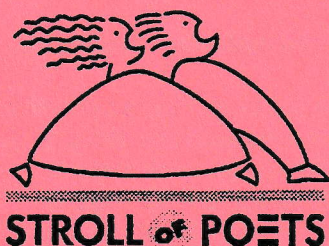


# The Stroll Scroll April 1997

Stroll of Poets Society, Box 35082, Oliver P.O., Edmonton, AB, T5K 2R8  
403-467-2924



## President's Greeting

Dear Fellow Strollers:

Violently green & odorous,  
summer is here once again.  
Why not, as in the poem  
"Preparation" by P.K. Page:

*Go out of your mind.  
Prepare to go mad.  
Prepare to break  
split along cracks  
inhabit the dark of your eyes  
inhabit the whites.*

...

But in the meantime, let me  
bring you up to date on what's  
happening in & around the  
Stroll. First of all, our Spring  
97 Reading Series has come to  
an end. Many thanks to  
**William Nichols** who organized  
it & came to most of the  
readings to make sure the  
sound system worked for & not  
against us. Thanks to **Block  
1912** for having us. Aside from  
hearing from so many poets  
both on the make as well as  
proud members of literary  
establishment, these Tuesdays  
nights gave us a chance to  
socialize with fellow Strollers.  
They will be missed.

We will also miss **Michael  
McCarthy**, the lovely poet from  
the Ushaw Seminary in  
England, who asked me to pass  
on his thanks to the Stroll of  
Poets for having afforded him

the opportunity to perform his  
poetry in public. He took down  
our web site address in order to  
stay in touch.

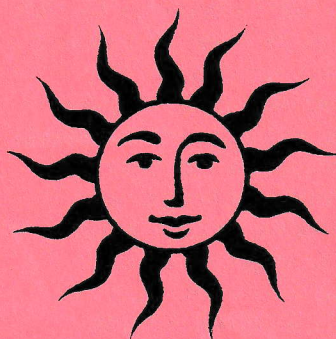
**Marilyn Hooper**, who did  
such a great job coordinating  
the Stroll last year, is going to  
coordinate it again this year.  
Good luck, Marilyn.

Thank you **Michael Walters**  
for agreeing to be the Board's  
vice-president.

Lastly, we now have an  
official **archivist**. Since no one  
answered our desperate call for  
a volunteer in the last News-  
letter, yours truly is it. If you  
have any Stroll material you  
believe posterity could use,  
please pass it on to me. And:

*... Prepare to be huge.  
Be prepared to be small ...*

**Anna Mioduchowska**  
amioduch@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca  
12320-52ave., Edm., AB, T6H 0P4



## Membership

At last count we have 136  
members. Thank you to those  
generous members who made  
donations. Gift a friend with a  
membership!!!

## Stroll Writer's Circle

Thursday group next meets:  
June 19, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, &  
Oct. 16. @ Idylwyld Library,  
8310-88 Ave. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
All welcome. Coordinator  
**Sandra** 459-4669

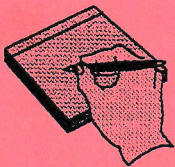
**Reineke Gerding-Lengle**  
will be conducting a Saturday  
Writer's Circle at the Idylwyld  
Library, or some other pre-  
arranged place, from 10:00 a.m.  
- 12:00 p.m. June 28, July 12 &  
26, and August 9 & 23 work-  
shops include stimulating  
writing exercises, nature walks,  
& feedback. Reineke has a MA  
in adult education, is a  
freelance writer, & has recently  
published her first play. You  
may contact Reineke at 440-  
1430.

## Trading Cards



Poets be ready! A  
poetry trading card  
series is being  
planned. Stroll  
members will be  
contacted about possible  
participation. Poets & poems --  
buy 'em, trade 'em, collect 'em!





## POETRY Workshops

The **Di Brandt** workshop was a success. The 9 participants enjoyed Di's presentation, & benefited from the exercises. It was a great advantage to have private rooms for writing.

## Future Workshops

The Stroll of Poets Board has set up a subcommittee by to explore the creation of on-going poetry weekend workshops in Edmonton. The frequency, style & themes have yet to be established. The Heritage Room in City Hall has been booked for Saturday Oct. 18, 9-5 pm & Sunday Oct. 19, 11-5 pm. Write or call if you are interested, or if you have ideas for a workshop leader or theme.

