



## LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

### Canada Wide National Poetry Month Readings - April 2009 -

#### ONTARIO

##### **Friday April 3, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Carol Little, Elizabeth Glenny, Audrey Ogilvie and T. Anders Carson

**Time:** 8 pm

**Venue:** The Cove in Westport  
2 Bedford-on-the-Water,  
Westport, ON  
K0G 1X0  
1-888-COVEINN

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** This successful annual event will celebrate National Poetry Month by bringing together 5 poets, combined with musical performances between each reading, exploring the Poetry Planet theme. We invite you to be a part of this exciting event and experience The Cove Inn situated by scenic Rideau Lake.

##### **Saturday April 4, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Penn Kemp, Daniel Kolos and Bob MacKenzie

**Time:** 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Venue:** Chameleon Nation Creative Emporium  
112 Princess St,  
Kingston, ON  
K7K 6T9  
613-546-5114

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** This event will celebrate humanity across our planet in all our wonderful diversity. Within this context, the event will express hope for peace in our world and an end to unjust wars and oppression of the human spirit. Sound/performance poet Penn Kemp will read “Poem for Peace in Many Voices” and two 40 minute sets will present dynamic readings by Bob MacKenzie and Daniel Kolos.

##### **Sunday April 5, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Carol Little, Elizabeth Glenny, Audrey Ogilvie and T. Anders Carson

**Time:** 7 pm

**Venue:** Smiths Falls Railway Museum  
2 Railway Street  
Smiths Falls, ON  
K7A 1H0

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** This event brings poetry to where it hasn't been before! Poetry along the Rails brings together 5 poets for National Poetry Month, to explore the themes of Poetry Planet at the Smiths Falls Railway Museum, an area seemingly abandoned but was once a significant crossroad. We invite you to participate by experiencing local history along with established poets.

**Thursday April 9, 2009**

**What:** Terrestrial: Readings of the Land

**Poet(s):** Rolland Nadjiwon, Chase Wingmore, Lesley Belleau-Tirone and Alexander Wood

**Time:** 6 pm

**Venue:** Arcadia Coffee House & Artist Collective

823 Queen St E.

Sault St Marie, ON

P6A 2A8

705-256-6251

**Cover:** Donation

**Event Details:** Terrestrial: Readings of the Land will cultivate and nurture the community to explore various Aboriginal themes and to plant new seeds of thought. Sault St Marie is noted as the heart of the Great Lakes region, as the sacred home of Turtle Island and the Anishinabe people. Arcadia has come to represent a safe space for all and embodies growth through their pro-green practices, with an open-door policy which deconstructs social, intellectual and creative barriers within the community and Algoma region. This café style environment mirrors the "terrestrial" theme to engage poets and non-poets alike. The audience is invited to be active participants in this year's National Poetry Month celebration.

**Monday April 13, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Penn Kemp and Elizabeth Greene

**Time:** 2:30 pm

**Venue:** Ban Righ Centre

32 Bader Lane

Kingston, ON

K7L 3W8

613-533-2976

**Cover:** \$5 suggested

**Event Details:** Celebration and Danger celebrates National Poetry Month with readings by Penn Kemp and Elizabeth Greene. Penn Kemp will read her latest eco-poetry and Elizabeth Greene will read a poem about the quiet land north of Kingston under threat from a proposed uranium mine.

**Thursday April 16 – Sunday April 19, 2009**

**What:** The Poetry's Own Weekend Festival (POW! Festival)

**Poet(s):** Ken Sherman, Oana Avasilichioaei, Mike Barnes, JonArno Lawson and Marta Cooper

**Time:** 7:30 pm - Ken Sherman – Friday April 17

Noon- JonArno Lawson – Saturday April 18

4:00 pm- Mike Barnes – Saturday April 18

3:30 pm - Oana Avasilichioaei and Marta Cooper – Sunday April 19

**Venue:** Meet at 66 King Street East

66 King St E  
Cobourg ON  
K9A 1K9  
905-372-2537

**Cover:** \$6 per event for six paid admission events or, \$10 for two or, \$30 full weekend pass

**Event Details:** The Poetry's Own Weekend Festival (POW! Festival) is a weekend of Poetry in Cobourg, Ontario running from Thursday April 16th through Sunday April 19th, 2009. April is Poetry Month! In celebration of Poetry Planet, 8 poetry readings, a poetry recitation by a professional actor, a panel discussion and a special lecture presentation and 2 open mic sessions included in the festival.

