

NorthWords Writers Festival Program
June 3-6, 2010
Yellowknife, NT

Thursday June 3, 2010

NorthWords Goes to School

Steve Sanderson and Richard Van Camp take their comic book magic to the students of Ecole William McDonald Middle School. Deborah Webster also visits Ecole William McDonald Middle School for a writing lesson.

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Welcome Authors!

Come out and welcome the Authors of the 2010 NorthWords Writers Festival, then listen to readings by Annabel Lyon and Cathleen With. Bring your lunch. MC: Jamie Bastedo
12 noon - 1 p.m.: Greenstone Building Atrium.

Community Through Stories Family BBQ

Have a burger (vegetarian fare available) on us at the official opening of the NorthWords Writers Festival, then listen to Bob Barton, Richard Van Camp, Ivan Coyote and Deborah Webster spin their tales. Door Prize!! MC: Annelies Pool.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Baker Community Centre

Open Mike: Ghost Stories -- Wooooo, Scary!!!

You'll be grateful for Yellowknife's midnight sun after an evening of scary stories. James Pokiak, Sharon Butala, Cathy Jewison, Jamie Bastedo will warm up the mike. Then it's your turn! MC: Cathleen With. Complimentary coffee and dessert.

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.: Javaroma

Mentorships

One-on-one mentorship sessions to discuss your work, how to get published or anything else about writing.

Bob Barton: Three 45-minute sessions 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Annabel Lyon: Three 45-minute sessions 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Yellowknife Library Writers Room.

Registration and scheduling at the Yellowknife Book Cellar after May 15

Fee: \$25 per session

Friday June 4, 2010

NorthWords Goes to School

Richard Van Camp, Steve Sanderson, Bob Barton and Deborah Webster visit Mildred Hall School for a morning of storytelling. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Mindy Willett and James Pokiak visit Ecole J.H. Sissons School. 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Jamie Bastedo, Annelies Pool, Annabel Lyon, Cathleen With and Bren Kolson take NorthWords to Sir John Franklin High School. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Comic Books for Healing

Join Writer Richard Van Camp and Graphic Artist Steve Sanderson for a presentation on the series of comic books they've put together for the Healthy Aboriginal Network in Vancouver, B.C. Bring your lunch!

12 noon - 1 p.m.: Greenstone Building Atrium

Open Mike: Blush, An Evening of Erotica and Sensuality

We had our first Erotica Open Mike last year and it was so much fun, we decided to do it again!

Annabel Lyon, Bob Barton, Ivan Coyote and Annelies Pool will warm up the Mike.

Bring your sexy stories! MC: Richard Van Camp

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.: Champagne Room (the former 'Our Place' Restaurant).

Admission \$5.00 (includes dessert)

Cash bar.

Mentorships

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Saturday June 5, 2010

Readings and Panel Discussion: Why Short Stories?

Short story writers Annabel Lyon, Cathleen With and Ivan Coyote read their work and discuss what the short

story means to them. Moderator: Cathy Jewison

10 a.m. - 12 noon: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik B

Super Heroes and Movies

Graphic Artist Steve Sanderson discusses the importance of super heroes and shows the movie versions of his comic books.

10 a.m. - 12 noon: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik A

Book Launch: New Northern Books!

Join Mindy Willett, James Pokiak and Tessa Macintosh as they launch *Proud to be Inuvialuit*, the fifth in *The Land Is Our Storybook* series and Northern Columnist Annelies Pool as she launches *iceberg tea*, a collection of her favourite columns.

Readings, book-signings and more. MC: Richard Van Camp

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik B

Storytellers' Circle

Veteran Storytellers Richard Van Camp, Bob Barton, Ivan Coyote and James Pokiak gear up for a late afternoon storytelling marathon. Host: Richard Van Camp

3 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik B

Panel Discussion: Writing from the Land

Sharon Butala, Bren Kolson and Mindy Willett talk about how the land influences their work. Moderator: Jamie Bastedo

3 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik A

NorthWords Annual Gala Readings

In the NorthWords flagship event, enjoy an evening of readings and storytelling with Sharon Butala, Annabel Lyon, Cathleen With, Bren Kolson, Ivan Coyote, Bob Barton and Bren Kolson. Find out the winner of the Great Northern Canada Writing Contest and meet the winner of the NorthWords Prize. There will be door prizes, refreshments and goodies! This is not to be missed. MCs: Paul Andrew; Denëza Nakeh'ko

8 p.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik Rooms

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Explorer Hotel; Katimavik C.

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Sunday June 6, 2010

Panel Discussion: Books for the Northern Community

Join Mindy Willett, Cathy Jewison, Jamie Bastedo, Annelies Pool and Richard Van Camp as they discuss what's new and what's great in northern books. Moderator: John Mutford

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik B

Workshop: Bootcamp for Procrastinators with Ivan E. Coyote

Have you always dreamed of writing your memoirs down but were never sure where to start? Do you have a half finished masterpiece stuffed into the back of a desk drawer? Still stuck on that not quite fabulous first line? Enlist today. Not tomorrow. Not next year. Today. Fall in and step to as Ivan Coyote runs you through a series of exercises designed to build up your first line muscles, train yourself to capture those fleeting late night epiphanies and practice bullying yourself into believing.

9:30 a.m. - 12 noon: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik A

Register in advance at the Yellowknife Book Cellar, after May 15

Fee: \$30

Workshop: How Do I Tell This Story? with Bob Barton

The storyteller (writer) of traditional tales is expected to be more than a mindless mimic. There are also responsibilities to the tale. Before reshaping the tale for retelling we must enter the tale and allow it to enter us. What does the tale say? What does it mean? Does it have more than one meaning? More than two? Which words of the characters are crucial and which casual? In this workshop we will explore a story actively in order to consider options open to the storyteller (writer).

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Fee: \$30

Lunch with the Literary Ladies

Annabel Lyon, Sharon Butala and Cathleen With talk about and read their fiction. Host: Annelies Pool.

12:30 - 2 p.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik B

Tickets: \$30 available at the Yellowknife Book Cellar after May 15

Workshop: Graphic Novels and Comics with Steve Sanderson

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Explorer Hotel: Katimavik A

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Fee: \$30

Workshop: Writing a Memoir with Sharon Butala

The memoir concentrates on an aspect of one's life, or may be about someone else's as seen through the memoirist's eyes and relationship. A memoir is literature, not only family history, and ordinary lives can make compelling memoirs. The best memoirs ask unexpected questions about the meaning of life, and provide unconventional answers or, at least, enlightening meditation, and thus open readers to new ways of thinking about their lives.

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