

Stroll Scroll

Stroll of Poets Society

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President's Message

School is on again with some interesting writing courses offered at various places throughout the city. The Stroll will be offering courses again this year as well. You'll read about them in the Scroll. Rusti Leahy, the Scroll editor, is also sending out messages to those of you who are on e-mail, so the word about courses as well as readings and other Stroll member news is reaching the membership as often as possible. Thanks Rusti!

Most of the poets I've spoken with over the last few weeks have been either dusting off older poems for the upcoming Stroll, or are harvesting what they have been working on this summer. I hope you all have had an excellent summer and that your writing has been productive. This is the Stroll's 9th Annual Stroll of Poets Festival, and it promises to be an entertaining one. As you can see from the Stroll Schedule in this *Scroll*, there are over one hundred Strollers again this year. Remember to make time to practise your five minutes worth of poetry, if you like to be rehearsed. Also, on Stroll day, be sure to bring your typed bio and poem for the Anthology.

The Board has been working on publicizing Stroll events. I hope you attend The Word is Out Book Fair and drop by the Stroll's table to say hello. Vanna Tessier, Jenine Dumont, and others have volunteered to work at the table during the Book Fair. All the details of

this year's Stroll are in this newsletter. Next year is our 10th year. Our Y2K committee has been coming up with some fabulous ideas for the big event. If you'd like to be involved with this, or any of the other Stroll events, please contact any of the Board members. See you at the Stroll.

- Nancy Mackenzie

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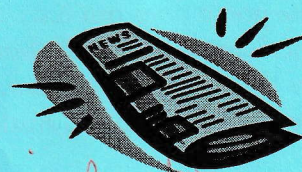
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1999 Stroll of Poets Society Guide to Strolling



POETS

* Locate your name on the schedule. The first name on each list of names is the host for your reading.

* Note the venue and the time you are reading

* Head to your venue and **PLEASE** be prompt. Try to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time so that you can make contact with your Host

* Remember to have your anthology submission ready to give to your host at this time. (See anthology guidelines)

* Please note that poets signing up for the Open Stage, or becoming a Stroll member after registration date (July 31) will not be able to submit a poem for publication in the *Anthology*.

* Have a great read and remember to time your **5 minute reading** prior to Stroll day so that you are not running over into another poet's "airtime".



STROLL 1999

ANTHOLOGY GUIDELINES

Every poet who performs at the Stroll is invited to submit one poem and a bio for inclusion in this year's Stroll of Poets Anthology. The poem does not have to be one that you perform at the Stroll, but it must be one that fits the specs listed below. Each poem & bio gets one page in the Anthology.

Anthology Specs:

- Poems must have a title.
- Maximum length of poem, including a one-line title and blank lines between stanzas: 30 lines.
- Maximum width of poem: 58 spaces.
- Bios should be no more than 75 words.



Submission Formatting:

- Poems and bios must be typed on 8.5 x 11" white paper.
- Put your name on the back of the poem.
- Type your bio on a separate sheet of paper.
- Don't staple the pages together. Your copies must not be wrinkled or stained as photocopies will be made.
- Give your poems to the Host of your performance group at the Stroll.
- Sign your Host's submission sheet.

12 Days of Poetry Selection Contest

All poems submitted to the Anthology will be considered by a panel of 9 judges who will choose the 44 poets to read during the 12 Days of Poetry. If you do not want your poem to be considered for the 12 Days, please inform your Host at the Stroll.

The Anthology Launch

The Anthology will be launched at our Christmas party on December 18, from 2 - 4 P.M. at the main foyer of City Hall. If you submit a poem to the Anthology, please come to the Christmas party and pick up your free copy of the Anthology. Additional copies of the Anthologies will be available for \$10.00 each. You may want to pick up a few to give away as Christmas gifts.



A Sample of Our Guest Poet: Tim Lilburn

Tim Lilburn is the author of five books of poems, including the recently published To The River; Moosewood Sandhills, winner of the Canadian Author's Association Award for Poetry; and Tourist to Ecstasy, nominated for the Governor General's Award in 1989. His work has been anthologized in Twentieth Century Poetry and Poetics and in A Matter of Spirit: Recovery of the Sacred in Contemporary Canadian Poetry. He is the author of the essay collection Living in the World as if It Were Home, as well as the editor of Poetry and Knowing, a book of essays on poetics by a variety of Canadian poets. He lives in Saskatoon, not far from the South Saskatchewan River. During 1999-2000, he is writer-in-residence at the University of Alberta.



Opportunities To Read:

Poetry for Windy Nights: Please contact Nancy Mackenzie if you want to participate in the Idlewyld Library's Poetry for Windy Nights on October 21, 1999 from 7 - 8:30 @ nmackenz@planet.eon.net. Nancy is looking for 5 readers.

The Book Fair: Please contact Jenine Dumont @ 434-4665 if you would like to read poetry at the Book Fair.

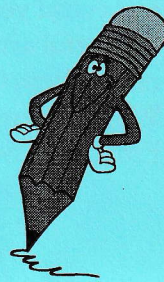
Opportunity to Sell Your Books



September 19th Book Fair will have a Stroller's Book Sale Table. Bring a sheet with how many copies you are leaving, the sale price and title of your book.

