

# The Stroll Scroll

June 1996

## Workshop was "poetic energizing"

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**T**he Di Brandt "Writing Magic" workshop held June 8 and 9 was a resounding success. The participants partook in a variety of creative writing exercises and workshopped some of their previous work. Di's knowledgeable comments — covering form, content, language, rhythm, colour, breath, intent, point of view, etc. — shed great light on the poet's words.

Her readings enthralled the writers as she led them from one form of poetry to another. A sincere thank you to **L'Uni'Theatre of Edmonton** for letting us use their rehearsal room free of charge. This made it possible to keep the registration fee as low as it was for this two-day session of "poetic energizing." Thank you also

to all the participants for being on time and offering, in a respectful manner, insightful comments on each others' work.

### *Stroll Shaping Up*

Please read carefully the enclosed insert regarding this year's Stroll. I apologize if you get this flyer after other members of the writing community have received theirs. We were offered the possibility of including this information in two other organizations' mail-outs and took the opportunity to "spread" the word about the Stroll. Unfortunately, their mail-outs were going out at the beginning of June. We made haste, but did not, rest assured, forget about you!

### *Merle Collins Kicks It Off*

Reserve your table early for the October 5 reading by **Merle Collins** and avoid being disappointed. It

promises to be a spectacular kick-off to our **October 6 Stroll Day**. Look forward to seeing all of you there!

**Marilyn Hooper** will be coordinating this year's Stroll (venues et al). We welcome her aboard the Stroll team.

**Doug Elves** has spent a lot of time organizing the Merle Collins October 5 reading, and if it is the success that we anticipate, this could be the beginning of a series (at least twice a year) of guest poet readings the Stroll will organize for its membership. It is a great opportunity to hear living, breathing poets in the flesh, and to round out our knowledge and appreciation of poetry.

Remember the **Persimmon Deli** readings on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer months.

Keep those words a-flowin' under our finally-warm skies. Have a great summer!

**Writers' Circle Schedule**  
Idylwyde Library

July 16 & 25  
August 13 & 22  
September 17 & 19  
October 15 & 17

Please note a change in the  
Tuesday dates!

**World Series Poetry**

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
Persimmon Deli  
10768 Whyte Ave.

July 2 **Scrub** (Poetry  
Sweatshop)

July 9 **Starting Line-up**  
Shirley Serviss,  
Anna Mioduchowska,  
Audrey Whitson,  
Ivan Sundal

July 16 **Casey's Hall of  
Fame**

July 23 **Free Agents** (Open  
Stage)

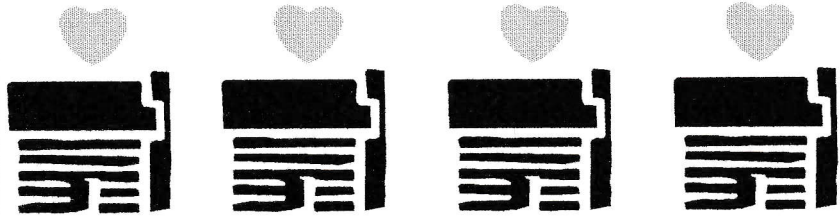
July 30 **Scrub**

**Poets Unplugged?**

A call for musical Strollers  
to join a house band for the  
No Bards Barred Bar after  
the Stroll. If you are  
interested, call me at  
483-2032 or  
wnichols@ccinet.ab.ca.

If there is some interest, we  
might even arrange a  
rehearsal or two.

*William Nichols*



**Marline Kalin**  
*In Memoriam*

Marline Kalin, poet, mother and  
long-time Stroll member, died  
in Edmonton on June 18.

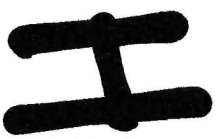
A teacher and artist, Marline is  
survived by two daughters,  
Avril of Winlaw, B.C. and  
Laurissa of London, England;  
her mother Olga Figol; three  
brothers, numerous cousins,  
aunts, uncles, nieces and  
nephews, and best friends.

Stroll members read selections  
of her poems during a prayer  
service June 23. Funeral  
services were held June 24 at  
St. John's Ukrainian Greek  
Orthodox Cathedral, with  
interment at Fedora Cemetery  
near Bon Accord. Friends and  
family gathered that evening at  
the century-old Fedora Hall for  
a time of remembering.

