time at each venue, so it might be a good idea to time the poems you plan to read. You should also take into account the time you need to introduce your poems--if you like to introduce your poems. The ideal performance time for each group at each venue is thirty minutes. This leaves half an hour for drinking coffee, visiting, browsing, and/or strolling to another show.

If you want to sell your work at any of the bookstores, you should talk to the store manager(s) before the festival. There's no problem in selling your work at any of the other venues.

Bookmarks

You probably noticed that you received some bookmarks with your Scroll. Please help by taking them somewhere like a bookstore, restaurant, library etc. and leaving them where people might pick them up. OR - just hand them out to your friends, family, classmates or co-workers.

Up, Up, and Away!

The Stroll of Poets Anthology '94 will be launched on Friday, September 30 at 7:00 pm in Greenwood's Bookshoppe. Candace Bamber will be hosting this evening of fun and poetry which includes readings by Alice Major and poets from the Anthology as selected by the Anthology Editor. This is a great way to get your Stroll weekend off to a flying start!

The Brunch

This year the brunch will feature Walter Kaasa performing from the Anthology - a treat that you don't want to miss! Candace Bamber will be hosting this event which will take place at 11:00 am, October 2 at the Strathcona Legion (10416 - 81 Avenue). Tickets are available for 8\$ at the Legion and at Athabasca Books until September 28. Tickets cost \$10 after the 28th and at the door.

No Bards Barred - And you can bring your friends, too.

After a long day of reading and going to readings, why not come on down to the No Bards

Barred Bar? From 5-8 pm at the Legion (10416 - 81 Avenue) you can relax and socialise with other poets, friends, and fans and just plain have a good time.

Host Notes

For those of you who are first-time hosts or who thought about volunteering to be a host, but chickened out because you weren't sure about what you would have to do:

Hosts contact each member of their group a few days before the festival to discuss introductions and whether or not they want to make any performance plans. Remind each poet of the five minute time limit.

Pick up the Anthologies, \$10 honorariums, and the signature sheet each poet signs when you give them their cash and their books. Candace will call you and let you know the details of where and when. At the same time, you will be given 5-7 Anthologies to sell (at non-bookstore venues).

At the venue, the host finds out from the staff where to set up, and in restaurants/cafes/bistros, asks what they want to do about the service noise (i.e. suspend service during reading, not make coffees with steamed milk, give a ten minute warning etc.) We have to co-operate with the venue, but it doesn't hurt to try.

During each reading, the host introduces each poet, thanks the venue and our sponsors, announces the No Bards Barred Bar and offer Anthologies for sale (except in the book stores).

Volunteers Needed:

Poetroopers are needed to deliver propaganda to bookstores, cafes, libraries etc. and to put up posters. All Poetroopers receive free tickets to the brunch.

Call Ivan at 421-0227.

Envelope Stuffers are always needed. This is a great job--just sit back with other poets, yak, and stuff.

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General: there are lots of one day jobs that go with events. Call Ken at 431-0052.

Voice Workshop With Walter Kaasa

There are still a few openings left for the Voice Workshop with Walter Kaasa. This entirely new (that's right! different from last year's!) Workshop starts on Friday evening, September 23, and continues through Saturday, September 24. The cost is \$5 and it is coming up very quickly. So don't hesitate, contact Anna Mioduchowska at 436-4478.

Poetry LIVE!

This great weekly event returns for another great season of Monday Night Poetry on October 11. Readings begin at an unknown time at an as yet undiscovered location. Come to the Brunch to get the details. If you'd like to get into the game, call Candace at 436-0829.

Stroll-ing at the Fringe

As many of you already know, we had the good fortune of being able to present poetry readings at FrankenFringe Part 13. Read Canada, a national literacy organisation, graciously allowed us the use of their tent in King Edward Park and even distributed bookmarks and flyers for us on-site. We had 23 poets in total scheduled to read on three evenings.

The readings were spectacular! Though we were rained out of the Wednesday night, we still had four great hours of poetry on both of the Saturday nights. The tent was a bit small, and we did have some competition from the main stage, but all of this only increased the intimacy of the readings. And hey, how could you beat poetry outside by candlelight? It was really quite beautiful to see.

Thanks to all of you who came out (to read or to watch) for making the Stroll of Poets' Fringe debut a great one.

--Paul Pearson

WANTED
12 Days of Poetry Coordinator

The 12 Days of Poetry is a three week reading series over the Christmas season featuring Stroll poets chosen from the Anthology by the 12 Days Community Jury. The series culminates with the 12th Day, featuring performances by the 12th Day Poets, chosen from the poets of the previous 11 Days, and a party/dance.

As the Coordinator you will:

- notify the 44 poets
- find venues and hosts for each reading
- schedule the readings
- arrange publicity and advertising
- arrange the 12th Day festivities including venue, host, music, bar, ticket sales, and inviting the poets
- delegate jobs to volunteers
- organize and chair a debriefing session
- write a concluding report

To apply: submit a one page letter stating why you want the job, why you think you can do it, and your vision or goals for this year's 12 Days of Poetry to Doug Elves, Chair, Coordinator, Selection Sub-committee, c/o The Stroll of Poets Society, Wordworks, 10523 - 100 Ave. Edmonton, AB T5J 0A8 ****honorarium available (pending funding approval)****

WANTED
Stroll of Poets Outreach Coordinator

The Stroll of Poets Outreach Program is an opportunity for pairs of poets to undertake a worthwhile service to the community and promote the stroll by giving writing/performance workshops to various groups.

As the Coordinator, you will:

- prepare an information/promotion/registration leaflet
- advertise for outreachers
- coordinate and chair a committee to select outreachers
- organize a preparation workshop for outreachers
- keep track of all outreach workshops
- organize and chair a debriefing session
- write a concluding report

To apply: submit a one page letter stating why you want the job, why you think you can do it, and your vision or goals for the Outreach Program to Doug Elves, Chair, Coordinator Selection Sub-committee, c/o The Stroll of Poets Society, Wordworks, 10523 - 100 Ave. Edmonton, AB T5J 0A8 ****honorarium available (pending funding approval)****