

Oh No! The logo's gone! It took off without notice or resignation. Or did Rusti lose it? Delete it/ forget it? Nope! To all of the above. It is retiring after 9 years of hard labour and training a replacement as I write this. The new logo, proud to represent all Stroll Bards, will be launched Sept. 12th @ the Backroom Vodka Bar (7P.M.) 10324-82 Ave. **COME SEE IT SHOW OFF!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One day, a poet will spontaneously combust behind the microphone. And their words - screams, really - will have set the audience's ears on fire.

Thank the Good Lord there are those who carry such a big torch for The Word. This summer, Stroll of Poets has definitely been "fanning the flame" with RAVING POETS, an Open Stage series at the Backroom Vodka Bar on Whyte Avenue. Every Tuesday night, we have seen NEW (and usually young) poets get rapturously close to spontaneous combustion. So, too, have we seen new members signing up to be Strollers! And great crowds, vast and surprisingly attentive.

And the media's been really supportive, too. I did interviews with CJSR and CKUA and together with my brilliant co-host Thomas Trofimuk, got WIRED on the A Channel.

Each night, Thomas and I have been providing live music for the poets. Each night, the audience has voted the Best Poet of the Night. Each "best poet" made it to the "best of" live performance night at B Scene Studios, Aug. 31st, where and when the readings (with musical accompaniment) were burned onto a CD.

The "CD release party" and big, final showcase of RAVING POETS will take place Tuesday, September 12th at 7 p.m, the same night we welcome you to see the FIRST UNVEILING OF THE NEW (incredibly funky) STROLL LOGO.

Oh, and the whole night will be filmed by Frame 30 Productions for a possible TV airing. (Michael Hamm of Frame 30 is currently pitching a TV series on Canadian poetry to major networks.)


NOW, on to the REALLY IMPORTANT news. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Stroll, we welcome you to a full week of readings (Oct. 1st - 7th) with STROLL 2000.

A week's worth of exciting readings (including a Poetry Slam and - gasp! - Triple-X Poetry) means readers will be part of a longer, more dynamic high profile event. As well, some acclaimed "big ticket" poets should help to make Stroll 2000 more attractive to the media and masses.)

Meanwhile, YES, the standard October Stroll is still VERY happening and VERY vibrant and taking place down Whyte Avenue October 1st with a million thanks to Rusti Leahy for soldiering on and co-ordinating it again this year.

Here's something else that's important: YOU. We really, really, really, really need the help of inspired volunteers to make STROLL 2000 a memorable success. (And helping out helps YOU, because this event WILL raise the public profile of Edmonton poets.)

One more thing: the Stroll Board and I want to thank this year's coordinators for taking on big and wonderful jobs: Rusti Leahy (Stroll Coordinator), Linda Dumont (Anthology editor) and David



Huggett (12 Days Coordinator).
We're still looking for someone
to take on the task of Poetry
Tuesdays.

Also, I want to thank everyone on
the Board for their blood, sweat,
tears, and big brains: Jocko,
Gordon McRae, Nancy Mackenzie,
Thomas Trofimuk, Cindy Lou
Prokopy, Linda Jennings and
Beckie Garber-Conrad. You folks
set me on fire.

Mark Kozub Stroll President

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E-mail note: if you are not barraged with e-mails from Rusti (that's me) and have e-mail, send me your address. :-> You'll hear all about Stroll & poetry events as soon as I do!

THE ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH

The Anthology will be launched at our Christmas party on December 17th, 2000 from 2 - 4 P.M. in 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.

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 first 11 of 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. (more information on Page 3 of this newsletter!)

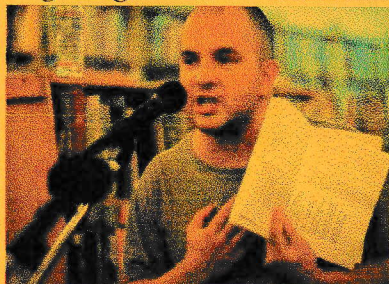
THE REMINDER YOU ASKED FOR!

So if you said yes to Rusti when she called pleading for your volunteer assistance, please consider this your reminder. Cut this out, paste it on the fridge, keep a copy in your daytimer, bring it with you Oct. 1st, and together with your help, we'll make October 1st the best Sunday Stroll yet and the beginning of one terrific week of poetry.

