

Stroll of Poets Society

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2000

President's Message

January is such a busy time of year & being the last time the Scroll will come out before the AGM it's also the last opportunity I have to wrap things up as president. As I think about the past year, I think of all the people who have helped to make this year such a rewarding experience.

I know it's risky business to start singling out people in an organization of this size, but I'm willing to risk it. If you helped out & I neglect to mention your name here, or neglect to properly mention how you helped out, let me know, & I'll apologize, & get your name in the *Scroll*. Thanks to all who helped make the Stroll possible this year, including our sponsors!

- Jenine Dumont & Vanna Tessier managed the Stroll booth at the Book Fair to get the word out about what we do, & coordinated a number of readings there
- Tim Lilburn gave an inspiring reading at the Stroll brunch
- Francis Willey's painting was a fabulous door prize at the Stroll brunch, & has been widely admired on the cover of this year's anthology.
- Spiritus with Dean McKenzie, Richard Davies, & Glen Kirkland lead a strong, comprehensive sweatshop at the Stroll's No Bards Barred Bar
- Pam Young organized much-appreciated workshops, which were led by Ruth Anderson Donovan; Shirley Serviss, Jocko, April Miller; Dean McKenzie
- The Stroll Anthology launch with the fickle sound system at City Hall fixed & sounding superb by flamenco guitarists Sia Samimi & Garry Dere
- Jenine Dumont held the Stroll together by coordinating volunteers – the energy driving the Stroll
- Anna Mioduchowska provided a steady hand at the board meetings guiding us through protocol & history
- Gordon McRae – applied for grants, balanced the books, maintained the website, designed the image used in the Stroll poster used at the Book Fair, took photos
- Candyce Neill – shouldered the massive job of membership secretary & mail collector
- Jacquie Bell – came on board & provided support where needed, including a National Poetry Month idea; & is coordinating the Oliver Music Espresso competition
- Jannie Edwards – created another National Poetry Month idea
- David Huggett coordinated the 12 Days
- Rusti Leahy coordinated the Stroll, communicated with us via e-mailed messages & produced the Scroll
- Jocko, Jonathan Meakin, & Gordon McRae worked on plans for next year's Stroll
- David Bruns hosted the Open Stage the day of the Stroll & all hosts on the Stroll day
- And the many other volunteers, many of whom read at the Anthology launch, or received discounts on their 12 Days Tickets for helping out there

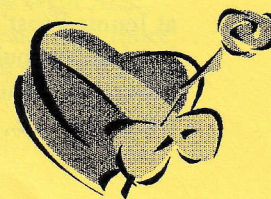
As we prepare for the next AGM, please think about volunteering some of your time to sit on the board. The following positions are open:

- President
- Vice-President
- Membership Secretary
- Volunteer Coordinator

Next year, the Stroll will be enhanced by the visionary work of the Y2K committee who have amazing things in store for a weeklong Stroll. And, if you want to find out what these plans are, you have to come to the AGM! See you there.

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful year. I've enjoyed being president. Thank you all very much.

Nancy Mackenzie

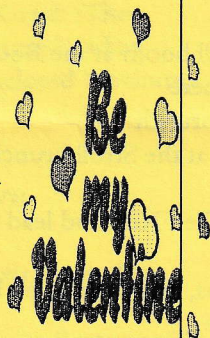


Annual General Meeting 2000

Saturday, March 18, 2000 1:30 PM City Hall Foyer

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Business arising from minutes
5. President's report –
Nancy Mackenzie
6. Treasurer's report –
Gordon McRae
7. Membership Report –
Candyce Neill
8. Volunteer coordinator's report –
Jenine Dumont
9. Workshop coordinator's report –
Pam Young
10. Stroll coordinator's report –
Rusti Leahy
11. Anthology publisher's report –
Nancy Mackenzie
12. 12 Days report –
David Huggett
13. Reading series –
Mark Kozub
14. National poetry month report –
15. Stroll 2000 proposal–
16. Nominating procedures report –
Nancy Mackenzie
17. Election of President –
18. Election of Board –
19. Election of two auditors –
20. New Business –
21. Date of next AGM – new president
22. Adjournment



Stroll Workshop

"The Music of Poetry, The Poetry of Music"

You're invited to the first Stroll of Poets workshop of 2000. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at NorQuest College (formerly AVC) 10215 - 108 St. Dean Mackenzie, a long time Stroll member & experienced poet & musician, will introduce musicians & poets to the process of blending their melodies & rhythms. The remainder of the workshop will give poets the opportunity to collaborate with musicians in exploring the ways in which instrumental music & poetry can breathe life into each other.

