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## The Stroll Scroll

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### *The President's Message*

Well, well, well. Another Stroll of Poets has come and gone. No doubt some of you are wondering what happened? The Board did not disappear but has gone through its own challenges and emerged stronger (I hope). The Stroll event was fun, if a bit downsized from what I wanted. BUT we did have the thrill of a brunch with two guest poets and their presentations. Kudos and large thanks to both Wendy Morton (West Jet's Poet of the Skies) and Karen Solie (current Writer in Residence at the University of Alberta) for great inspiration at the brunch.

I am also pleased to welcome all of you back to the Stroll Scroll. This newsletter will be issued now almost exclusively via e-mail (unless you have no access to this, in which case you will need to notify us). All current news will be distributed via e-mail as this is a proven way of getting current info to you, the membership, faster. If you do not have e-mail contact our Administrative Assistant, Kerry Mulholland, at the Writers' Guild offices. Her number is listed below. Indeed, the whole present Board is listed. We hope to hear from you and will shortly announce the date for the 2004 Anthology launch, in addition to the 12 Days of Poetry celebration in January.

Unfortunately, one of the reversals suffered by the Board has been the loss of Naomi McIlwraith as Recording Secretary due to family concerns. With this loss, we are in need of more volunteers from the membership and would invite anyone interested to approach a board member with that expression of interest.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the launch of the 2004 anthology in December – venue to be announced.

Andrew Thompson  
President, The Stroll of Poets

### *A Newcomer's Eye View*

After joining the board under Ozzie's encouraging guidance I was convinced that I would help out, learn, and enjoy other people's poetry. As Stroll day drew close there came the burning question. Would I read? I didn't know anyone in this little poetry community and even though I have performed I have never shared my poetry.

For the weeks prior to the Stroll day, my mood varied from inviting everyone I know to nearly pulling out.

On the actual day, I witnessed the range of talent in our little poetry community, the warmth and open-minded attitude of many of the readers and audience members made it easy to read for myself and many other newcomers. The Stroll is comprised of a very unique group of people and now that I have said it, and because all of the members know it, it's time for all of us to tell others about it. Let's continue making the Stroll a model for other organizations to follow and let's continue with the great events and move towards new concepts and ideas! I look forward to meeting more members throughout the coming events.

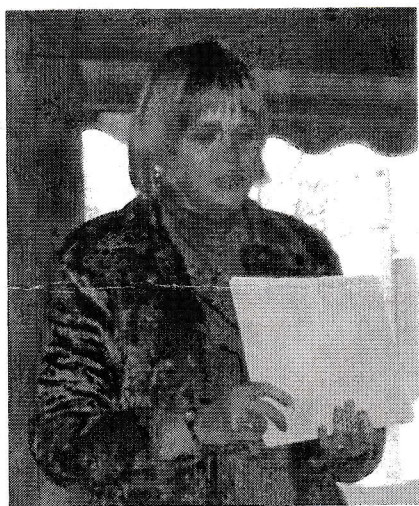
Sangeeta Zilka

### *Announcements*

- ❖ The Stroll is seeking an anthology salesperson for the 2004 Stroll Anthology. Interested parties should contact the Stroll Board.
- ❖ The 2004 anthology launch will soon be upon us. Look for an imminent notice as to the time and place.
- ❖ The 12 Days of Poetry schedule is still in the works. Watch for further notices by mail or e-mail in the coming weeks.
- ❖ A big welcome to Kerry Mulholland, our new Administrative Assistant. Thanks for all her help so far.
- ❖ Please be advised that from this point on the Stroll Scroll will be sent out by e-mail to those who have access and by regular mail to those who don't.
- ❖ Join Singin D and the E-Fam for a night of reggae music, dance and spoken word on Saturday, November 13 at the Provincial Museum of Alberta (12845-102 Ave.). Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for students), and available at ticketmaster, or phone 233-2661. Doors open at 7:00, with an 8:00 start.
- ❖ The Stroll is always looking for volunteers to help with its ongoing projects and with its special events such as the 12 Days of Poetry. Get your names in now.



## Stroll 2004 Gallery



*Jannie Edwards*



*Christina Tower*



*Taras Toroshenko*



*Tell us who you are, dear poet!*

### *The Stroll Staff*

Andrew Thompson: President  
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