



the Stroll Scroll

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The Stroll of Poets Society semi-regular newsletter

President's Message

"Get away from empty heroes and people that just look good or just play a game well. To me this is not enough to be a hero. You have to change somebody's life – Neil Peart – Musician

In the philosophy of musician Neil Peart, I would like to emphasize as poets we can be heroes too. In this mode of thought, two things come to mind. The first, is that Linda Rogers, our special guest Stroll day poet, is a true hero-poet. She humbly modeled quality poetry and gave us a gift of poetry that we can all carry with us. When I asked her what makes an award winning poem, she stated that the poem should be an expression of humanity.

The second, is that the 12 Days of Poetry is fast approaching and every year there is more than enough Strollers who are let down because their poems were not chosen. Remember that the poems submitted are just pieces of lifetime poem-portfolios. And, if you are chosen this year – congratulations – be a Stroll poet-hero by being humble about it – present poems that have the quality of humanity within them. And whether chosen or not – support each other by attending as many of the 12 Days of poetry readings as you can.

Thanks again to all of you who volunteered your time to make the 12th Annual Stroll as successful as it was. Thanks to the Calgary Poets for their warm hospitality in having us at their Stroll and for sharing in our Stroll – the bond is truly growing. Thanks to all of you who will be involved in making the 12 Days of Poetry a success too. Thanks also to our board, who continues to work hard to help promote Stroll poetry and keep the society in-tact.

Start the holiday season off at the Anthology Launch - December 8 at 1:00 at City Hall (details in newsletter). Anthologies make great Christmas presents too – and in this season of gift-buying, support local poets and artisans by purchasing their creations.

May the season's spirit of peace and good-will carry on throughout the new year for all of you.

Best always in poetship – sandra-pres_s_mooney_ellerbeck@hotmail.com

Anthology Launch

December 8 City Hall – 1:00 – 4:00

2:00 Official Launch

12 Days Winners Revealed -

See back of Newsletter for details

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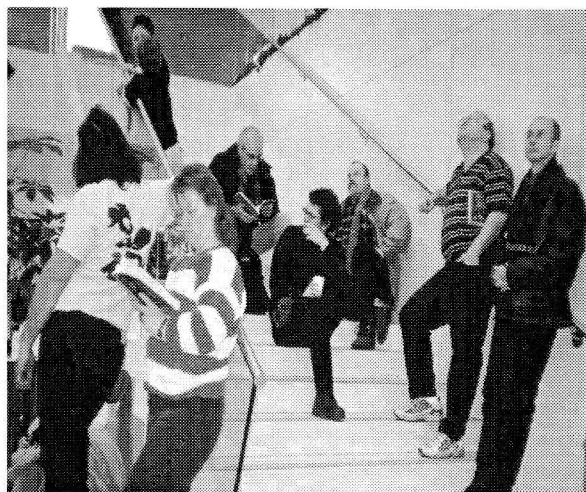
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Don't Forget to bring some munchies



Family & Friends Welcome



Buy extra anthology copies (\$10)

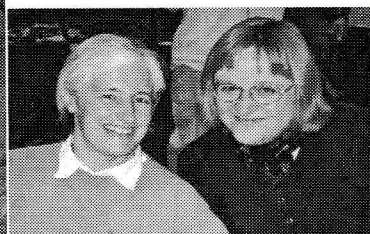
Stroll Festival Tapestry 2002 & Flashback



Drew Jeffries



A Stroll-Work-of-Art Guess Who?



Katie Oppen & Christina Tower



Kathy Fisher



Linda Jennings



Shirley Serviss



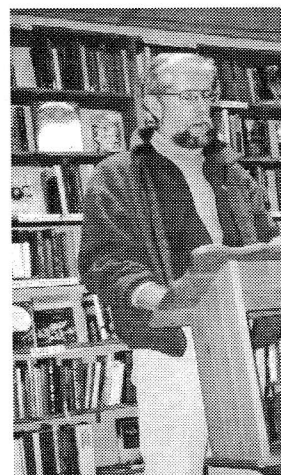
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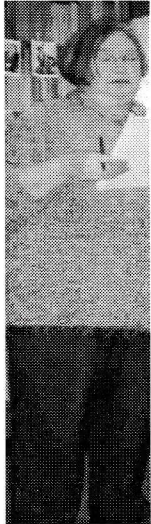
Award Winning Poets – Lit Fest

Thank you to the Poet Thugs: Tom Emmens, William Nichols and Ken Wilson also to the Poets who performed: Bert Almon, Olga Costopoulos, Myrna Garanis, Fabian Jennings, Jocko, Anna Mioduchowska, Ben Murray, Shirley Serviss, Ivan Sundal, and Special guest: Linda Rogers



Vanna Tessier

Volunteer Spotlight



Myrna Garanis was born and raised in Saskatchewan. Her poetry has been published widely. She is also a Reference Librarian at the Stanley A. Milner Library. Myrna is a long time Stroller – She has been on the board - she continues to be the smiling face behind the table at most events selling tickets or books. Myrna – Thank you for your continued support - for being a true Stroll stalwart – and for sharing your poetry with the Stroll.

