



# The Stroll Scroll

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## —News Stories by Ivan Sundal

Jocelyne Verret, the Stroll president, has asked me to cover the Stroll news for her. A dear friend of hers has passed away, and she is not available to write anything for this issue of the Scroll. If you missed Jocelyne at the 12 Days readings, it was because she was spending valuable last weeks with her friend. Please join me in offering the Stroll's condolences to Jocelyne.

## Annual General Meeting

March 22, 1997, 2 p.m.,

St. Anthony Teacher Centre, 10425 – 84 Ave.

Please come to the AGM and help elect the new board and usher in the new Stroll year.

## Membership Renewal and Stroll Festival Registration

The 1997 membership form is enclosed. Please fill it out and bring it to the AGM or mail it to the Stroll address. Please note that this form includes a line for registering in the Stroll of Poets festival on October 5, 1997.

If you have already paid your 1997 dues, without using the 1997 form, you should fill it out and send it in, especially if you want to perform in the Stroll in October.

## The Stroll Bylaws

A proposed set of bylaws for the Stroll of Poets Society is enclosed. At the 1996 annual general meeting the membership asked the new board to investigate the issue of board size and structure. In doing so, the board has come to the conclusion that the Stroll has outgrown the bylaws it adopted in 1991 when it became a registered society. The board offers and recommends the enclosed bylaws as an alternative. Please bring your copy with you to the meeting. If you have any suggestions for improving the proposed bylaws, please try to submit them in writing before the meeting. The membership will be asked to vote for or against adopting the new bylaws.

## The 12 Days of Poetry

The 12 Days series of readings was a smashing success again this year. Publicity filled the waves, wires, and pages of the local media; and Edmontonians came out in droves to hear their local poets. Attendance at the first eleven days was over 600, and the paid attendance at the 12th Day finale was 225. A big special thanks goes to Marilyn Hooper, the co-ordinator of the 12 Days series. And thanks to the 100+ poets who read at the Stroll; and to the 44 poets who performed at the 12 Days readings; and all the hosts, who managed the readings beautifully; and the other volunteers, who did a thousand vital things; and the Poet Thugs, who plucked their strings with refined grace and sensitivity; and Next Exit, who got the poets and everybody out on the dance floor in their very first number. And thanks to the venues and the audiences.

## Tuesday Night Poetry on Whyte

—Starting February 25 at Block 1912—

This series has a new angle. The Stroll members were asked in one newsletter to suggest themes for the series, and they were asked in the next newsletter to schedule themselves on the theme of their choice. There were not quite enough members interested in reading in the series, so one or two nights feature invited guests. (Please see the other side of this newsletter for the schedule.)

## Jocelyne Launches a Book

Jocelyne Verret launches her new book, a play, *Voulez-vous danser?* on February 28, 8 p.m., at La Cité francophone, 8527 – 91 St. There will be readings from the play.

## Writers' Circles

<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>
Feb. 18	Feb. 20
March 18	March 20

Call Toni, 426-6320, for info. on Tuesday's group.

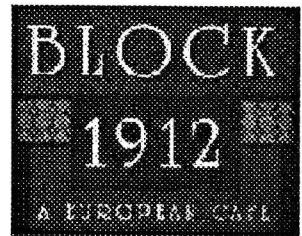
Call Sandra, 459-4669, for info. on Thursday's group.



*Stroll of Poets Presents*

## TUESDAY NIGHT POETRY ON WHYTE

### Block 1912 European Cafe



Whyte Ave. next door to Greenwood's (10361 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave.)

7:30 p.m. every Tuesday from February 25<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>

- *Each night has a theme*
- *Each poet reads at least one poem related to the theme*

Feb 25 - Leaps not taken

*Host - William Nichols*

Shirley Serviss      Tom Emmens  
Geraldine Matus      William Nichols

March 4 - parents and children

*Host - Helen Lavender*

Helen Lavender      Jocelyne Verret  
Lorie Miseck      Lothar Krampol

March 11 - Funny eh?

*Host - Glen Kirkland*

Rusti Lehay      Phyllis Shuell  
Glen Kirkland      Jocko

***Poetically Correct Election Night***

***Sweat Shop/Open Stage - host - Jocko***

March 18 - the blues, the spirit

*Host - Audrey Whitson*

Michael McCarthy      Max Foster  
Ivan Sundal      Audrey Whitson

March 25 - Playthings

*Host - Richard Davis*

Mary Howes      Richard Davis  
Toni Owen      David Huggett

April 1 - Fools Night

*Host - Philip Jagger*

Phil Jagger      Thomas Trofimuk  
John King-Farlow      Andrew Thompson

April 8 - Stars of the University

*Hosts - Theresa Shea & Tim Bowling*

Douglas Barbour      Olga Costopoulos  
Bert Almon      Karen Press

April 15 - Green

*Host - Myrna Garanis*

Jo-Ann Godfrey      Madeleine Schiller  
Wendy McGrath      Katherine McKee

April 22 - Her/His name was...

*Host - Sandra Mooney-Ellerbeck*

Myrna Garanis      Mary T. McDonald  
Marijan Mygla      Fred Anderson

April 29 - Heroes and Holy Innocents

*Host - Alice Major*

Alice Major      Doug Elves  
Michael Walters      Kathy Fisher

May 6 - Poets read favorite poets

*Host - Ruth Anderson Donovan*

Ruth Anderson Donovan      Ted Blodgett  
Nigel Darbasie      Anna Mioduchowska

May 13 - Pop!

*Host - Joe Rizzuto*

Tracy Murray      Jannie Edwards  
Louis Munan      Joe Rizzuto

May 20 - observations on the opposite sex

*Host - Evita McConnell*

Ken Wilson      Evita McConnell  
Kath McLean      Dean McKenzie