



The Stroll Scroll

April 1997

President's Greeting

Dear Fellow Strollers:
It was good to see you come out to the AGM to have your voice heard & to vote in a new Board of Directors. Our Society is as good as we chose to make it, with the help of our vision & plain everyday labour that goes into organizing & running the various poetry readings & spin off activities; like the Anthology, Newsletter, writing groups, workshops, etc. The poets we vote in each year to sit on the Board are the poets we trust to make these activities take place as planned. Thank you for your confidence in my abilities. If I can fill the president's chair with half the grace & efficiency of our past president, Jocelyne Verret, I will be satisfied. Thank you Jocelyne, for your hard work over the past year & a half. Also, a big thank you to the past members of the Board, who took on the various jobs that needed doing & did them, & to the numerous volunteers who helped. I'm looking forward to another year full of poetry in our city's cafes & book-stores, & to the camaraderie in the community we have created over the past 6 years.

P.S. A reporter let a drop during an interview last week that he's heard our Society referred to as the Edmonton Poet Mafia. Does that make me the Godmother?

Anna Mioduchowska

The AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held March 22 @ St. Anthony Teacher Centre. Many came to vote in a new board, discuss the past year & renew memberships. A new set of by-laws was adopted, which will better provide for Stroll activities & administration. If you did not attend the AGM a draft of the new by-laws was included in your last newsletter. The president, membership secretary, & treasurer made their annual reports. The new board was elected according to the newly adopted by-laws. The next AGM is March 21, 1998.

Membership Renewal

Thank you to Strollers who have renewed their membership. Renewals are due as of the AGM. A last notice is included with this newsletter for those who have not renewed. Give a friend a membership for a gift!!!

Stroll Writer's Circle

The Stroll of Poets Writer's Circle meets Thursday May 22 & June 19. NOTE: April 10 is a special meeting. Writers from Thursday & Tuesday groups will present **Poems That Blossom** a Spring reading at Idylwyld Library, 8310-88 Avenue, 7 - 8 pm, social to follow. For info call Writer's Circle Coordinator **Sandra** 459-4669

POETRY Workshop

Writing! Writing! Writing!

Who: Di Brandt Last year's workshop was a great success. "Di's thoroughness & knowledge will ensure that all leave the workshop energized & on their way to better writing." (JV)

When: April 25 6-9pm, & April 26 & 27 9am-4pm

Where: Stillpoint Retreat Center, 10647-81 Avenue
Cost: \$102.50 includes: conference room, individual writing rooms!!!, Fri. dinner, Sat. & Sun. coffee & snacks.
Register ASAP, we can only accomodate 15.

Deadline: April 15

Send fee, name, address, & phone # to: **Jocelyne Verret**, 8611-104 st, AB, T6E 4G6
Bring: lunch for Sat. & Sun.
Sponsor: The Stroll of Poets

Good-bye & Hello

We bid farewell to 96/97 board members: **Ruth Anderson Donovan, Donald Butler, Sandra Moony-Ellerback, Tracy Murrar, Sandy Sprinkle, Ivan Sundal, Andrew Thompson, & Lyle Weiss**. We welcome back: **Doug Elves, Geraldine Matus, William Nichols, & Michael Walters**. We introduce: **Helen Laverder, Anna Mioduchowska, Louis Munan, & Anna-Marie Sewell**.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

The Stroll is accepting applications for the positions of **Stroll Co-ordinator & Anthology Editor**.

Stroll Coordinator

Deadline: May 15

Responsibilities: Find suitable venues for Stroll. Make up roster of poets. Liaise with publicity committee re: tickets sales, publicity, media, & public at large.

Anthology Editor

Deadline: July 15

Responsibilities: Receive & collate Stroll submissions. Enter submissions on computer & format anthology. Liaise with the graphic artist re: cover, anthology printer, & publicity committee. Must be familiar with computers, & it is best if familiar with a desk top publishing program.

The \$\$\$\$ honorarium paid for these positions is to be confirmed pending grant application acceptance.

Applications for either position must include a letter stating why you think you are a good candidate for the position, as well as a list of skills that qualify you for the position. **Mail to:**

Anna Mioduchowska
12350-52 Ave., Edmonton,
Alberta. T6H 0P4
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Volunteer positions

available for:

Archivist: collect & organize Stroll documents, reports, minutes, newsletters, etc. Call Anna M. 436-4478

Publicity: Michael Walters at 433-8538 needs help getting out the good word about the Stroll.

Outreach: Anna-Marie Sewell at 497-7562 needs

help coordinating programs that bring poetry to the community.

Canadian Poetry

Association news items:

The Canadian Writer's Contest Calendar by Susan Ioannou is available from Word-wrights Canada, PO Box 456, Station O, Toronto, Ont., M4A 2P1 for \$7.95.

Call for chapbook manuscripts by Mekler & Deahl Publishers. For info on manuscripts or membership to CPA write to: 237 Prospect Street South, Hamilton, Ont., L8M 2Z6; fax: (905) 312-1779; phone: (905) 312-8285; e-mail: ad507@freenet.hamilton.on.ca

CAA Workshop

The Canadian Author's Association is sponsoring a writing workshop **May 29-31**. It starts with a **reading at Orlando's Books** thursday night, an **AGM** on friday at the U of A campus, 10th floor of the Education Building, & a panel discussion & **two workshops** on saturday. For details call **Helen** 467-2924.

Newsletter items

If you have any items you wish included in the newsletter please send them or drop them off to Geraldine Matus, 9728-73 Ave, Edm., AB, T6H 1B4, 439-6782. May 9 is the next newsletter mail out.

MAKING CONTACT

If you have questions about the Stroll of Poets Society activities, policies, or who is doing what, call Michael Walters at 433-8538 or Anna-Marie Sewell at 497-7562.

Snowapple Press

invites submissions for an anthology of international poetry, **undercurrents**.

Open to all poets. Send up to 5 original poems, 14 to 75 lines max., presenting your ideas, opinions, attitudes or philosophical outlook about a significant trend or an event affecting people's lives.

Pays in copy(ies). \$25 entry fee. Deadline: November 30, 1997. Include SASE for your entry form and guidelines from: **c/o The Editor, Snowapple Press, Box 66024, Heritage PO, Edm., AB., Cdn, T6J 6T4**

Irish Poet and Priest tries a

U of A retreat (extract from Folio, March 2, 1997 by Bert Almon)

Michael McCarthy, spiritual director of the Ushaw Seminary at the University of Durham, England & native of County Cork, spent six months of his sabbatical at the University of Alberta to write poetry. He took part in classes, as student & teacher, & devoted his time to the muse. Why Edmonton? Michael answers, "I imagined that by crossing geographical frontiers, expanding psychological frontiers would be easier." He has a sharp wit. His poetry is insightful, using imagery from dreams, Irish folklore, rural Ireland, and the Bible to explore the inner life. Michael was one of the poet performers for the 1996 Stroll, The Twelve Days, and the Reading Series: March 18, *the blues, the spirit*. Michael has become a well loved, Stroll celebrity. We bid him farewell on his return to England in May, and hope he returns when our weather will treat him kinder.