



The Stroll Scroll

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"We are who we are, when we are"

By Jocelyne Verret
President

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our 1996 Anthology launch and emergency general meeting. It would seem that, for lack of funds, Word on the Street will not be coming to Edmonton in 1997. We are awaiting official notification of this information. The general opinion expressed by the membership was that "We are who we are, when we are." I will apprise WOTS of your opinion when I write to them again.

Tuesday Reading Series

Here is a list of dates and themes for the Tuesday night reading series. If you want to read, list your first, second and third choice for a night. Your reading should include at least one poem related to the theme. First come gets the spots.

Write, phone or e-mail your list to William Nicols: 483-2032, 10782 165 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5P 3T5, wnichols@ccinet.ab.ca, or give your list to a host at a 12 Days reading.

William is also looking for volunteer hosts for the Tuesday nights, so if you would like

to host, get in touch. A venue will be selected in early January.

There were 89 suggestions for themes, with lots of overlap of ideas, if not exact wording. We selected themes from these popular ideas, plus a couple of quirky notions to let you stretch out a bit. See you there. Have fun.

Feb. 4	Building the House
Feb. 11	A Tuesday of Many Names (Shrove, Pancake, Fat, Mardi Gras . . .)
Feb. 18	Count Your Valentines
Feb. 25	Leaps Not Taken (this year is not Leap Year)
Mar. 4	Parents and Children
Mar. 11	Funny eh?
Mar. 18	The Blues, the Spirit
Mar. 25	Playthings
April 1	Fool's Night
April 8	Stars
April 15	Green
April 22	Her/His Name Was . . .
April 29	Heroes and Holy Innocents
May 6	Readings of International Poets
May 13	Pop!
May 20	See You, See Me
May 27	Observations on the Opposite Sex

I wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season.



Looking for that perfect, last-minute gift that will earn you undying appreciation from those you love?

Stroll of Poets, The 1996 Anthology is available for \$10 from Editor Ivan Sundal of the Stroll. Call Ivan at 488-9647 before 6 pm to pick up your copies.

Strollers Lead GMCC Writing Courses

Two Stroll participants are leading courses offered by The Writing Centre at Grant MacEwan Community College this winter:

A Sense of Place: Poetry & Region

Instructor: Theresa Shea

With special attention to individual poems by poets who write from a strong sense of place, this course will focus on various poetic techniques involved in writing poetry. Writing exercises will provide you with the opportunity to write and share your work.

City Centre Campus,
Tuesdays, Jan. 21-Mar. 1,
6:30 pm - 9 pm, \$134

Writing the Short Story

Instructor: Dianne Linden

Whether you are interested in material that is entirely fanciful or based on incidents in real life, this course, through exercises and examples of short stories, will help you mold your ideas. However, much of the discussion will revolve around students' writing.

City Centre Campus,
Wednesdays, Jan. 22-Mar. 12,
6 pm - 9 pm, \$144

For a copy of The Writing Centre's Winter 1997 brochure, call 497-5333.

Writers' Circle
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Jan. 21 & 23
Feb. 18 & 20
March 18 & 20

For information about Tuesday's group, call Toni at 426-6320.

For information about Thursday's group, call Sandra at 459-4669.

Poetry Manuscripts Wanted

Rowan Books, an imprint of The Books Collective, is planning to launch a series of "slim volumes of verse" by emerging Alberta poets.

Please send your manuscripts to Rowan Books, c/o The Books Collective, 214-21 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 3S2.

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