

WILD WEST POETRY FESTIVAL

Celebrating Canada's 150^{th (plus)} Birthday

Wild West Poetry Festival Program Oct. 14 to Oct 22 Edmonton, Jasper, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Port Hardy, Nanaimo

Saturday Oct. 14: Edmonton kickoff event at **Yiannis Taverna Greek Restaurant basement Kasbar venue 10444 82 Ave NW, Edmonton**, 8-11pm Poets from across Canada reading along with local open mic readers. Prize for wildest read poem. Opening act singer songwriter Donna Durand with spoken word poet Kathy Fisher followed by Ottawa musicians Anne Hurley/Jim Videto.

Sunday Oct.15: **Habitat for the Arts Centre 500 Robson Street.**

Potluck and greet 6-7:00pm followed by featured reader Kate Marshall Flaherty sponsored by the Canada Council and league of Canadian Poets reading, music, and open mic for local poets.

Monday Oct.16: poetry parade 11:30am from train station to **Parks Canada Info Centre 500 Connaught Drive**

Noon officially read Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's 1914 poem "On the Athabaska Trail" on the lawn and presentation of framed copy of poem. 1:00pm sponsored by the Canada Council and league of Canadian Poets Pierrette Requier previous Edmonton Poet Laureate to do 30-minute reading at **Jasper Municipal library 500 Robson Dr**, followed by Kate Marshall Flaherty's Stillpoint writing workshop. Toronto poet Kate Marshall Flaherty guides "StillPoint writing workshops," which create a safe and fun space to explore prompted poetry-writing, while honouring and affirming each person's unique voice. We will have many creative writing exercises and will explore and experiment with poetic forms. A free workshop limited to 12 participants. Register at Jasper Library or email [Dave at mybrydges@yahoo.ca](mailto:mybrydges@yahoo.ca)

Monday evening at 7pm at **Habitat for the Arts Centre 500 Robson Street.** a multi-cultural event called FOR THE LOVE OF DIVERSE VOICES with poetry, music, stories, art, food, and fun.

Followed by a pop-up Poetry bus tour of Jasper and its wild environs.

Tuesday Oct. 17: Writing and Healing Workshop with Sherry Duggal at the **Habitat for the Arts Centre 500 Robson Street** from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Curious about the writing process? This 2.5 interactive workshop is for experienced and non-experienced writers alike. Open to individuals from all walks of life, explore your creative side!

- Differentiate between the right and left side of the brain
- Experience and understand the physiological changes that happen in your body as you delve into the creative process
- Experience and understand how you can benefit from the act of writing
- Experience and understand the link between writing and healing
- Clearly identify key elements of good writing
- Personalize ways you can get started in the writing process
- Access your creative potential and incorporate it into your lifestyle

Register by email to Dave at mybrydges@yahoo.ca workshop fee by donation

Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge 509 Turret St, visit with poets and musicians Anne Hurley and Jim Videto 2:30 to 4:00pm

Jasper Royal Canadian Legion Branch 31 400 Geikie St, 8:30pm opening act Ottawa musicians Anne Hurley/ Jim Videto, Poets reading, along with Brian Lackey and band Via and the Derailleurs. Via and the Derailleurs are a group of friends who came together when a local art gallery provided a place and opportunity to play and share music.

The gallery closed (and eventually relocated) but the musical friendship and collaboration continued. They have, with guitars, keyboard, bass, percussion and vocal harmonies developed an enjoyable and eclectic blend of genre-crossing music.
Admission price \$10 with \$2 towards a drink.

Wednesday Oct.18: at **Jasper train station 11:30am** have music with some poetry too before we catch the Skeena train at 12:45 poetry reading on Via Skeena train dome car 2-3:30pm

Wednesday Night Prince George: Due to potential freight train delays no event will be in Prince George.

Thursday Night Oct. 19 arrive in Prince Rupert: Poetry reading on Via Skeena train dome car 2-3:30pm

Friday Oct. 20: Prince Rupert Northwest Community College NWCC 353 5 St, Multi-Purpose Room on ground floor. Poets from across Canada reading, music, and open mic event for locals from 1 to 3:00pm **Javadotcup 516 3 Ave /** Poets from across Canada reading, music, and with open mic for locals from 7 to 9:00pm

Saturday Oct 21: Take BC ferry down the west coast to Port Hardy

Sunday Oct 22: Arrive in Port Hardy and take a Tofino Bus company bus to Nanaimo. Ann Graham Walker, President of the Federation of BC Writers, is organizing an evening at a restaurant with an open mic/music event in Nanaimo.

Any questions or queries send to coordinator David Brydges email mybrydges@yahoo.ca