



LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

Canada Wide National Poetry Month Readings

- April 2010 -

ONTARIO

Monday April 5, 2010

Poet(s): Ted Amsden and Johanna Skibsrud

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: The Great Farini

22 Ontario St.

Port Hope, ON

L1A 2T6

905-885-8999

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This will be the first year that National Poetry Month is marked in Port Hope, Ontario. Poets, Ted Amsden and Johanna Skibsrud will read.

Tuesday April 6, 2010

Poet(s): Olive Senior, Susan Glickman and Adam Sol

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Venue: Parliament Library

269 Gerrard St.

Toronto, ON

M5A 2G3

416-393-7663

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Every year for National Poetry Month in April, we are pleased to offer a free poetry reading event at the Parliament Library, located in Regent Park. This year, our theme will be “changing climates.” Olive Senior, Susan Glickmann and Adam Sol will address issues of shifting climates – ecological, political and cultural.

Thursday April 8, 2010

Poet(s): Peter Sanger, Robert Priest, Denis Lee, David Day and Rosemary Sullivan

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Artful Dodger

12 Isabella St

Toronto, ON

M4Y 1N1

416-964-9511

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This National Poetry Month event will be based on poetry that relates to the consequences of global warming by five poets. Their writing is deeply committed to environmental issues and all have had life long associations with groups such as Greenpeace, Environmental Investigation Agency and the World Wild Life Fund. Please join us!

Saturday April 10, 2010

Poet(s): Heather Cadsby and David Clink

Time: 10:30 am

Venue: Port Hope Public Library

31 Queen St

Port Hope, ON

L1A 2Y8

905-885-4712

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This event is for an audience of children to celebrate National Poetry Month 2010. Poets, Heather Cadsby and David Clink read.

Sunday April 11, 2010

Poet(s): Gay Allison, Honey Novick, Paulos Iannou and Edward S. Kuris

Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: Riverside Park

Riverside near Wolseley St

Guelph, ON

Cover: N/A

Event Details: "Poetry among the Petals" invites diverse poets to explore the economy of climate change as it relates to every day experiences. To celebrate National Poetry Month, four poets gather at the bridge in Riverdale Park in Guelph, Ontario in rain or shine to read to passersby.

Monday April 12, 2010

Poet(s): John Brantingham, Sarah Yi-Mei Tsiang, Audrey Ogilvie, Bob MacKenzie and Jacqueline Larson

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: The Cove

PO Box 490

Westport, ON

K0G 1X0

Cover: N/A

Event Details: To coincide with National Poetry Month's Climate Change theme, the poets will be reading about different aspects of this change. We invite you to join us!

Sunday April 14, 2010

Poet(s): Gianna Patriarca, Allan Briesmaster, Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni, Rob Rolfe and Fern Lebo

Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Venue: Lonsdale House Party Room

350 Lonsdale Rd

Toronto, ON

M5P 1R6

416-489-3460

Cover: N/A

Event Details: The topic of climate change affects us all. This National Poetry Month reading is planned for an urban condo building located beside the Cedar Valley ravine. Residents include artists, musicians and patrons of the arts. Who is not concerned about environment damage? What better way to explore ideas and visions than through the arts!

Thursday April 15 – Sunday April 18, 2010

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

Poet(s): Ian Burgham, Lois Lorimer, Fr. Pier Giorgio di Cicco, Wayne Schlepp, and Mark Clement.

Time: 7:30 pm – Ian Burgham and Lois Lorimer – Friday April 16

3:30 pm – Fr. Pier Giorgio di Cicco – Saturday April 17

2:00 pm- Wayne Schlepp and Mark Clement – Sunday April 18

Venue: Meet at 66 King Street East

66 King St E

Cobourg ON

K9A 1K9

905-372-2537

Cover: \$7 per event for six paid admission events or, \$12 for two or, \$65 full weekend passport

Event Details: The Poetry's Own Weekend Festival (POW! Festival) is a weekend of Poetry in Cobourg, Ontario running from Thursday April 15th through Sunday April 18th, 2010. April is National Poetry Month! The festival runs from Thursday April 15th to Sunday April 18th that includes readings and poetry workshops.

Sunday April 18, 2010

Poet(s): Dani Couture, Ian Burgham, Mark Sampson, Ellen S. Jaffe and Michael Bryson

What: Draft Reading Series

Time: 3:00 pm

Venue: The Blue Moon

725 Queen Street East

Toronto, ON

M4M 1H1

416-463-8868

Cover: \$5 – includes publication

Event Details: Rejection ain't what it used to be. For one thing, there's a lot more of it going around. Editors often refer to "the present climate" as their reason for saying no. For National Poetry Month, Draft Reading Series would like to explore rejection, as we take a sounding of our notorious "climate" in work, art and –oh yes, love.