## JOBS,



## JOBS, JOBS!!

The Stroll is accepting applications for the positions of **Anthology Editor & 12 Days Coordinator**

### 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.

### 12 Days Coordinator

Deadline: September 15

Responsibilities: Find suitable venues for 12 Days. Make up roster of poets, liaise with publicity commit-tee re: tickets sales, publicity, media, & public.

**Applications** 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: **Board president, Anna Mioduchowska***

The **honorarium** paid for these positions will be confirmed pending grant application acceptance.



## MORE JOBS!!

**Alberta Book Fair Society**  
seeks  
**Festival Producer**

Reporting to the Executive Committee, you will create a successful literary festival --- "The Word is Out" --- October 26, 1997. You will show initiative & communications skills, work independently, with volunteers & with Edmonton's creative community. You should have a knowledge of the book industry & literary arts, & experience in organizing festivals or special events. This is a flexible contract position, for \$5000, to get the job done between July 7th - Nov. 7th, 1997. Send resume with references by June 21st, to: *Writers Guild of Alberta*  
*Re: Book Festival Producer*  
*11759 Groat Road*  
*Edmonton, T5M 3K6*

## THE WORD IS OUT

**Old Strathcona Bus Barns**  
**October 26, 1997**

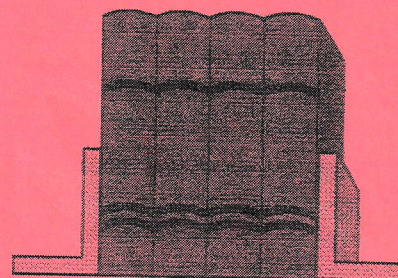
## Invitation for proposals

The old Book Fair is becoming a new festival: *The Word Is Out*. There will be book stalls & visiting authors & things for kids. Along with all this good stuff, we want the day to be a showcase for our creative community. Therefore, we invite your proposals for readings, story telling, poetry, improv, song, dance... Nothing is too outrageous to for us to consider. Groups & individuals are welcome to submit a proposal stating what you intend to do, the facilities you will need & your budget. We are committed to promoting our local creative community & to pay equitably for your participation. Submission deadline: June 30. Decisions announced by mid-July. Direct your proposal or questions to:

*Daniella Alcin*  
*daniella@junctionnet.com*  
*433-7950 after 6 p.m.*

or write:

*The Word is Out*  
*c/o Writers Guild of Alberta*  
*3rd. Floor, Percy Page Centre,*  
*11759 Groat Road N.W.*  
*Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6*





## **tuesday night reading series HOWLS !!!**

Tuesday April 22 was a HOWL!! **Dean MacKenzie** gave tribute to Allen Ginsberg, who died April 20. Thank you Dean & your fine musician friends.

## **"See Magazine" sees**

the Stroll of Poets as part of the "Renaissance of the spoken word." See: issue #176, Apr. 10 - Apr. 16, 1997.

## **E-POEM**

E-poem is the electronic poetry journal of the Stroll of Poets Society. The next volume will be put up **mid-July**. Please make your submissions to:

**wnichols@ccinet.ab.ca**

Check out the site!

**<http://www.ccinet.ab.ca/stroll>**

E-poem is currently read by about 200 surfers a month. The National Library of Canada now archives e-poem as part of its electronic collection, assuring e-poem's wider distribution & permanent availability.

**<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/eppp-archive/e-poem/stroll/home.html>**

## **Canadian Poetry Assoc.**

"The Canadian Writer's Contest Calendar" by Susan Ioannou is available for \$7.95 from:

*Word-wrights Canada, PO Box 456,  
Station O, Toronto, Ont., M4A 2P1*

Call for chapbook manuscripts  
by Mekler & Deahl Publishers.

For info on manuscripts or  
member-ship 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*

## **Volunteer Coordinator**

Welcome **Nancy Grantham**,  
our new volunteer coordinator.

### **Volunteer positions open:**

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

Outreach: Anna-Marie Sewell  
needs help coordinating  
programs that bring poetry to  
the community.

Stroll '97: members who have  
agreed to volunteer will be  
contacted over the next few  
months to help out.

### Reading Series Coordinator:

for spring, & maybe fall reading  
series, contact Anna M.