Member News

Congratulations to all of you who have had poems published in the last couple of months and best of everything to all of you who continue to brave the markets.

Congratulations to: Vanna Tessier for her book *Peppermint Night* winning the Poets' Corner Award for 2002 – published by Broken Jaw Press.

Congratulations John:

"Highway 2 and Other Poems", a poetry chapbook by John Chalmers is available at \$6 per copy plus \$1 postage. Total \$7. One dollar from each sale in Oct.-Dec. is donated to the Bissell Centre for support of their writing programs and "Songs of the Street" poetry competition. Contact John at 780-435-8194 or by email, johnchalmers@shaw.ca to order your copy.

Other News

I'm back on flat ground in the city after being buried in a snowdrift on the top of a mountain for most of the summer! As I made my autumnal re-entry into civilized society, I discovered a few mix-ups that were my due punishment for "getting away from it all." Firstly, the post-office accidentally closed my post office box. The situation is now rectified, so people can send me stuff to Box 412, Main P.O., Edmonton, T5J 2J6 once again. Also, when I signed up for light speed internet with Shaw, they failed to inform me that ctower@shaw.ca was already taken. Unfortunately, some other ctower might have received your submissions of war and peace poetry. I've decided to keep my old service for the time being, so you can re-send your poetry to ctower@interbaun.com. I have emailed the other ctower about the situation and hopefully he/she will forward my mail." - Christina Tower

Edmonton's Media Magazine: your guide to media resources in Edmonton is now on sale at Hub Cigar, Front Page News and at Greenwood and Audreys Books for \$20. Stroll members can purchase single copies for half price (until November 30) or subscribe to the magazine to gain access to the directory listings online and to the monthly e-newsletters by contacting the publisher. Check out the website for more information www.mediamag.ca.

Markets/Contests

GRAIN – Prose and Poetry Contest/ Deadline January 31, 2003 – Winners will be announced in April 2003.

Details at www.grainmagazine.ca

Send entries to: Short Grain Contest
Box 67 Saskatoon, SK S7K 3K1

BROKEN JAW PRESS:

The entry deadline for the next Poets' Corner Award is December 31, 2002. Guidelines are posted at: www.brokenjaw.com/poetscorner.htm

They may also be received by sending a SASE to: Poets' Corner Award, Broken Jaw Press, Box 596, Stn A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A6.

The winner of the new Poets' Award will receive a \$500.00 cash prize and the publication of his or her manuscript of poetry.

CAPTAIN of Consciousness Journal is looking for poetry submissions – Send poems to:

Lynda Flagler, 34 Sussex Street, South, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 3E8 – email: lynda@can-press.com for details.

Fiddlehead, Campus House, 11 Garland Court UNB
PO Box 4400, Fredericton NB E3B 5A3

Contest: Poetry Up to 5 poems \$24.00 entry fee
includes a year's subscription Deadline Dec 15
Fid@nbnet.nb.ca

Check out www.writersguild.ab.ca for more markets

Writer Circle

Contact Jennie Frost mjffrost@accessweb.com

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the best of poetry

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12 Days of Poetry

Now that winter is here, it's time to start looking for ways to warm it up a little. The hot verse of the 12 Days of Poetry, of course -- January 5 to 25. Please help make the series a roaring success by spreading the word; come out to the Anthology launch on December 8 and pick up some 12 Days programs to distribute in the bookstores and cafes in your area. The schedule or program will be in the form of a bookmark. For a blast of heat right now, contemplate the 12th Day finale, featuring eleven readers from the first eleven days, some Robbie Burns Day fun that includes a piper and a taste of haggis, and a boogie with the legendary blues band Hot Cottage.

City Arts Center 10943 – 84 Ave

All readings begin at 7:00 pm - Details at Anthology Launch and on Stroll Website

Edmonton Public Library Whitemud Crossing Branch: #145 – 4211 – 106 street – 2 Afternoon readings

12th Night: Strathcona Legion:

To A Violet – By Robert Burns

Go, little flower: go bid thy name impart
Each hope; each wish, each beating of my heart;
Go, soothe her sorrows, bid all anguish cease,
Go, be the bearer of thyself — heart's ease.