Wednesday April 21, 2010

Poet(s): Dawna Proudman and Caroline Menzies

Time: 7:15 pm

Venue: Shelburne Residence

200 Robert St

Shelburne, ON

L0N 1S1

519-925-3746

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Our seniors have experienced phenomenal change in their lifetimes. Changes in climate, in technology, social parameters and even poetry have been beyond what anyone could have imagined. What better place to celebrate the wonder of change, then at our senior's residences? Each of three performances by Dawna Proudman and Caroline Menzies will take place at a retirement residence in a different city – Shelburne, Owen Sound and Walkerton for National Poetry Month.

Thursday April 22, 2010

Poet(s): Dawna Proudman and Caroline Menzies

Time: 3:00 pm

Venue: Maple Court Villa

5 Fourth St, Box 879

Walkerton, ON

N0G 2V0

519-881-2233

Cover: N/A

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Friday April 23, 2010**Poet(s):** Dawna Proudman and Caroline Menzies**Time:** 2:00 pm**Venue:** Central Place Retirement Community885 3rd Ave

Owen Sound, ON

N4K 2K6

519-371-1968

Cover: N/A

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Saturday April 24, 2010**Poet(s):** Judy Lowry, Kristan Anderson, Liz Zetlin, Daniel Kolos and Harry Posner**Time:** 2:00 – 5:00 pm**Venue:** Grey Roots Museum & Archives

#102599 Grey Road 18, RR #4

Owen Sound, ON

N4K 5N6

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Each poet is a member of the Words Aloud Poetry Cooperative and will come together for National Poetry Month to explore "Climate Change." Grey County's rural roots are in threat. Shorter growing seasons may increase with climate change. Our poetry will explore this possibility.

Sunday April 25, 2010**Poet(s):** Paulos Ioannau, Joan Sutcliffe, Honey Novick, Steven Michael Berzensky and Mary E. Milne**Time:** 2:00 pm**Venue:** High Park Pier, Grenadier Pond

Toronto, ON

Cover: N/A

Event Details: As joggers and people out and about strolling the pathways of High Park in the afternoon, they will encounter Poets on the Pier. To celebrate National Poetry Month, you are invited to stop by and have a break with poetry in a beautiful setting that invites discussion, dialogue and inspiration of a true climate change.

Sunday April 25, 2010

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

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Venue: Women's Art Association of Canada

23 Prince Arthur Ave

Toronto, ON

M5R 1B2

416-922-2060

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Our National Poetry Month event will feature a joint reading and art exhibition centered around the notion of a "Climate of Collaboration". It is common knowledge that all must work together and practice empathy for each other and for other species to improve the health of our planet and its cultures. This event will feature the results of a new phase of ongoing poetic collaboration with the studio artists of the Women's Art Association of Canada (WAAC). The poets will explore resonances between poems and visual art, and will participate in the creation of visual collages with the artists.

Sunday April 25, 2010

Poet(s): Rocco de Giacomo, Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni, Barbara Landry, Gianna Patriarca and Rob Rolfe

Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: Artword Artbar

15 Colborne Street

Hamilton, ON

905-543-8512

Cover: N/A

Event Details: These five poets will be reading work related to National Poetry Month's "Climate Change" theme at The Artword Artbar in Hamilton, Ontario. We invite you to join us!

Sunday April 25, 2010

Poet(s): Barry Dempster, Maureen Scott Harris, Maureen Hynes, Jim Nason and Elizabeth Ukrainetz

Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: Toronto Music Garden, City of Toronto Park

475 Queens Quay West

Toronto, ON

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This National Poetry Month event will situate the readings of five poets in the "Poets' Corner" at the Toronto Music Garden. They will make use of an exquisite lakeside setting that already marries landscape and art. The poets' work will build upon this by referencing the lake, the troubled beauty and fragility of local and global ecologies, and the musical forms that inspired the garden's design. The metaphors and questions of each of the poets work strongly reflect nature and urban themes. Please join us!

Monday April 26, 2010

Poet(s): Kate Marshall Flaherty

Time: 7:00 – 10:30 pm

Venue: Flying Monkey

107 Dunlop St East

Barrie, ON

L4M 1A6

705-721-8989

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Poet, Kate Marshall Flaherty will be reading poetry and talking about her own process as a peace-maker and activist for a conscious shift in relation to the earth. She will lead the audience in a guided writing exercise to celebrate National Poetry Month's theme, "Climate Change."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Friday April 9, 2010

What: Planet Earth Poetry

Poet(s): George Sipos

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: The Black Stilt Coffee House

#103 – 1633 Hillside Ave

Victoria, BC

V8T 2C4

250-370-2077

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Poet, George Sipos will be reading from his latest book, *Anything But The Moon*. This new book hearkens to a different landscape – arbutus instead of spruce, rain instead of snow and frogs instead of bears. The rhythms are the rhythms of the sea rather than the rhythms of the seasons.

Saturday April 10, 2010

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

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Venue: Buttertubs Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary

Buttertubs Drive off Bowen Road

Nanaimo, BC

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Wetlands are particularly sensitive to global climate change and other forms of environmental degradation. These three poets will be spilling the verse at Buttertubs Marsh for National Poetry Month in central Nanaimo.