## **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 philo-  
sophical outlook on a significant  
trend or event affecting people's  
lives. Pays in copy(ies). \$25  
entry fee. Deadline: November  
30, 1997. Send SASE for entry  
form & guidelines to:

*The Editor, Snowapple Press,  
Box 66024, Heritage PO, Edm.,  
AB., Cdn, T6J 6T4*

## **Children's collection**

Denise Gagne is compiling a  
collection of songs, games &  
poems for Special school days.  
She invites submissions of  
original, previously unpublished  
poetry that is suitable for choral  
reading at a school assembly of

grades 1-6. Acceptable themes:  
Back to School, Fall, Thanks-  
giving, Remembrance Day,  
Christmas, New Years Day,  
Valentine's Day, Easter, St.  
Patrick's Day, Earth Day, Arbor  
Day, Mother's Day, Father's  
Day, Teachers, Volunteers.

A pro-rated royalty will be paid.

Submit to Denise Gagne:

e-mail: [tvmusic@agt.net](mailto:tvmusic@agt.net)

fax 403-346-2741; web site:

[http://www.agt.net/public/tvmusi  
c/index.html](http://www.agt.net/public/tvmusic/index.html)

## **CALLING ALL STROLLERS**

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## **1997 Stroll Readers**

The following people are  
registered to read at the stroll.

The deadline for getting your  
name on the list August 1. So  
write or phone now!!

Tara Allen  
Fred D. Anderson  
Ruth Anderson Donovan  
Pritam Atwal  
Jacquie Bell  
Mari Bergen  
Tim Bowling  
Yelena Brodsky  
Chris Bullock  
Donald Butler  
Adrienne J. Campbell  
Annette Cannell  
Harold Cashman  
Cheryl Chamberlain  
Ah Mui Cheong  
Suzanne Cole  
Richard Davies  
Pieter de Vos  
Jenine Dumont  
Linda Dumont  
Jannie Edwards  
Doug Elves  
Tom Emmens  
Kathy Fisher



Maxwell Foster  
 Faye Francis  
 Barbara Fraser  
 M. Jennie Frost  
 Myrna Garanis  
 Beckie Garber-Conrad  
 Reineke Gerding-Lengle  
 T. Virginia Gillese  
 Jo-Ann Godfrey  
 Terence Harding  
 Mary Howes  
 David Huggett  
 Sally Ito  
 Philip Jagger  
 Linda Jennings  
 Jocko  
 John King-Farlow  
 Geoff Kuziw  
 Susan Larcombe  
 Helen Lavender  
 Sean Lawson  
 Anne Le Dressay  
 Rusti Lehay  
 Carmen Sylva Lindsay  
 Joyce MacDonald  
 Nancy Mackenzie  
 Kath MacLean  
 Alice Major  
 Megla Marijan  
 Margaret Marriott  
 Anne Marshall  
 Sue Marxheimer  
 Geraldine Matus  
 Paul Matwychuk  
 Evita McConnell  
 Mary T. McDonald  
 Wendy McGrath  
 Katherine McKee  
 Dean McKenzie  
 Jean McKenzie  
 Anne E. McLellan  
 George Brian Metcalf Jr.  
 Anna Mioduchowska

Sandra Mooney-  
 Ellerbeck  
 Louis Munan  
 Tracy Murray  
 Candyce Neill  
 William Nichols  
 Marcia O'Connor  
 Jason Olyan  
 Nicole Pakan  
 Joyce Pinckney  
 Pierrette Requier  
 Joe Rizzuto  
 Terry Scerbak  
 Rebecca Schellenberg  
 Doug Schill  
 Kim Sedgewick  
 Shirley A. Serviss  
 Anna Marie Sewell  
 Theresa Shea  
 Geraldine Shields  
 Jim Short  
 Phyllis Shuell  
 Debbie Shymoniak  
 Rawn Sidor  
 June Smith-Jeffries  
 Ivan Sundal  
 Vanna Tessier  
 Andrew Thompson  
 James Thurgood  
 Taras Toroshenko  
 Rebecca Traquair  
 Thomas Trofimuk  
 Gina Varty  
 Arnie Wachman  
 Michael Walters  
 Lyle Weis  
 Ken Wilson  
 Karla Woloshyn  
 Mary Woodbury  
 Pamela Young  
 John Zapantis  
 Thomas Xavier



### ***Making Contact***

For answers about The Stroll of  
 Poets activities, policies, or who  
 is doing what, write to: Stroll of  
 Poets Society, Box 35082,  
 Oliver P.O., Edm., AB, T5K 2R8  
 or call: 467-6782.

### ***Newsletter items ??***

send them or drop them off to:  
 G. Matus, 9728-73 Ave, Edm.,  
 AB, T6H 1B4; e-mail  
[matusg@superiway.net](mailto:matusg@superiway.net)