### **Saturday April 18, 2009**

**What:** SOUNDS: Words and music series

**Poet(s):** Dawna Proudman and Caroline Menzies

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Venue:** The Downtown Bookstore

945 Second Ave E

Owen Sound, ON

N4K 2H5

519-372-9760

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** Poetry Planet brings these poets together to heal the planet and one's family through poetry for National Poetry Month's Poetry Planet. This even takes place in Owen Sound where land meets water.

### **Monday April 20, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Allan Briesmaster, Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni, Robert Rolfe, Beatriz Hausner and Barbara Landry

**Time:** 7:30 – 10 pm

**Venue:** Artscape Wychwood Barns

601 Christie St.

Toronto, ON

M6G 4C7

416-392-1038

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** The Artscape Wychwood Barns are a newly-renovated former trolley barn that combines local arts activities and environmental Green barns projects. All the writers participating in this reading are committed to environmental, nature-oriented artwork in their writing and lifestyle choices that compliment this year's National Poetry Theme, Poetry Planet.

### **Tuesday April 21, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Allan Briesmaster, Kent Bowman, Honey Novick and James Deahl

**Time:** 7: 30 pm

**Venue:** Ellington's Music and Café

305 St. Clair Ave W.

Toronto, ON

416-652-9111

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** Poetry Planet 2009 will be celebrated with the first of an annual Purdy Poetry Party honouring Al Purdy and April 21. Starting with 4 poets recognizing their Upper Canada inheritance, this poetry event will involve one song/poet and Aboriginal Hand Drum, several poets who emigrated from the United States, one female, one of Middle Eastern heritage and three males. The presentation will be extended to audience members for spontaneous poetry, songs or story telling.

**Tuesday April 21, 2009**

**What:** Voice of the Land

**Poet(s):** David Day, Liz Worth, John Oughton, Allan Briesmaster and Honey Novick

**Time:** noon – 2 pm

**Venue:** Al Purdy Statue, Queens Park North

Toronto, ON

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** This reading is part of the National Al Purdy Day in honour of poet, Al Purdy and to raise awareness of the campaign to preserve his home as well as create a writer centre for future generations of writers. The poets will reflect on Canadian landscapes in Purdy's works to illustrate the themes of "Poetry Planet" including interactions with nature. The organizer will outreach to the students of the University of Toronto and local public schools, inviting them to lunch in the park before the readings. CTV News at Noon will be invited to broadcast from the park before the event.

**Wednesday April 22, 2009**

**What:** Draft Reading Series

**Poet(s):** Marianne Apostolides, Clara Blackwood and Cassandra Walker

**Time:** 8 pm

**Venue:** The Blue Moon Pub

725 Queen St. E.

Toronto, ON

M4M 1H1

416-463-8868

**Cover:** \$5

**Event Details:** Our April 22nd reading will be called Draft Elemental. Five women authors have been invited to explore Poetry Planet, with earth, water, fire and air, and an emphasis on interdisciplinary and gender-bending work. Draft Elemental will give contributors an opportunity to tease apart the fundamental elements of their art forms. Draft is a celebration of process, readers are invited to try something new-anything and everything!

**Thursday April 23, 2009**

**What:** Our Native Land

**Poet(s):** Duke Redbird, David Day, Robert Priest and Lee Maracle

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Soma Restaurant

750 Queen St E.

Toronto, ON

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** Our Native Land celebrates the diverse voices, images and songs reflecting on this year's National Poetry Month theme, Poetry Planet. This event includes a recitation, musical performance and visual slide presentation.

**Sunday April 26, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Clara Blackwood, John Oughton, Mary Lou Soutar-Hynes, Sheila Stewart, Elana Wolff

**Time:** 2-4 pm

**Venue:** Women's Art Association of Canada

23 Prince Arthur Ave.

Toronto, ON

M5R 1B2

416-487-5673

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** Mutuality in Poetry and Art presents the second major collaboration between the writers of the Long Dash group and the studio artists of the Women's Art Association of Canada. This year's event includes a reading, DVD launch, and exhibition opening of poems on the wall that respond to, or inspire/resonate with, paintings and collages next to them. Both visual and verbal arts help shape cultural identity around the world, which is one of the themes of "Poetry Planet."