To facilitate a small group approach to collaboration, this workshop will be limited to the first 15 poets who register. Please fill out the following registration form & include a cheque for \$40, payable to the Stroll of Poets Society. See you there!

Send payment, your name, address, & work & home phone numbers to:

Pamela Young
Workshop Coordinator
10454 - 78 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6E 1P2

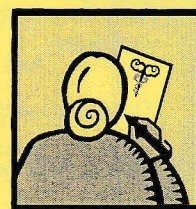
and for more information, you can e-mail Pamela:
<pyoung@connect.ab.ca>

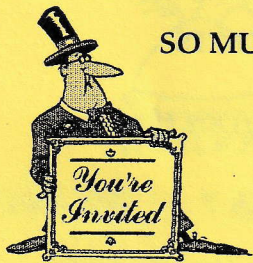
Poetry Relay Contest – National Poetry Month Celebration Event #1

The Stroll of Poets & The League of Canadian Poets invite Edmonton area poets to participate in a poetry relay contest. Poets will be randomly placed in groups of five. Each group member will contribute a specified number of lines (2-3) to a group poem, & then pass it on via e-mail. Once registered you will receive information via e-mail indicating which lines you are to write & who to send it on to. Winning entries will be read at the League's (W) Rites of Spring on April 6th, & published in the Stroll Newsletter & on the website. To register send your name, & e-mail address to: <stroll@ccinet.ab.ca> Include the words "poetry relay contest" in the body of your message. Groups have from Mar. 5-20th to compose their poem.

Poetry Circle at Jennie Frost's House

Here are the times for the poetry circle that meets at Jennie Frost's house. Anyone is welcome to attend, but Jennie would appreciate a call if you are coming (433 2932). The group meets the FIRST MONDAY of the month, i.e., February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1.





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Good Luck !

to enter a Haiku Contest

3rd Annual International People's Haiku & Senryu Contest Ten poems will be selected. All entries must be previously unpublished. \$400 in cash divided among ten winners. Winning poets featured with their poems in People's Poetry Letter, & cited on The Literary Network website at <http://webhome.idirect.com/~tplantos> National & International recognition. All haiku or senryu must include references to people, human nature or the human condition. Traditional & experimental poems welcome. Blind judging. Do not include name on page with poem. Each poem must appear on separate page or card. First lines of poems will be registered as titles. Attach list of first lines for poems entered, & include name, address, city, province or state, country, and, if applicable, email address on same page. This will serve as registration entry form. \$5 for each poem entry. . No limit on number of entries. Entrants who send a minimum of 3 poems receive a free annual subscription (3 issues) to People's Poetry Letter. Judges for this contest are internationally renowned haiku poet & editor, ai li, & prominent Canadian haiku poet, Hans Jongman. Deadline: **April 21, 2000**. Send entries & fees to: People's Poetry, Box 31, 2060 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ontario M4E 3V7 Canada. Or send SASE for entry form. You may also email us at: tplantos@idirect.com

"Espressivo" Poetry Contest

Oliver Music & Edmonton Stroll Of Poets presents "Lines From The Heart" poetry contest. Poems are to be previously unpublished & less than 50 lines on the theme of LOVE. The object of affection does not have to be human...hmm....! It must be suitable for reading to young teens & up. Submit, typewritten on 8"x11" paper, with name & phone number on the back of page. Submissions must be received at OLIVER MUSIC, 10808 - 124 Street by February 14, 2000. Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM. Inquiries phone: 451-1384.

First Prize: \$100 Oliver Music Store Gift Certificate
Poetry entries to be judged by Edmonton poet Alice Major.



"Espressivo" Open Stage

"Espressivo" - give us your best "lines from the heart" Everyone is welcome to join Oliver Music & Edmonton Stroll Of Poets for our version of "reading week" at Studio 124, upstairs Oliver Music CO. LTD., 10808 - 124 Street, Saturday February 26/00, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Commencing with musical performances, alternating with readings by poets: Jacquie Bell, Joyce Pinckney, Jocko & others; wrapping up with an "Open Stage" for poets & musicians, we promise an entertaining afternoon. Come as a listener and/or performer. Sign up for the "Open Stage" at 2:00 P.M.

