

The Stroll Scroll December 1997

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THE

12 DAYS OF POETRY

continues to grow. In addition to finding regular venues with larger capacity, we have had to move to a larger hall for the big finale, the 12th Day of Poetry.

Mark your calendars & tell your friends!!

Schedule

December 27 thru January 17

The First Day of Poetry

Saturday, Dec. 27 at 7 p.m.
Station X Cafe, 7704 - 104 St.
Jocko

Jennie Frost
James Thurgood
Anne Le Dressay

The Second Day of Poetry

Sunday, December 28 at 3 p.m.
Station X Cafe, 7704 - 104 St.
Ian Gough

Anne Marshall
Lothar Krampol
Pierrette Requier

The Third Day of Poetry

Monday, December 29 at 7 p.m.
Station X Cafe, 7704 - 104 St.

Kathy Fisher
Gerry Brown
Pieter de Vos
Mary T. McDonald

The Fourth Day of Poetry

Friday, January 2 at 7 p.m.
Grounds for Coffee, 10247 - 97 St.

Joe Rizzuto
Geoff Kuziw
Joyce McDonald
Ruth Anderson Donovan

The Fifth Day of Poetry

Saturday, January 3 at 7 p.m.
Grounds for Coffee, 10247 - 97 St.

Myrna Garanis
Jenine Dumont
Joyce Pinckney
Geraldine Matus

The Sixth Day of Poetry

Sunday, January 4 at 3 p.m.
Grounds for Coffee, 10247 - 97 St.

Toni Owen
Phyllis Shuell
Jannie Edwards
Carmen Sylva Lindsay

The Seventh Day of Poetry

Monday, January 5 at 7 p.m.
La Boheme, 6427 - 112 Ave.

Linda Jennings
Terence Harding
Thomas Trofimuk
Laurie O'Shaughnessy

The Eighth Day of Poetry

Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m.
La Boheme, 6427 - 112 Ave.

Mari Bergen
Pamela Young
David Huggett
Richard Davies

The Ninth Day of Poetry

Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

La Boheme, 6427 - 112 Ave.

William Nichols
Fabian Jennings
Audrey Whitson
Rebecca Schellenberg

The Tenth Day of Poetry

Friday, January 9 at 7 p.m.
Sariena's Cafe, 10158 - 97 Ave.

Lyle Weis
Trevor Dekort
Jo-Ann Godfrey
Anna Mioduchowska

The Eleventh Day of Poetry

Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m.
Sariena's Cafe, 10158 - 97 Ave.

Sally Ito
Candyce Neill
Marcia O'Connor
Anna Marie Sewell
Don't miss the big finale:

The 12th Day of Poetry

**Saturday, January 17
7 p.m.**

**Hellenic Cultural Centre
10450 - 116 Street**

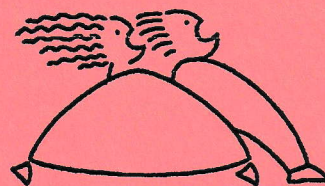
✂ Excellent poetry by 5 audience favourites from the first eleven days of poetry.

✂ Food concession run by The Commissary Bistro and Deli.

✂ Dance music by The Rault Brothers Band.

A marvelous bash!

✂ Tickets only \$5 advance at Orlando Books, 10640 Whyte Avenue; \$8 at the door



STROLL of POETS

President's Greeting

Dear Fellow Strollers:

Since the last Newsletter, the Stroll, the Fall Poetry Reading Series at the Upper Crust, & the Poetry Writing Workshop have come & gone. Our Anthology is ready to launch, we participated in The Word is Out, & the 12 Days of Poetry is in the works. Not bad for a mere two months, eh? These are some of the people to whom we are indebted: Marilyn Hooper Stroll coordinator; Michael Walters publicity coordinator; Louis Munan Writing Workshop organizer; Virginia T. Gillese Reading Series coordinator; Geraldine Matus, Newsletter editor, & jury organizer for the 12 Days Contest; Nancy Mac Kenzie & Ivan Sundal Anthology coordinators; Nancy Grantham Volunteer Coordinator; & all the people who helped with publicity, typing, proof-reading, working at the Stroll table, etc. In gratitude, I reserved space in the poets corner in heaven for you all. Be sure not to miss the Stroll Anthology Launch at City Hall. There is nothing more potent than the aroma of fresh ink emanating from a new book.