Volunteer Name	Time Slot
Drop off/Pick up Brunch Tickets	
Pierrette Requier	Aug 15 th & Sept 30 th
Brunch Ticket Table (give out host kits)	
Gerald St. Maur	10:00-10:15 A.M.
Diane Buchanan	10:00-10:15 A.M.
Jenine Dumont	10:15 -10:30 A.M.
Candyce Neill	10:15 -10:30 A.M.
Joyce Harries	10:30-10:45 A.M.
Shirley Serviss	10:30-10:45 A.M.
June Smith-Jeffries	10:45-11:00 A.M.
Drew Jeffries	10:45-11:00 A.M.
Guest Poet Book Sale Table	
Jo-Ann Godfrey	12:30 P.M.
Candyce Neill	12:30 P.M.
Host Kit Dispersal	
Jannie Edwards	12:00-12:30 P.M.
Kathy Fisher	12:30-1:00 P.M.
Open Stage Host	
David Bruns	2:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Anthology Editor/Submissions	
Linda Dumont	NBBB
NBBB Book Sale Table	
Tracy Murray	4:30-5:00 P.M.
David Huggett	4:30-5:00 P.M.
Doug Grimes	5:00-5:30 P.M.
David Huggett	5:00-5:30 P.M.
Shirley Serviss	5:30-6:00 P.M.
Alice Major	5:30-6:00 P.M.
Poetry Sweatshop Host	
Francis Willey	4:30-5:15 P.M.

A SAMPLE OF OUR BRUNCH GUEST POET: JEFFREY MCDANIEL

Jeffrey McDaniel is one of the few acclaimed performance poets to have work appear in major literary publications, including Ploughshares and Best American Poetry 1994.



His work also appears in Revival: Spoken Word From Lollapalooza, Poetry Nation, and The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry. His own books are: Alibi School and Forgiveness Parade. "Jeffrey has appeared in venues across the country as well as the world." "Whether he's tackling dysfunctional family memories or broken-hearted romance, his love of language is everywhere evident, making images you won't soon forget. Heartbreaking and hilarious simultaneously..."

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st AGENDA

- 10 A.M. **Legion Open for Strollers**
- 10:45 A.M. **BRUNCH**
Strathcona Legion 10416 81 Avenue
- 11:40 A.M. **Jeffrey McDaniel**
- 12:30 P.M. **Autograph Session**
- 12:45 P.M. **Poets Hit The Streets!**
- 5 P.M. **No Holds Bard Bar: Poetry Sweatshop & Entertainment**
Strathcona Legion 10416 81 Avenue

Advance Tickets Available at Orlando Books

\$8.50 Advance 10123 82 Avenue \$10.00 @ the door

Beer and Burgers available from the menu.

Stay and poetry/party!

DOORPRIZE PLEA

Have you got something brand new, never been used, a gift that wasn't really you that would be suitable for a brunch doorprize? Or maybe you know of a business that would be willing to donate a doorprize? If so email cinlu@telusplanet.net or rustilee@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca or call Cindy Lou Prokopy-477-0102 or Rusti Leahy-444-7307.

MILLENNIUM WEEK AGENDA

Oh, the suspense. Jocko & Gordon have diligently been working on the Millennium Week Stroll Events and will keep us posted via the website and the stroller's e-mail list as the updates come in. This is the schedule at this moment for all eager-to-know Strollers. (Subject to change and final complete week long agenda available Oct. 1st and updates earlier via the Stroll Website, and E-mail. Keep checking for updates. Call Jocko 434-6816. He still needs readers and volunteers.

Mark your calendars for all your favourite events.