Workshop News

Spring Workshops Coming at the City Arts Center:

1. **From the Stone to the Jewel - Bert Almon**
2. **Wind Eye – Windows into Writing - Pierrette Requier** *Details next newsletter*

HOW TO READ A POEM – On-line Workshop

A few minutes on the Internet will be worth your time to visit the Poetry 180 web site of the Library of Congress at <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/>. At the location, Billy Collins, Poet Laureate of the United States provides a list of 180 poems with links to all of them. A feature at the site give some excellent advice for poets which you click on the link button called "how to read a poem out loud." At the page which then appears, you can click on "Listen to Poet Laureate Billy Collins talk about reading a poem," which opens a sound file in which Billy himself can be heard demonstrating on how to present a poem, which he does by reading a poem for you. Listen to Billy, read his advice, and enjoy the poems he has selected. – John Chalmers

Are you connected yet?

Most Stroll members have e-mail, but those who don't are missing the frequent e-mail announcements about upcoming events and news in literary circles. If you have recently connected, be sure to let Doug Elves know your e-mail address, and give your address to our e-mail editor, Trevor Dekort at tevor@dekort.ca so he can add you to our distribution list. Likewise, if you are connected to the Internet, visit our new Stroll web site at www.strollofpoets.com.

Stroll Reading Opportunities

Spring Poetry Reading Series at the City Arts Center in February – Kick off with Gary Geddes – Special Guest Poet – Groups or individual Poets who would like to read with a theme – contact Tom Emmens at tomco@shaw.ca

Newsletter Editor Opportunity

Contact:
s_mooney_ellerbeck@hotmail.com
if you are interested in being Newsletter Editor.

12th Annual Stroll of Poets

Sunday, October 6

Stroll of poets.Com
Info: 464-0256

140 poets recite
in several Strathcona venues

Stroll Brunch

with
guest
poet



Linda Rogers

11 am Strathcona Legion
10416 - 81 Avenue

Don't forget the
No Bards Barred Bar
Poetic fun & games
at Strathcona Legion
5 pm

Brunch tickets \$10 advance from Orlando Books, \$12 door
Rogers Performance only (11:45 am) \$5 at the door
All other readings of the day are free of charge

International Hostel 10647-81 Ave	Athabasca Books 8228-105 St	Orlando Books 10640 Whyte Ave	Greenwoods Books 7927-104 St	Cyber Naked Cafe 10442 Whyte, #201	Alhambra Books 10390 Whyte	Bjames Books 10533 Whyte
1 PM			1 PM			
Timothy Cusack Ruth Galloway Dean McKenzie Ben Murray Jade O'Riley	Doug Elves Jessica Stratton Audrey Whitson Leo A. Campos Joe Rizzuto	Myrna Garanis Pierrette Requier Drew Jeffries Lance Beswick Trevor Dekort	Nancy Mackenzie Rusti Leahy John Sylvestre Pritam Atwal Adriana Davies	Fabian Jennings Glen Kirkland Tavia Grabes Holly Miller Barbara Janusz	John Chalmers Kathy Fisher Don Butler Alison Nicholls Joanne Marcom	Sue Marxheimer Kathie Sutherland Thomas Trofimuk Peter Ryan Lana Phillips
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Sandra Mooney Ellerbeck Beckie Garber-Conrad Vanna Tessier June Smith-Jefferies	Naomi McIlwraith George Metcalf Jr. Tracey Murray Mary T. McDonald Gord MacLennan Richard Berube	Jo-ann Godfrey Louis Munan Oswald Meyer Geraldine Matus Julie Robinson	Kathryn Charr Andrew Thompson Marcia O'Connor Brian Genereaux Catherine McLaughlin	Jennie J. Frost Rebecca Shellenberg Florence McKie Michael Appleby Brett Blaikie	Janine Dumont Harold Cashman Kevin Clulaw Joyce Pinckney Andy Michaelson	Ron Kurt Rawn Sidor Gail Sobat Concorcia L. Mendoza Mark Kozub
3 PM			3 PM			
OPEN STAGE Just turn up and sign in.	Ken Sutton Bert Almon Madella A. Runka Amy Williams Dawn Carter	William Nichols Shirley Serviss Tim Scheybeler Anne Rix Jim Thomson	Anna Mioduchowska Ken Wilson Dorothy Ansdell Jalal Barzanji Leonard Gierach	Joyce Harries Faye Francis Gerald St. Maur Maxwell Foster Marie Gervais	David Huggett Michael Kennedy Anne Marshall Hugh McAlary Laurel Tokuda	Audrey Shield Vince Pallier Katie Oppen Christopher Ducharme
4 PM			4 PM			
Paul McLaughlin Dianne Bennett Ivan Sundal Tom Emmens Fred Anderson	Helen Lavender Tania Kajner Angela Penn Scott Alderson Richard Davies	Christina Tower Diane Buchanan Jocelyn Verret Karia Woloshyn Danielle Dalton	Jocko Linda Jennings Barbara Curry Mulcahy Paula Stephenson Darlene Spong Henderson	James Thurgood Ellen Wells Margaret Marriott Taras Toroshenko John Leppard	Pamela Young Michelle Lambert Bill Sommers Trevor Mulligan Walter Neufeld	Carlean Fisher John Zapantis Pat Dungan Cliff Therou Carole-Ann Brown