**Wednesday April 29, 2009**

**What:** Words Work

**Poet(s):** Rob Winger, Sandra Ridley, Luciano Diaz, Steven Heighton and Asaka Weerasinghe

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Cube Gallery

7 Hamilton Ave N.

Ottawa, ON

K1Y 1B4

613-728-1750

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** In affiliation with MayWorks Ottawa and Words Work, this year's National Poetry Month theme Poetry Planet will be explored with poets with international associations, from Chile and Sri Lanka as well as poets with experience from Japan.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA****Friday April 3, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Brian Bartlett

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Pelican Rouge Coffee House

151142 North Bluff Rd.

White Rock, BC

V4B 3E5

604-541-8778

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** Halifax poet, Brian Bartlett comes not from across the planet, but at least across the country to kick off National Poetry Month in White Rock, British Columbia. He will be reading from his latest book, The Watchmaker's Table on Friday April 3rd at the Pelican Rouge Coffee House.

**Thursday April 9, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Susan Stenson, Isa Milman, Wendy Morton, Yvonne Blomer and Carla Funk

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Victoria City Council  
#1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC  
V8W 1P6

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** An annual National Poetry Month event featuring five readers at the City of Victoria Council meeting. Poets will explore the theme Poetry Planet.

### **Friday April 17, 2009**

**What:** Poets in the Underpass

**Poet(s):** Kim Goldberg, Peter Culley, Leeanne McIntosh and David Fraser

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 pm

**Venue:** Pearson Bridge Underpass  
Nanaimo, BC

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** The public walkway and adjacent sandbank beneath the Pearson Bridge was once the site of a Coast Salish village, then more recently a sawmill – now both are long gone. Today, the underpass beneath the Island Highway is one of downtown Nanaimo's unofficial homeless campgrounds. It also forms part of the city's 'scenic harbourside walkway' and is heavily used by the public. The underpass is sited on that magical luminal space between worlds – a blurry borderline straddling past and present, Native culture and European, poverty and affluence, nature and asphalt, fresh water and salt. These four poets will be laying on the rhymes to a gathered audience and passerby. We hope you participate!

### **Saturday April 18, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Karen Bissenden, Deanna Barnhardt- Kawatski and Calvin White

**Time:** 7 –9:30 pm

**Venue:** SAGA Public Art Gallery  
70 Hudson Ave NE  
Salmon Arm, BC

V1E 4P6

250-832-1170

**Cover:** \$5

**Event Details:** An evening of poetry in honour of National Poetry Month featuring Karen Bissenden, Deanna Barnhardt-Kawatski and Calvin White at the SAGA Public Art Gallery in Salmon Arm BC. The poets will explore the theme Poetry Planet.

### **Wednesday April 22, 2009**

**What:** Swimming Across Canada

**Poet(s):** Heidi Greco and Marion Quednau

**Time:** 7 pm

**Venue:** Mission Leisure Centre  
7650 Grand Street

Mission, BC

V2V 3T3

604-820-5350

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** Our Poetry Planet event will be held at the Mission (B.C.) Leisure Centre, home of many community recreational facilities, including the swimming pool. Poets Heidi Greco and Marion Quednau will join forces as they present several laps of their

work, all in synchronized harmony, using poems to sing the praises of our beautiful planet. This event corresponds with Earth Day on April 22nd.

## **ALBERTA**

### **Saturday April 4, 2009**

**What:** Calgary International Spoken Word Festival

**Poet(s):** Andy Michaelson and Dymphny Dronyk

**Time:** 3 – 5:00 pm

**Venue:** Central Library John Dutton Theatre

616 MacLeod Trail SE

Calgary, AB

T2G 2M2

403-237-5393

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** Western Swing Reprise kicks off the 6th annual Calgary International Spoken Word Festival! This event features a border- crossing, rabble rousing celebration of Prairie Poets from all points of the stubble-jumping compass to celebrate National Poetry Month and the theme Poetry Planet.

### **Wednesday April 15, 2009**

**What:** Calgary Spoken Word Society presents Banff to the World

**Poet(s):** Lillian Allen, Jose Acquelin, Sheri-D Wilson, Ivan E. Coyote and Steven Ross Smith

**Time:** 8 pm

**Venue:** The Club (Telus Centre)

Banff Centre

Banff, AB

T1L 1H5

403-762-6100

**Cover:** Donation

**Event Details:** Live to the Web! This reading will be transmitted to a world- wide audience, making it instantly accessible to students and youth who are interested in poetry and spoken word. One of the directives of spoken word is the inclusion of all voices which has come to mean a voice that encompasses a wide variety of cultural diversity. We invite you to join us in this unique presentation.

