

2009 Festival Launch

Thursday, April 23rd, 7:30 PM
Performing Arts Theatre —
Public Library
Honours Award Presentation

Festival Steak Night

Friday, April 3rd, Park Hotel
Tickets \$12 (includes steak,
mushrooms, baked potatoes with
trimmings, garlic toast)

Robert Currie Wins

Saskatchewan's Poet Laureate,
Robert Currie, was the winner at the
February 6th Poetry Face-Off at the
CBC Galleria in Regina

The Festival of Words

the word

Teen Writing Experience Application Deadline May 15th

An immersion writing workshop with day-long sessions providing professional writing instruction to promising young writers 14-18.

Concludes with participants reading from their work in a dedicated Festival time slot.

Inquiries please contact the Festival office at 691-0557.

April's Not the Cruelest Month!

That's right – April is the most poetic month in Canada.

This year's theme for National Poetry Month in Canada (that's April) is "Poetry Planet."

That's a fanciful way of saying that the theme of poetry month is "related to the ideas of land, culture, nature and how we define Canada, from the very first Canadian artists, Aboriginal Peoples, and storytelling, and to today's youth, who reflect the diversity of the land and languages of Canadian cultural climates." Check it out on the League of Canadian Poets website at <http://www.poets.ca/Linktext/npm.htm>.

The Performers Café (7:30 Wednesday April 15 at Java Express) will be dedicated to this theme – so bring it on, Moose Jaw poets.

Let's show the world that the financial market may be sinking, but the poetry market in Canada is definitely rising!



Welcoming New Board Members Gail Wartman Patrick Hall

Gail Wartman is a lawyer with McDougall Gauley in Moose Jaw (at the former Murray Acton office). She is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan (B.A., L.L.B) and was admitted to the bar in 1980.

Originally from a farm near Elrose, she is now a resident of Moose Jaw, having lived in Regina for many years.

Gail is an avid reader and, having been an English major prior to going to law school, hopes some day to do more writing of her own. Gail and

her husband Mark have two adult children.

Patrick Hall is an accredited communicator with 30 years experience working as a Communications Consultant with the Government of Saskatchewan.

He has worked for a variety of departments including Agriculture, Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs, the Saskatchewan Family Foundation, Economic Development and Tourism, and Saskatchewan Co-operative Development.

Patrick has experience in writing, marketing, media relations, special events planning, employee communications, advertising, speech writing, publication design and website maintenance.

He is the recipient of two awards from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and the Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS) for his work with the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

Bill Chase Carved Walking Stick

Support yourself and The Festival of Words with a chance to win this handsomely carved Heirloom Walking Stick.

Only 100 tickets will be sold! \$5 each.

This is a one-of-a-kind *objet d'art* by master Moose Jaw wood carver, Bill Chase, winner of 10 first prize awards at the Brandt Festival.

This intricately carved

walking stick is Bill's 23rd and features red and gold clematis blossoms climbing the staff. The leather basket-woven hand-strap makes it easier to stride along with confidence and a relaxed grip.



Look for Bill's signature ladybug hidden in the design!

We are grateful for Bill's donation to support our fundraising efforts. Bill and Marlene Chase enjoy volunteering as drivers during the festival, picking up presenters at the Regina Airport.

For tickets call the Festival office at 691-0557.

Verse or Worse and The Whole Caboodle Moose Jaw Poetry Workshops

The *Verse or Worse* Poetry Workshop (January 31) was, well, exactly that – in other words, a success. Seven participants looked very carefully at fourteen submitted poems to determine what rhyme, rhythm, and line contributed to how the poem achieved meaning. Of course, the word meaning wasn't used – but it was definitely the buffalo in the workshop.

That buffalo is the centre-piece of the next poetry workshop, *The Whole Caboodle*, on Saturday March 21. This time, participants will consider the contributions of verse, figure, and form to how the poem achieves what meaning (thank you, John Ciardi). The Great Unspoken in poetry workshops is of course meaning: this workshop speaks the unspoken, grooms the



buffalo (meaning), so to speak, with curry-comb (verse), brush (figure), and towel (form).

Ted Dyck is Writer-in-Residence with the Festival of Words. You can contact him at 693-4716.

Performers Cafe 2009

Calling all writers & tellers, singers & musicians, to the Open Mike at the Java Express.

Tuesday, March 17th
Featuring: CMHA Writers
Writing for your life
Open Mike
Music

Wednesday, April 15th
Featuring: Poetry Month
Stories by New Canadians
Open Mike, Music

Wednesday, May 13th
Featuring: TBA
Open Mike
Music

Wednesday, June 17th
Featuring: TBA
Open Mike, Music

All Performers Cafes are held at 7:30 PM, at Java Express, 23 Main Street N., Moose Jaw. Contact Ted Dyck, Writer-in-Residence, for details.

Great Big Book Club Retreat March 14 & 15

Meet with other readers and book-lovers to discuss *Journey without a Map - Growing up Italian: a Memoir* by Donna Caruso whose book was named the Saskatchewan Book Awards Best Non-Fiction work published in 2008. Get acquainted with Donna and

enjoy lively discussion and laughs.

Dinner and an evening of book-talk and fun followed on Sunday with brunch and discussion on organizing and maintaining book clubs.

Moderator: Writer in Residence - Ted Dyck. Fees for

the two-day event are \$60.

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Festival office at 691-0557.

Great Big Book Club Retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday March 14 & 15, 2009, at the Prairie Oasis Tourist Complex.

CineView 2009 Winter Season

Showcasing the best of Canadian and International films

March 18 — *The Necessities of Life*. A Canadian award-winning film set when there was virtually no contact between the Inuit and the rest of Canada. A gorgeous,

elegiac story that examines Canada's rich heritage of multiculturalism.

April 22 — *One Week*. New film from Canadian director, Michael McGowan combines an odyssey with an intensely personal account of how mortality can reawaken one

to the joys and bittersweet experiences of life. "Life-affirming road movie." Liam Lacey, *Globe and Mail*.

Films at Galaxy Cinema 7pm Sharp.

Season passes are \$25, individual tickets \$8.50, both available at the door.

Festival Raffle

Watch for Festival Raffle tickets appearing early this year

as we aim to sell 1000 tickets before the draw Sunday,

July 19th at 1PM. Support the Festival!

Author Readings

Kelly-Anne Reiss
Regina Poet
Tuesday, March 24th

Gail Bowen
Saskatchewan Mystery
Writer
Tuesday, April 14th

Robert Currie
Saskatchewan's Poet
Laureate
Tuesday, April 28th

7:30 – 9:00 PM
Moose Jaw Public Library

Local Writers Read-Out

Local writers will hold a Read-Out on Tuesday, May 5th at the Moose Jaw Public Library. Featured Author Reading by Ted Dyck local Writer-in-Residence.

Moose Jaw Honours Award

Heritage Moose Jaw presents The Moose Jaw Honours Award recognizing a citizen who has made an enduring contribution to the City of Moose Jaw.

Presentation takes place prior to the 2009 Saskatchewan Festival of Words Launch, Thursday, April 23rd at 7:30 PM in the Performing Arts Theatre of the Moose Jaw Public Library.

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