Saturday April 10, 2010

Poet(s): Heidi Greco and Marion Quednau

Time: 1:30 pm

Venue: Grouse Mountain Refuge

6400 Nancy Greene Way

Vancouver, BC

V7R 4K9

604-998-4229

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Scientists concerned with climate change have named mountains, and the swiftly changing ecology at the top of the world, “islands of extinction.” For National Poetry Month, two adventuresome poets Marion Quednau and Heidi Greco are taking poetry to a higher level – 1100 meters up the slopes of Grouse Mountain, overlooking Vancouver. Their reading will take place under a new wind turbine recently installed at the mountain’s peak. Poets will engage with the mountain’s visitors – avid hikers and gondola-riders of all ages and hopefully leave a “huge footprint” of mindful poetry.

Thursday April 22, 2010

Poet(s): Penn Kemp and Susan McCaslin

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Venue: The Fort Gallery

9048 Glover Rd

Fort Langley, BC

V1M 1S1

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Poets, Penn Kemp and Susan McCaslin will present earth mother poems that address how we act for the environment through our talents, in paeans of praise or rants! Here’s to Climate Change action – we’re celebrating our MotherWorld! We hope you participate!

Friday April 23, 2010

What: Planet Earth Poetry

Poet(s): Daniela Elza, Peter Morin, Onjana Yawnghwe

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: The Black Stilt Coffee House

#103 – 1633 Hillside Ave

Victoria, BC

V8T 2C4

250-370-2077

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This National Poetry Month event highlights work by emerging poets, Daniela Elza, Peter Morin and Onjana Yawnghe.

Saturday April 24, 2010

What: Mission Writers and Readers Festival

Poet(s): Andrea McPherson and Barbara Nickel

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Venue: Heritage Park Centre

University of the Fraser Valley, Mission Campus

33700 Prentis Ave

Mission, BC

V2V 7B1

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Poets, Barbara Nickel and Andrea McPherson will present their work at the third annual Mission Writers and Readers Festival. They will read next to a lyrical pond, complete with resident heron and beaver that is situated below the restored grotto of the earlier Oblate mission, from which hillside vantage point one has spectacular views of the valley. We invite you to join us in this unique setting.

Friday April 30, 2010

What: Planet Earth Poetry

Poet(s): Lorri Neilsen Glenn

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: The Black Stilt Coffee House

#103 – 1633 Hillside Ave

Victoria, BC

V8T 2C4

250-370-2077

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This evening begins with an open mike, followed by a reading with Lorri Neilsen Glenn. Lorri's latest collection titled, *Lost Gospels* explores the loss of songs that shape us – faith/religion, a healthy earth, youthful optimism among other things.

ALBERTA**Thursday April 15, 2010**

What: Calgary International Spoken Word Festival

Poet(s): Evalyn Parry, Sheri-D Wilson, Steven Ross Smith, Bob Holman and Regie Cabico

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Communithea Cafe

#117 – 10016 Ave

Canmore, AB

T1W 3L8

403-678-6818

Cover: \$5

Event Details: Come "howl" neo-beatnik style at the full moon! You'll encounter poetry that will accelerate your heart and activate your mind into some kind of crazy-out-of-body experience. With this group, the ghost of you-know-who might even appear! Join us!

NOVA SCOTIA

Sunday April 25, 2010

Poet(s): Deirdre Dwyer

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Venue: Petpeswick Picture Gallery

295 East Petpeswick Road

Musquodobit Harbour, NS

B0J 2L0

902-889-2254

Cover: N/A

Event Details: Poet, Deirdre Dwyer will read poems about living on the eastern shore in Nova Scotia and will discuss how climate change is affecting coastal and rural areas. Deirdre will also invite local writers to read from their work relating to this year's National Poetry Month theme, "Climate Change."

NEW BRUNSWICK

Saturday April 3, 2010

Poet(s): Nela Rio, M.Travis Lane, Joe Blades and Herménégilde Chaisson.

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Sentier Trails NB "Fredericton Walking Bridge

1 Waterloo Row (off "The Green," Queen St)

Fredericton, NB

Cover: N/A

Event Details: This National Poetry Month event takes place on the walking bridge spanning the wide Saint John River in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Poets, Nela Rio, M.Travis Lane, Joe Blades and Herménégilde Chaisson will be reading. We invite you to join us!

QUEBEC

Sunday April 18, 2010

Poet(s): Ian Ferrier, Erin Moure, Hugh Hazelton, Fortner Anderson and Taqrauk Partridge

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Casa Del Polpo

4873 St. Laurent

Montreal, QC

514-284-3804

Cover: \$5

Event Details: These poets have all expressed deep concerns about our planetary wellbeing in their work. The messages the poets convey will create resonances, turbulences and vivid flashbacks in the minds of the audience members, to help kick start the flow of ideas about climate change of the North. Special guest and environmental activist, Dexter Xurukulasooriya. We hope you participate in this National Poetry Month event!