Sunday October 1 ... Venue TBA

1. "Stroll Of Poets"
2. Jeffrey McDaniel

Monday October 2 ... Venue TBA

1. 2000 Years Of Poetry - poetry B.C.
2. Poetry Slam

Tuesday October 3 ... Venue TBA

1. 2000 Years Of Poetry - 1 A.D. to Beuwolf
2. Vagon Poetry

Wednesday October 4 ... Venue TBA

1. 2000 Years Of Poetry - 1st to 14th century poetry
2. eXeXeX Poetry

Thursday October 5 ... Venue TBA

1. 2000 Years Of Poetry - 15th to 18th century poetry

Friday October 6 ... Venue TBA

1. 2000 Years Of Poetry - 19th century poetry
2. Poetry Sports

Saturday October 7 Stanley Milner Library Theatre 2000 Years Of Poetry - 20th century poetry

CURRENT EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, COURSES

Let your Writing take Flight

The U of A Faculty of Extension's Writing Program can help transform your thoughts into inspired writing. We offer a variety of writing courses beginning Sept. 2000: Poetry, Screenwriting, Writing for New Media (online), Words for Artists, Intro to Creative Writing, Techniques in Creative Non-Fiction, Writing the Novel. Work with some of Edmonton's best, many of whom are award-winning writers. Contact us via the web: www.extension.ualberta.ca/writing or call or e-mail us for further information: Ph. (780) 492-3093, e-mail: appliedarts@ualberta.ca

Jocko's Courses:

"Poetry Crossfire: Balancing the Private With the Public". This course examines the poet's often neglected relationship to the public or outside world. Also "Getting At the Heart of It: Writing the Screenplay You Need To Write". This course will focus on the various genres and storytelling structures in the filmworld, with an aim to give both new and practicing screenwriters some insight into their own preferences and storytelling techniques. Want more information? Faculty of Extension 492-3093.

2000 STROLL OF POETS SOCIETY GUIDE TO STROLLING

- Poets locate your name on the schedule. Your host (the first name in your reading slot) will call you.
- Note the venue & your reading time.
- Head to your venue. **PLEASE** be prompt. Try to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time so that you can make contact with your Host.
- You **MUST** have your anthology submission ready for your host at this time! (anthology guidelines below.)
- Please note that poets signing up for the Open Stage, or new Stroll members not on the schedule to read will not be able to submit to the *Anthology* publication.

- Have a great read and remember to have a trial run through of your reading prior to Stroll day to keep it to the **5 minute space** so that you are not running over into another poet's "airtime".

HOSTS: IMPORTANT!

Hosts: If your name is the first in your reading group and I've asked you to be a host, you said YES and you are hosting, please read your duties and refer to the cheat sheet I have enclosed for you. Thanks a million. All you volunteers are swell!!!

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Margin Remains Blank	ANTHOLOGY SPECS:		BIO FORMATTING:
	<div><div>☐ Poems must have a title.</div><div>☐ Maximum length of poem, including a one-line title and blank lines between stanzas: 30 lines.</div><div>☐ Maximum width of poem: 58 spaces.</div><div>*Poets, read these guidelines very carefully. Poems that do not fit within the specification for the Anthology as laid out may be cut, narrowed, shortened, broken lines, so be kind to the editor, honour your own work and challenge yourself to make your poem fit.</div></div>		Bios should be no more than 75 words like this column blurb here. 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.
	Line 12		
	SUBMISSION FORMATTING:		
	Line 14		
<div><div>☐ Poems and bios must be typed on 8.5 x 11" white paper.</div><div>☐ Put your name on the back of the poem.</div><div>☐ Type your bio on a separate sheet of paper.</div><div>☐ Don't staple the pages together. Your copies must not be wrinkled or stained as photocopies will be made for the jurors.</div><div>☐ Give your poems to the Host of your performance group at the Stroll.</div><div>☐ Sign your Host's submission sheet.</div></div>			
Line 25			
Line 26			
<div>This box is the size of the anthology page for your poem and bio.</div> <div>The line with the * is the exact width (58 spaces) allowed for your poem.</div> <div>Do not go outside these lines with a regular 12 size font for your poem and bio.</div> <div>Line 30 final line of your poem</div> <div>1 page 1 poem 1 bio per person.</div>			
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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO READ

Open Stage every Tuesday all summer in the Back Room Vodka Bar 7:00 P.M. 10324 - 82 Avenue. For information call: Mark Kozub 490-1414 or Thomas Trofimuk 477-0102

