

14th Saskatchewan Festival of Words
July 15-18, 2010, featuring: Yann Martel, Lorna Goodison, Alice Kuipers, Afua Cooper and many more! Keep checking www.festivalofwords.com for regular updates on the 2010 line-up.

Festival Holiday Open House
Thursday, December 3rd, 2 PM to 5 PM
Festival Office, 217 Main Street North, 2nd Floor,
Share Christmas refreshments with
Festival friends and staff

Saskatchewan Festival of Words

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A 2009 Festival headliner, Jack Whyte (left) with Ed Willett (right).



13th Festival

“Best line-up of events yet”



Evaluation forms, emails and conversations have paid tribute with highly complimentary comments regarding the 2009 13th Saskatchewan Festival of Words. Here are a few samples:

Audience Comments

- “This was a very enjoyable full weekend; very well organized. The Moose Jaw hospitality was super, the extra events were fun and the theatre was appreciated. Great Job! Pat yourselves on the back!” Prince Albert, SK
- “After two flat tires and a damaged gas intake I was only able to take in a few sessions; it was worth the trip!” Edmonton, AB
- “I really enjoyed the spoken word performance...(it) added lots of energy and good variety. More of that!” Saskatoon, SK
- “Patrick (Swan) knocked my socks off! Mary Lou Finlay was excellent!” SK
- “The Festival is my highlight of the year.” Moose Jaw, SK
- “Once again a charming and entertaining Festival; just the right size – don’t ever change and keep on providing the opportunity for avid readers to meet and mingle with favorite authors! Thought the literary trivia night with fish and chips at Bobby’s Place was terrific - definitely do this again next year! Kudos for bringing in Patrick Swan - a new and exciting voice at the Festival! Thank you!” Medicine Hat, AB
- “I liked the active pace that was presented. There were writers who excited me and will drive me to their books.” Moose Jaw, SK
- “The literary trivia night was a huge success. We had presenters and Festival attendees on the same team (and) got to know the authors and people from out of province. We had a blast!” Moose Jaw, SK
- “This year more than ever I liked/ loved everything!”
- “Best line-up of events yet and the trivia night is a fresh addition.” Moose Jaw, SK
- “Fantastic Festival! Kudos to all who made this an enjoyable and successful event.” SK
- “Very well organized Festival.” Lumsden, SK
- “The addition of *Ain’t We Got Fun-The River Street Review* to the agenda was a great idea.” Moose Jaw, SK
- “I really enjoyed the spoken word performance...(it) added lots of energy and good variety. More of that!” Saskatoon, SK
- “I enjoyed all the sessions I attended. There has been a wonderful variety here (and) it exposed me to (new) literature.” SK
- “This is by far the most fulfilling and friendly conference.” SK
- “This was my first Festival I really enjoyed it and was glad to be involved.” SK
- “The film was thought-provoking and the Readception was great: excellent variety of presenters...a good kick-off event.” Moose Jaw, SK
- “The trivia night was really well put together - great questions and a lot of fun!” Moose Jaw, SK

Presenter Comments

- “Everything was sublime. Thank you so much!” - Gail Bowen, SK
- “Great job! Lovely Festival! Well done.” - Linda Bailey, BC
- “I’d like to say thank you for everything. I had a wonderful time.” - Simon Moccasin, SK
- “An excellent event. I especially enjoyed chatting with the volunteers. The audience is so engaged it makes the reading a real joy. Thanks a lot!” - Bonnie Dunlop, SK
- “It’s a marvelous animal, the Festival; everything in walking distance and the delight in meeting so many friends.” - Don Kerr, SK
- “Thank you! Thank you! It was a wonderful Festival. Moose Jaw, the Festival and the spa more than lived up to their reputations.” - Mary Lou Finlay, ON
- “We enjoyed performing for your organization. You were a wonderful and warm audience.” - Donna Kay, AB
- “The entire experience was inspirational, informative and a lot of fun. Best of all was the highly supportive atmosphere the Festival generates (which is) unique in my experience across Canada. Mountains of thanks.” - Tom Wayman, BC

Volunteers are Key to Another Successful Festival

Festival volunteers are instrumental in making the Saskatchewan Festival of Words an annual success. Those efforts are deeply appreciated by both the Festival organization and by those who attend. Here’s a sample

of kudos for our dedicated volunteers.

- “Great venues and the volunteers were very helpful and friendly.” SK
- “Fantastic first experience! Very friendly volunteers and staff.” Regina, SK

- “Everything was run so smoothly. Thanks to all the volunteers - great job, very professional, helpful and efficient.” Lethbridge, AB
- “Thanks a ton to the great volunteers!” Medicine Hat, AB

Thank You Volunteers

The Saskatchewan Festival of Words extends a sincere “thank you” to the many volunteers who made the 2009 Festival another great success. It is through your hard work and generosity that the Festival continues to be one of Saskatchewan’s premier events each and every year. Volunteers are the backbone of the Festival.

CineView

The Fall CineView film series was a tremendous success with attendance rising at each screening. Dates for the 2010 CineView film series are: January 13, February 10, March 10 and April 14. Film titles will be announced soon.

Winter Series passes for \$25 are available at the Festival office and at Post Horizon Booksellers at 57 High Street West. Check website for more information.