Anna Mioduchowska
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POETRY WORKSHOPS

Our fall workshop, "Traveling with the Muse," was a success. Thanks to workshop leaders: Alice Major, Bert Almon, Doug Barbour, as well as Tom Peacocke & his acting troupe for their brilliant poetic interpretations.

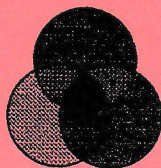
The Next Workshop is January 16 & 17. The workshop leaders will be Ted Blodgett, Shirley Serviss, and another TBA who

will focus on performance of poetry. The cost will be \$15 per session, and \$40 for all three sessions. For more information call **Louis at 424-6746**



1997 ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH

took place at City Hall, Sunday, November 30. About 100 people attended, and enjoyed some poetry, snacks and community. The Anthology will be available for sale during the 12 Days Series. Contributors to the anthology! The deadline for picking up your complimentary copy of the 1997 Anthology will be the AGM in March. To get your copy contact **Jo-Ann Godfrey** at 467-7087



STROLL WRITER'S CIRCLE

Free & Open to any Stroll member. Drop in 7-9 p.m. at Idlywylde Library 8310-88 Ave. Poets meet each month to share their work & help each other develop as poets. Next meeting dates: December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19, & April 16.

TUESDAY NIGHT READING SERIES

The Fall Reading Series went well, though audience turn out was a bit thin. So get out for the Winter Reading Series & support your poets.

Winter

Tuesday Night Reading Series

Upper Crust Cafe
10909-86 Ave. 7-8 p.m.

Feb. 3: Host Wendy McGrath

Feb. 10: Host Doug Elves

Feb. 17: Host Shirley Serviss

Feb. 17: Host Anna

Mioduchowska

Mar 3: Host Sandra Mooney-
Ellerback "Faces of Love":

Readers: Jannie Edwards,
Barbara Mitchell, Nathan Harms

Mar 10: Host Ruth Anderson-
Donovan "Un-earthed:

Everything Under the Sun:

Readers: Alice Major, Jaqueline
Bell, Sherrilyn Jahrig

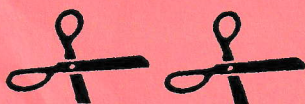


E-POEM

E-poem is the electronic poetry journal of the Stroll of Poets Society. Check out the site!
<http://www.ccinet.ab.ca/stroll>

Please make your submissions to: wnichols@ccinet.ab.ca

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>



EDITING COURSE

The Essential Editor

In this two-part workshop, learn to distinguish three levels of editing: proofreading, copy-editing & substantive editing. Whether you are editing your own work or someone else's, you need to know when it is appropriate to apply each of the three levels to the work. This course will assist you to apply essential skills to writing which will result in writing with both clarity & resounding strength. The clarity is a result of the invisible hand of the editor; the resounding strength of the author's voice a result of the written word.

Presenter: Nancy Mackenzie

(our 1997 Stroll of Poets Anthology editor) Nancy has been editing books & journals since 1981 for scholarly, educational & literary publishing houses. Her published books include *Peter's Birthday* (Reidmore Books 1987), a grade one text, *Adventurous Albertans* (Plains Publishing 1993), a grade 4 text, & *Soul's Flight* (Ekstasis Editions 1997), a book of adult poetry. Nancy is a graduate of Acadia University & the Kootenay School of Writing.

Continuing Education,
Edmonton Public Schools
Downtown Boardwalk location
Dates: Two Tuesdays: March 3
& March 10, 1998
7-10 p.m.
Fee: \$55.00
Contact: 428-1111 to register

STROLLER readings & publications

Anne LeDressay's book of poetry, Sleep Is a Country (Orlando's & Audrey's Books)

Wendy McGrath's poem "after van gogh's the night cafe" will appear in the anthology Vintage 97 June, 1998.

Listen on February 15, 1998 to 740 AM Radio for the CBC Alberta Anthology production of **Louis Munan's** poem "By the North Saskatchewan I sat down and sang."

Songs of the Street Volume Two, a collection of inner city street poetry, is available for \$5.00 from *Our Voice Magazine* vendors on a street corner near you. Editors **Michael Walters & Faith Bruce**. Published by Inner City Pastoral Ministry.

November 5, **Jannie Edwards** launched her first book of poetry, The Possibilities of Thirst "an exploration of the many forms of desire: its compulsions, its perversities, its wrong turnings & its rich satisfaction." J.E.