The Stroll Board thanks  
Marline's daughters for  
directing memorial donations to  
the Stroll of Poet's Society.  
Marline's unique voice and  
strong support of the Stroll will  
be missed.

My stomach is churning  
Like a volcano from the cancer burning  
Incessantly in the insides  
Relentlessly, like a conquering army.  
Why? I tried to do the right thing  
Health juices, macro diet,  
Exercises every day, positive attitude  
I wanted to say "Thanks God -  
I had a good time."  
But my marshmallow stomach  
is being squeezed and pumelled  
Til I turn yellow color of . . .  
Loss of life in fall.  
It happened when I had always  
Submitted to authority  
Did what I was told  
Followed the rules  
Excepted the primitive village taboos  
About love and what looks proper  
Like cowards  
Then more and more demands  
Of the city gestapo  
And my body broke under the weight  
The fat salaried bureaucrats  
With their ego trips to feed -  
Wouldn't stop  
Impossible demands  
And punishing unrealistic  
Laws were increasingly imposed:  
The terrorizing continued  
As relentlessly as the cancer is now.  
I want to be able to finish  
My 26 novels  
The 5 or 6 screenplays  
The big history of Alberta book  
The solutions for education  
The poetry - the stories  
Nick's, Uncle Kornyl's, Nadia's  
The poetry waiting to be  
Organized into books with art  
The music, the paintings of my country.  
So, to say goodbye: Marline





ere is a list  
of those  
who have  
registered  
to perform  
in the

## Stroll of Poets

Festival on  
October 6, 1996.

This list was

updated on June  
24. Please phone

Ivan at **488-9647**

if there are  
omissions or errors  
of any sort. Also,  
if you know  
someone who

wants to be in the  
festival but whose  
name isn't on the  
list, please contact  
him or her.

Happy Strolls to  
you.

*Ivan*

*Ruth Anderson Donovan*

*Pritam Atwal*

*Janet Bates*

*Jacques Benoit*

*Tim Bowling*

*Donald Butler*

*Adrienne Campbell*

*Annette Cannell*

*Jean Carmichael McKenzie*

*Harold Cashman*

*Alison Clarke*

*Dennis Cooper*

*Richard Davies*

*Alan Demeule*

*Jenine Dumont*

*Henry Elliot*

*Doug Elves*

*Kathy Fisher*

*Paul John Flynn*

*Maxwell Foster*

*Faye Francis*

*Barbara Fraser*

*Myrna Garanis*

*Beckie Garber-Conrad*

*Sophia Gee*

*T. Virginia Gillese*

*Michael Glasel*

*Jo-Ann Godfrey*

*Elaine Gottlieb*

*Terence Harding*

*Gerald Hill*

*Mary Howes*

*Lorna Huff*

*David Huggett*

*Sally Ito*

*Linda Jennings*

*Russell Johnston*

*John King-Farrow*

*Winnie Lai*

*Helen Lavender*

*Anne Le Dressay*

*Rusti Leahy*

*William P. Lysak*

*Alice Major*

*Julia Mamolo*

*Geraldine Matus*

*Paul Matwychuk*

*Evita McConnell*

*Mary T. McDonald*

*Katherine McKee*

*George Brian Metcalf Jr.*

*Anna Mioduchowska*

*Sandra Mooney-Ellerbeck*

*Louis Munan*

*Tracy Murray*

*Candyece Neill*

*William Nichols*

*Brian O Reel*

*Marcia O'Connor*

*Toni Owen*

*Paul Pearson*

*Michael Penny*

*Joyce Pinckney*

*Pierrette Requier*

*Joe Rizzuto*

*Annamay T. Ryane*

*Madeleine Schiller*

*Kim Sedgewick*

*Shirley A. Serviss*

*Anna Marie Sewell*

*Theresa Shea*

*Debra Shymoniak*

*Rawn Sidor*

*Yar Slavutych*

*Sandy Sprinkle*

*Ivan Sundal*

*Vanna Tessier*

*Andrew Thompson*

*Taras Toroshenko*

*Michael Vaughan*

*Jocelyne Verret*

*Susan Walsh*

*Lyle Weis*

*Ellen D. Wells*

*Janeen Werner-King*

*Audrey Whitson*

*Jacqueline Williams*

*Barb Williamson*

*Ken Wilson*

*Karla Woloshyn*

*Mary Woodbury*

*Nicole York*

*Pamela Young*