Photo Notes

Top left to right: R. P. MacIntyre, Jack Whyte with Ed Willett, Simon Moccasin, Lyn Goldman considers a good read, Mary Lou Finlay presents, Dr. Jerry Haigh visual, Jeanette Lynes book launch, delighted audience, Donna Kay performance, Sharon Pollock dramatic reading, Readception. *All photos by James Johnson except photo of Simon Moccasin (by Murray Rimmer).*

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Festival Welcomes New Board Members

Carol Rempel graduated from Moose Jaw's Central Collegiate and received a Bachelor of Biblical Studies from Canadian Bible College. After a decade working as a Registered Optometric Assistant, during which she was editor of the SAOPD newsletter, Carol had the privilege of serving as HR & Administration Manager for Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, where she was first introduced to the Saskatchewan Festival of Words. Carol is currently a member of the Moose Jaw

Muse writing group, CMHA, and Prairie Winds Church. She also volunteers with Central Collegiate's EAL mentoring program. Carol co-owns TaxTeam Tax Specialists in Moose Jaw with her husband Doug.

Shelley Ruecker grew up as a farm kid near Lemberg, Saskatchewan. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1988 with a Bachelor of Education (English major) and has taught in the public school system and at

SIAST. Shelley feels privileged to currently work with young people as a Co-operative Education Co-ordinator, finding work term placements for Business students. "I love words and enjoy reading everything from sociological writing to murder mysteries. I'm excited to be part of the Saskatchewan Festival of Words in an official capacity, having been a supporter for several years". Shelley and her husband, Greg Vall, enjoy calling Moose Jaw home.

Festival Family Farewell



For an organization that prides itself in being able to express thought in words, there are occasions when this proves difficult.

After many years shepherding the Festival office and programs, long-time staff members, Irene Grobowski,

Promotions Manager, and Karen Basky, Business Manager, retired following the 2009 Festival.

We extend best wishes to them as they act on plans for summer travel, selective community service and, of course, enjoyable reading



experiences. We appreciate your years of dedication and thank you for memories of laughs, great recipes, and your cheery greetings which established that at the Festival office one is only a stranger on the *first* call.

Well done, Karen and Irene.

Memberships Due

Memberships for the 2008-2009 year expired July 31. Please renew your \$5 membership for 2009-2010. Please send your cheque to the Festival office.

Rave Reviews For Festival Website

The new website (www.festivalofwords.com) is the only place you need to go to keep up-to-date on what's happening at the Saskatchewan Festival of Words. The site is fast, user-friendly and full of information on this past year's Festival; and even has some sneak peeks for 2010. We think you'll love it, but don't take our word for it. Here's what friends of the Festival are saying about our home on the net:

"(The) new website is a vast improvement! More informative and easy to navigate." SK

"Love the new website. It's easy to use and easy to find what we need." Prince Albert, SK

"Pretty, professional and graphically attractive." Caronport, SK

"Love the new website; it's dynamic and the potential is there to make it constantly fresh and new." Lloydminster, AB

"Fabulous new website! I loved the photo gallery!" Prince Albert, SK

"Love the new website. Very professional." Lethbridge, AB

Greening Newsletter

To save costs and paper, please consider reading the newsletter on the website. We are currently updating our newsletter mailing list. If you prefer a paper copy, please call the office.

The 12 Tests of “Lit-Mas”: A Saskatchewan Festival of Words Lit-Mas Test

The SaskPower “LiveWires” literary trivia event was such a hit at the 2009 Saskatchewan Festival of Words that we felt our supporters would like to tackle a few more brain teasers. But unlike regular trivia contests with prizes for the winners, fundraising is the name of this game. If you wanna play, you gotta pay! Betcha can’t get ‘em all!

The 12 skill-testing questions below are based on classic Christmas literature (questions worth either \$2, \$5 or \$10 depending on difficulty). Here’s how it works.

1. Answer the questions.
2. Check the answer key at the bottom of the page and add up the dollar amounts for the questions you answered correctly.
3. Send the Saskatchewan Festival of Words a cheque for that amount.
4. (This is only a suggested donation amount. Please feel free to donate whatever amount you are comfortable with. We appreciate your support.)

It’s that easy! And you’ll be supporting the province’s biggest and best literary Festival in the process!
Donations \$20 and over are eligible for a tax receipt.

\$2 Gifts

1. Who wrote *A Christmas Carol*? _____
2. The Grinch stole Christmas from the citizens of what town? _____
3. What is the name of the Grinch’s faithful mutt? _____
4. What was the narrator’s wife wearing on her head in the poem ‘*Twas the Night Before Christmas*? _____

\$5 Gifts

5. How many ghosts visit Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve? _____
6. In *The Gift of the Magi* James sells his _____ to buy Della _____
7. In *The Gift of the Magi* Della sells her _____ to buy James _____
8. Who wrote ‘*Twas the Night Before Christmas*? _____

\$10 Gifts

9. Six Cratchit children are mentioned in *A Christmas Carol* but only four are named. What are their names?

10. The classic newspaper editorial *Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus* first appeared in 1897 in what newspaper?

11. Name the legendary actor who narrated the beloved 1966 Christmas special *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

12. Where did O Henry write *The Gift of the Magi*? (identify both city and name of establishment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Donation: _____

Cheques Payable to: City of Moose Jaw – Festival of Words, 217 Main Street N., Moose Jaw, SK S6H0W1

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Answer Key: 1. Charles Dickens 2. Whoville 3. Max 4. Kerchief 5. Four 6. Watch/combs 7. Hair/ watch chain 8. Clement Clarke Moore 9. Martha, Belinda, Peter, Tiny Tim 10. New York Sun 11. Boris Karloff 12. Pete’s Tavern, New York City