### **Saturday April 18, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Rusti Leahy, Nancy Mackenzie, Myrna Garanis, Anna Mioduchowska and Julie Robinson

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Venue:** Stony Plain Public Library

103-4613 52 Avenue

Stony Plain, AB

T7Z 1E7

780-963-5440

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** These five poets will celebrate National Poetry Month at the Stony Plain Public Library in a performance called, History Speaks. Different takes on this theme

includes, natural history, family history, biographical history as well as the history of illness.

**Saturday April 25, 2009**

**What:** Western Swing Reprised – Poetry Planet Happy Hour

**Poet(s):** Maurice Mierau

**Time:** 2 - 4:00 pm

**Venue:** ARTerry  
9535 Jasper Ave.

Edmonton, AB

780-424-1573

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** Maurice Mierau swings on by for Western Swing's Poetry Planet Happy Hour on April 25 as part of the 2009 edition of the Edmonton Poetry Festival.

**Sunday April 26, 2009**

**What:** Yellowhead Arts Festival

**Poet(s):** Andy Michaelson, Jenna Butler, Maurice Mierau and Dymphny Dronyk

**Time:** 1 – 3:00 pm

**Venue:** Hinton Library  
803 Switzer Dr.

Hinton, AB

T7V 2Y2

780-865-2363

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** The annual Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival celebrates National Poetry Month featuring readings by 5 poets exploring the theme Poetry Planet. The event also coincides with a travelling art exhibit called, Visions and Stories.

**Sunday April 26, 2009**

**What:** Yellowhead Arts Festival

**Poet(s):** Andy Michaelson, Jenna Butler and Maurice Mierau

**Time:** 7 – 9:00 pm

**Venue:** Jasper Library  
500 Robson St.

Jasper, AB

T0E 1E0

780-852-3652

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** This event overlaps with the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival, adding a stop in Jasper, Alberta with readings by Andy Michaelson, Jenna Butler and Maurice Mierau.

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Friday April 17, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Glen Sorestad, Louise Halfe, Lia Pas, Kelly Ann Riess and Wynne Nicholson

**Time:** 3 – 5:00 pm

**Venue:** Willow Studio  
148 2nd Avenue N.

Saskatoon, SK  
306-694-6369

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** Five local poets participate in National Poetry Month by selecting works that reflect conservation, peace and equality as well as appropriate development and democracy. Saskatoon's Willow Studio is an art gallery and home décor shop that promotes "down-to-earth" design using respectful, eco-friendly choices.

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

**Sunday April 5, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Deirdre Dwyer

**Time:** 2 pm

**Venue:** Hope for Wildlife Society  
5909 Hwy 207 RR 2, Site 14 Box  
Head of Chezzetcook, NS  
B0J 1N0  
902-452-3339

**Cover:** None

**Event Details:** This event takes place at the Hope for Wildlife Society, a rehabilitation and educational centre during National Poetry Month. Deirdre Dwyer will read poetry inspired by Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. Members of the audience are invited to share stories and poems about nature and the land.

## **NEWFOUNDLAND**

**Friday April 17, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Nellie P. Strowbridge, D. Jean Young

**Time:** 2 – 4:00 pm

**Venue:** The Board Room  
59 North Main Ste 5  
Deer Lake, NL  
709-635-4090

**Cover:** N/A

**Event Details:** For this unique National Poetry Month event, the poets invite the public to contribute to the creation of a poem in progress. They will draw inspiration from the view of Main Street, Deer Lake and its surrounding mountains. In celebration of Poetry Planet, participants are asked to imagine the view, as seen for the first time.

## **QUEBEC**

**Tuesday April 7, 2009**

**Poet(s):** Frédérique Marleau and Benoit Jutras

**Time:** 8:30 pm

**Venue:** Café Littéraire  
Café Moreane  
1820 Pierre-Deladeau  
Laval, QC  
450-682-0636

**Cover:** No

**Event Details:** For National Poetry Month, and in celebration of the Poetry Planet theme, La Société Littéraire De Laval presents readings by several young poets and poet editor of *Noroit*, Paul Bélanger. The evening will be hosted by Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and the poet Patrick Coppens.