October 3rd No Bards Barred Bar @ the Stroll Member's Book Table. Same instructions as above but in order for this to happen we need

to have people volunteer to sit for 15 minutes with the books and another Stroller so you can keep each other company. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. Please contact Rusti Lehay @ 444-7307 or <rustilee@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca> if you can help out.



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar

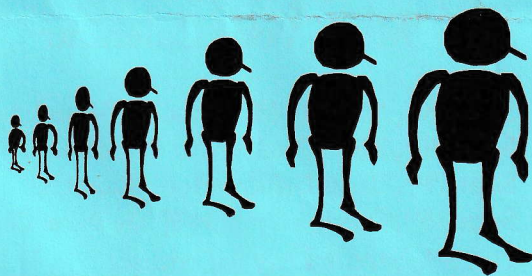
Sept 18th, Mary T. McDonald's Book Launch
Sept 19th, The Word is Out Book Fair
Sept 19th, Rusti Lehay's Book Launch
Sept 25th, Poetry in Motion @ the Bahai Centre
Oct 3rd, Stroll Day (of course)
Oct 6th, Gerald St. Maur: An Introspective

Sept 18th Mary T. McDonald, long time stroll member, will be holding her book launch for her long awaited first book Another End of the Road this September 18th from 2-5 in the North West Territories Room at the Archives McKay Avenue School located at 10425 - 99 Avenue. She will be doing several readings during that time and it is set up as a drop in. Come when you have time. You won't want to miss it.

Sept 19th Sunday The Word is Out: 16th Annual Book Fair 11 AM to 5PM Old Strathcona Market Free Admission. There is a free shuttle between Edmonton Public Library Parkade where the Book Sale is being held and Strathcona. Volunteers Still Required to read between 2-5 P.M. on the shuttle and in the gazebo. Call Jenine Dumont @ 434-4665

Sept 19th Rusti Lehay launches her chapbook i'm not sure at the Book Fair in a Gazebo Reading.

Sept 25th The fourth and final Poetry in Motion Coffee House is being held at the Bahai Centre. Please be sure to attend. Geraldine Shields has been doing a wonderful job of promoting fundraising for the WIN House as well as providing a wonderful quiet respectful venue for poets and a variety of delightful artists at 9414-111 Avenue. Tickets can be bought at Alhambra Books, 10309-Whyte Avenue or reserved through Diana Frost @ 428-0836.



The biggie: October 3rd

The 9th Annual Stroll of Poets.

If you read anything twice in this newsletter, please make sure it is the Guidelines for the Anthology, Instructions for the Poets and remember most importantly: Have Fun! We'll see you all there.

October 6th Gerald St. Maur, a Stroll member who is involved in the Literary and Visual Arts, has invited all Strollers and interested parties to Gerald St. Maur: An Introspective held @ Strathcona Place on University Avenue and 109 Street @ 7:30 P.M. Gerald will be reading poems inspired by his visual art.



Take a Look At This!

THE LITERARY NETWORK'S Top Ten Canadian Poetry Books Recommended reading by an independent panel of poets and editors from across Canada. All recommended books were published in either 1998 or 1999.

1. Sex, Death & Travel Mona Fertig
2. East End Poems Barry Butson
3. The Saning Linda Rogers
4. Cleaving Florence Treadwell
5. To The River Tim Lilburn
6. Four Red Crescent Moons Julie McNeill
7. Seeds, a poetry anthology of 12 Canadian Poets. Edited by Richard M. Grove
8. Handwriting Michael Ondaatje
9. Icons of Flesh Glen Sorestad
10. In-Between Season Anna Mioduchowska

Isn't that fantastic that our guest poet and wonderful past president made this list? Just thought you might want to know.



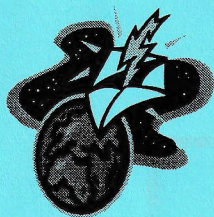
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New Zine: Place to Submit



Trevor Dekort wants to pass this on: "I've just launched a new online literary journal, WebLitCan, and I am in need of submissions. This is a serious magazine for writers who take their writing seriously. Also, the National

Library will be archiving it." The address : www.telusplanet.net/public/tdekort/weblitcan.htm

No Bards Barred Bar Request

Dean McKenzie is hoping to have six or seven quality prizes to offer the Poetry Sweatshop participants. His request: if any of you know of any business willing to donate a prize or two, please call him @ 459-4220 or email him <edam@home.com>.

9th Annual Stroll of Poets

Sunday, October 3, 1999

AGENDA

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| 10 A.M. | Legion Open for Strollers |
| 11 A.M. | B R U N C H
Strathcona Legion - Griffin Room |
| 12 Noon | Special Guest Poet:
Tim Lilburn |
| 1 P.M. | Poets Hit The Streets! |
| 5 P.M. | No Bards Barred Bar:
Strathcona Legion - Griffin Room
Dean Mckenzie & Spiritus
Poetry Sweatshop |

Beer and Burgers available from the menu.

Stay and poetry/party!

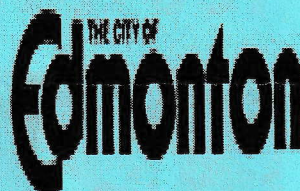
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