October 29, **Jocko** launched his book of poetry, An Anarchist Dream; "poetry for insomniacs who aren't worried about a cure" J.

Tim Bowling launched his second book of poetry, Dying Scarlet. November 21 at Orlando, where the book is available.

THE WORD IS OUT

REPORT: The Stroll of Poets Society took part in Edmonton's annual book fair, "The Word Is Out," on Oct. 26., for the first time. We had a table display &

provided public entertainment, in lieu of paying a table fee. Entertainment consisted of writing Toonie Poems (\$2.00 per poem) for people who ordered them, & and collecting the names of people's favourite poets on large sheets of paper. These were then used to decorate the bleak walls of the Arts Barns. More about that from Myrna Garanis who organized it. At our table we had Anthologies (\$40 in sales), Stroll T-shirts (\$30 in sales), and Stroll brochures & Reading Series programs. Part of the table was reserved for books or chapbooks by Stroll members, who took turns sitting at the table. Since attendance was very good, the Stroll did get the word out.

Anna M. display coordinator.

Edmontonians' favorite poets of all-time

The final results are in! A "grab-them-at-the-back-door" survey was conducted by the Stroll of Poets Society at the recent **THE WORD IS OUT** Festival.

Under pressure to choose only one poet even if ten names came to mind, nearly 200 fairgoers responded as follows:

Leaders of the Pack: Leonard Cohen, e.e. cummings, Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow & Margaret Atwood.

In the Top 20: Edgar Allen Poe, Robert Service, John Donne, William Shakespeare, Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss, & T.S. Eliot.

In the 'mentioned more than once ranks': Maya Angelo, Robbie Burns, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Rudyard Kipling,

Rainier Maria Rilke, Dylan Thomas, & William Butler Yeats.

Thanks to all who participated. Still want to compare favorites? Try **100 Best-Loved Poems**, (Dover), **The Golden Treasury** (Palgrave's), **The Library of World Poetry: being choice selections from the best poets**, **The Oxford Treasury of Classic Poems**, or **The Top 500 Poems**. All titles available at your local bookseller or library. A special thanks to Harvey Long at **Sure Print** (Argyll road) for his "banner" work on our new Stroll banner, launched at the Word is Out.

Myrna Garanis

SPECIAL THANKS

to the jurors for the 12 Days Reading Series, who sorted through 135 entries to choose their 44 favorite poems.

Bill Coull, CKUA Radio

Brian Kylie, Unitarian
Universalist Church

Evelyn Ellerman, Athabasca
University

Gita & Bob Lederer, Grounds
for Coffee & Antiques

Jackie Dumas, Orlando Books

Joy Huebert, director of library
services Spruce Grove

Keith Wiley, editor Our Voice
Magazine

Krysia Jarmicka, CBC radio
740

Michael Phair, City of
Edmonton counselor

GREETINGS FROM

Michael McCarthy -- last year's visitor from Ireland -- sends special greetings to his "Edmonton Angels"

"This is to send greetings to the stroll of poets from England,

to remind myself of how good you were to me during my sabbatical & to send my e-mail address which I have just signed up for & am practicing how to use. If this attempt is successful I will send a more detailed message next try.

my address:
michael@mmccarthy.cablenet.co.uk

Michael is happily settling into his new parish in England, Sherburn-in-Elmet.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

1999 ANTHOLOGY ON
DEPRESSION (untitled)

Rowan Books, an imprint of The Books Collective, is seeking submissions from women for a new publication to be released for its 1999 season.

The sense of isolation experienced with depression is often profound. This book will provide a format for the stories women would share over coffee or over the phone if they were able to speak freely about their experiences.

If you have had depression or have a story to tell because you are connected in some way to person(s) with depression, this format is for you.

Rowan Books welcomes works of not more than 3000 words in length, in the form of essays, short stories, or poetry. Photographs or line drawings may also be accepted. If you wish your work returned, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Contributors Payment:

\$50/ poem, drawing, photo
\$100/ story or essay

Deadline: for Submissions:
Mar. 31, 1998.
Send entries to:
Rowan Books
214-21 10405 Jasper Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3S2

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in setting up an outreach program for the "under 30" -- perhaps organize an evening of reading by high school poets? If so call Anna M. 436-4478
amioduch@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca
12320-52 Ave., Edm., AB, T6H 0P4



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: **467-2924**

Newsletter items ??

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