2002 Stroll Schedule/Host Information

Hello Poets ! Here is the draft schedule for the 12th Annual Stroll of Poets on October 6th/02. Please take a good look at it; find your name and the venue and time you are reading. Did I spell your name right? Is your membership paid up but your name doesn't seem to be on the schedule? Are you listed in the schedule and don't want to or can't read on October 6th? Since this is the draft schedule, now is the time to fine tune it. So please send me an e mail (tomco@shaw.ca) with any spiffing up that needs to be done to your corner of the schedule. If I don't hear from you, I will assume that all is well. Also, if your name appears first in the grouping, this means that you are the host of that reading. Would all you hosts, please send me a quick e mail letting me know that you are indeed delighted to host your group! Thanks so much. The final schedule, heat kits and everything you need to know about Stroll day will be available September 24th. For now, please jot down in your day timer, the date the location and the time that you are reading (presuming of course that all is well in the schedule). Thanks. I'm looking forward to another wonderful Stroll ! Marilyn Hooper
12th Annual Stroll Festival Co-ordinator.

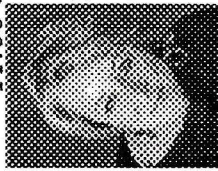
Anthology Specs:

- Poems must have a title.
- Max. length -- including a one-line title and blank lines between stanzas: 30 lines
- Max. width: 58 spaces.
- Bio no more than 75 words.
- Poems and Bios must be typed on 8.5 x 11" white paper.
- Put your name on back of poem.
- Type Bio on separate sheet of paper.
- Give poems to Host.
- Sign your Host's submission sheet.

Start the Stroll with Brunch,

LINDA ROGERS performing.

11:00 a.m. Strathcona Legion



Linda Rogers was born in Port Alice, B.C. She has an M.A. from the UBC, and addition to writing poetry and fiction, she writes and performs songs for children.

Linda is also a reviewer for *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Victoria Times-Colonist*, *Toronto Star*, *The Globe and Mail*, interviewer for CBC, Shaw Cable (hosts *Bookshelf*), and teaches at University of Victoria and Writers in Electronic Residence.

She has won numerous poetry awards: to note a few: *The Pat Lowther Memorial Award* (short list/1982, *Stephen Leacock* 1st prize-1994/4th Prize-1995/2nd Prize-1996, 2000 *Petra Kenny Award* -2nd place. She also won the *Malahat Fiction Prize* short list/1994/1996. Recently, Linda was commissioned to write a book on a place that inspires poetry -- she went to Whales for the adventure.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to spend time with one of our Canadian Poetry Masters!

POET THUGS Perform at WINSPEAR

(in the Lobby) - with 5 minute readings by:

Stroll Award Winning Poets -- Special Bonus:

5 min. Award Winning Poem Reading by:

Linda Rogers -- stick around -- ask the Poets:

How To Craft An Award Winning Poem -

Saturday Afternoon Oct. 5 at the Lit Fest

RAVING POETS BAND

Performs Saturday Night

More Details to Come at Sept 24 meeting.

Finish the Stroll at the

No Bards Barred Bar

5-8 p.m.

the Legion -- 10416--81 Ave.

Upcoming:

Poetry Coffee House Series:

at the City Arts Center

10943 -- 84 Ave

Antique Room

7:00 -- 9:00 p.m.

- *Halloween Poetry Party* -- Oct. 31
with the *Poet Thugs*

- *YouthWrite Poetry* -- Nov. 14
with *Youth Funk Rock Band*

- *November Poetry* -- Nov. 21
with *surprise music*

Anthology Launch:

December 8, 2002

1:00 City Hall

12 Days of Poetry Festival

Each reader in the Stroll

has the opportunity to submit their poem to be judged by 9 jurors -- 44 poems will be chosen -- the poets of the chosen poems

will perform in the

12 Days of Poetry Festival

January:

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,

Final day: 25

Watch for forthcoming details