17TH ANNUAL THE WORD IS OUT! BOOK FAIR

Sept 15th, Friday, 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. Opening Night Book Launches & Readings *Admission free!*
Stanley A. Milner Library Theatre
Sept. 16th Sat. 9:00AM - 6:00PM Old Strathcona Market
Free Admission. There is a free shuttle between Strathcona and the Edmonton Public Library Parkade where the Book Sale is being held. Volunteers Still Required to read between 2-5 P.M. on the shuttle and in the gazebo. Contact David Huggett, Producer, Alberta Book Fair Society, dhuggett@interbaun.com or at 422-8216. Opportunities to meet authors: Sid Marty, Fred Stenson, Mary Woodbury, Bruce Alan Powe, Nigel Darbasie, Tolo Mollel, Barb Demers, Ted Blodgett, Barbara Hartmann (children's illustrator), & others.

OPPORTUNITY TO SELL YOUR BOOKS

The Book Fair and the No Holds Bard Bar have opportunities for you to sell your books. Contact Audrey Whitson to sell your books at the NHBB and David Huggett for the Book Fair booksellers table.

STROLLER'S IN THE NEWS! STROLLER'S BOOKS

The Literary Network's Top Ten Canadian Poetry Books For Summer 2000 named our very own long time stroller, Alice Major's Tales For An Urban Sky Congratulations Alice! Also... this is great news: "Alice Major is now the president of the League of Canadian Poets, which represents professionally published poets across the country. And she is publishing her fourth poetry collection this fall, with St. Thomas Press of Toronto. The new collection is called Corona Radiata.

AND

One of the new Stroll members, John J. Chalmers, has co-edited a non-fiction book with his late father. Niddrie Of The North-West includes some 65 historical photos, is the memoirs of a great-great-uncle, Rev. John W. Niddrie, a pioneer Methodist missionary in Alberta & Manitoba. Copies may be ordered from The U of A Press in Edmonton at 780-492-3662, or John at 780-435-8194. To find out more, see John's web site www.tgx.com/ccl.

AND

Paul ("The Middle Poet") McLaughlin has a website for his poetry: <http://www.compumart.ab.ca/dogonit>

AND

Keep your eyes open for another new Stroll member, Robert N. Pruden who will be launching his chapbook Transitions very soon.

AND RAVING POETS HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS

The Stroll of Poets' sponsored open stage, Raving Poets, is a smash hit. The event, hosted by board members the Alberta Beatnik and Thomas Trofimuk ran every Tuesday at the Back Room Vodka Bar all summer. The series started slow but on August 15th had over 60 people in the audience and 16 readers.

"There are so many people in the audience, it's almost frightening," says the Alberta Beatnik aka Mark Kozub. "If it gets any bigger, we don't know what we're going to do." The fan favorites who are picked every night by the audience will be cutting a CD at the B-Scene Studios on August 31st. The official wrap-up of the summer series, with readings by fan favorites, is September 12th at the Back Room Vodka Bar. The new Stroll of Poets' logo will be launched on that evening as well. All Stroll of Poets members are very welcome and encouraged to show up and support the Stroll.

The fan favorites so far are:

Terence Harding	Katie Oppen
MuchJon	Darlene Spong Henderson
Liam Kelly	Yoav Engelberg
	Trevor King

Thanks For Your Donations:

☺ Pritam Atwal	☺ Jean Carmichael McKenzie
☺ Diane Buchanan	☺ George Brian Metcalf Jr.
☺ Richard Davies	☺ Vince Pallier
☺ Adriana Davies	☺ Michael Penny
☺ Jannie Edwards	☺ Robert N. Pruden
☺ Jennie Frost	☺ Madeleine Schiller
☺ Jo-Ann Godfrey	☺ Kelly Shepherd
☺ Joyce Harries	☺ Geraldine Shields
☺ Fabian Jennings	☺ Rawn Sidor
☺ Linda Jennings	☺ Gail Sobat
☺ John King-Farlow	☺ Gerald St. Maur
☺ Tim Lander	☺ Taras Toroshenko
☺ Helen Lavender	☺ Christina Tower
☺ Alice Major	☺ Ellen Wells
☺ Sue Marxheimer	☺ Audrey Whitson
☺ Geraldine Matus	☺ Pamela Young

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You wouldn't believe what I had to cut in order to fit everything in this newsletter. My apologies. Rusti

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