*Poetry On-Line - National Poetry Month
Celebration Event #2*

The Stroll of Poets Celebrates National Poetry Month 2000 with Poetry Exchange: An On-Line Poetry Workshop "If you want a definition of poetry say, 'Poetry is what makes me laugh or cry or yawn, what makes my toenails twinkle, what makes me want to do this or that or nothing,' & let it go at that." Dylan Thomas

To promote National Poetry Month in April 2000, the Stroll of Poets Society is hosting Poetry Exchange: An On-Line Poetry Workshop. Beginning April 1 & ending April 30, the Stroll of Poets On-Line Poetry Workshop celebrates the international exchange of poetry.

Anyone who has a poem or poems he or she wants feedback on is welcome to send a copy to the Stroll's Website (<http://www.ccinet.ab.ca/stroll/home.html>). From there, poems will be directed to an established poet who will communicate via e-mail with the writer to offer constructive feedback

Please phone Jannie Edwards @ 497-5356 or 462-7199 or e-mail (edwardsj@admin.gmcc.ab.ca) & let her know if you're interested in being a poet/editor on this project.

Fiction Anyone?

In Between Publications is looking for writers of short fiction to take part in the 124th Street Reading Series. The next scheduled reading is on March 19, 2000 @ Steeps the Urban Tea House, 12411- Stony Plain Road, starting at 1 pm. All participants will be eligible for publication in Vol. II of Coffee Stains on Want Ads: Stories from the 124th Street Reading Series. For more information, please contact Tina @ (780) 475-4012.

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Open Stage @ Grounds for Coffee

To all interested Strollers (and even those who aren't members yet...)

I host a music & poetry OPEN STAGE event the last Saturday of every month, GROUNDS FOR JAMMIN', at Grounds For Coffee, 10247 - 97th Street. The whole thing begins at 3 p.m. & wraps up around 5 p.m. It's very casual & usually a lot of fun... a wide variety of poetry, folk, jazz... hell, we've even had a belly dancer! If You're Interested In Reading, Come, Sign Up & The Mike Is Yours For Up To 15 Minutes. (Unless there are a lot of people signed up, in which case EVERYONE gets less time). Mark Kozub (The Alberta Beatnik) Poetry Tuesday Evening Reading Series Coordinator 490-1414. (See enclosed brochure).

New Venue In Town

Friday Night Folk at Razzellberries Restaurant & Cappuccino Bar

Robert Kenyon is assisting Razzellberries Restaurant & Cappuccino Bar with events. They are starting off with folk music, but are also interested in holding poetry readings. They're keenly interested in working with the arts community, particularly downtown. So if you or any poets that you know would be interested in doing a reading, or maybe operating a folk open stage, please contact Razzellberries or Robert Kenyon (rkinf@connect.ab.ca) and/or check out the website: <http://www.connect.ab.ca/~rkinf/fnfr.htm>



Just Thought You Should Know

At a banquet last October 2nd, 1999, awards were given by the North Central Alberta International Year of the Older Person committee & Events Edmonton. The awards were for outstanding achievement by seniors, & titled *Life Begins at Sixty*. The winners of plaques in the Writing Category were Mary T. McDonald & W. J. (Bill) Owen. Mary became a full-time writer after teaching school for 34 years. **Congratulations, Mary!** Other Stroll members were nominated for awards at the event. These included Joyce Harries & Jean McKenzie. **Congratulations to you both!**

Notes of Appreciation: Volunteers are the Stars



Jenine Dumont, our wonderful Volunteer Coordinator, would like to thank Julie Robinson & spouse, Rusti Leahy & Bob, Myrna Garanis, Demetrius Garanis, Jennifer Loar, Candyce Neill, & Hayven Dzus, for sitting at the 12th Night of Poetry ticket table.

Plus an overdue thank you to Francis Willey & congratulations to Jennifer Loar for winning the painting "Moonlit Sonnet" that Francis donated for the Stroll Brunch door prize and which appears on the cover of this year's anthology. It might have been Jennifer's first poetry reading & what a way to encourage her to come back! **Thank you Francis!** People like you mean the moon and the stars to the Stroll.



Modern Traditional Poetry Contest Flyer Enclosed
Reading Series Pamphlet Enclosed



Happy Valentines Day to Everybody. Stay healthy and well throughout this spring and avoid that flu season! Rusti, your newsletter editor. Call 444-7307 or e-mail preferred <rustilee@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca>.



*So glad the old
year passed without
validating all the
YZK hype.*
Happy New Millennium!

