

# **COOP SCOOP**

***From The Saskatoon Writers' Coop—December 15, 2011***

Find more information about Coop classes and events on our website:

[www.writerscoop.org](http://www.writerscoop.org).

Don't forget to check our Coop [calendar](#) for upcoming events of interest to members, and let us know if there's something you think should be on it. And as always, if you're part of a group planning a writer-friendly event, please try to avoid date conflicts if possible. We're all in this together...

NOTE: There's also a list of [links](#) on the Coop website where you can check out what else is happening in Saskatoon, whether you're planning an event or looking for one.

## **Greetings everyone!**

Soon we will bid farewell to the year 2011-- and what a great year it has been! Saskatoon hosted its first Word on the Street Festival which had a really nice turnout considering the hot temperatures that day. And recently the Coop saw the arrival of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary (yes, we've really been around that long).

The December Open Mike had 25 persons in attendance with a full slate of 10 readers, of which 2 were new readers. The event went smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Also, thanks to Sarah Shoker at the SWG Saskatoon office for the open house wine and cheese last Thursday.

## **Coop news and upcoming events**

### **January Writers' Open Mike Night**

Our next Writers' Open Mike Night will be on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The familiar format of the evening will showcase several writers eager to share their labours of love with you. There will be opportunities to talk to fellow writers while enjoying coffee and snacks. If you wish to read from your own work-in-progress, make sure to sign up by emailing Gary or Jo at the email address below.

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

7:00 p.m.

Room 3 (lower level), Frances Morrison Library

Register to read by emailing [openmike@writerscoop.org](mailto:openmike@writerscoop.org)

## **The Coop is a decade old, and we're planning a party**

In January, check your mailbox for a special invitation to the Coop's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event. We hope to see you there! (Date is almost certainly Feb. 14; location is The Bassment. More details will follow.)

## **Classes and workshops**

No, we haven't forgotten our original purpose; we're just a little slow. Details soon.

## **Member squawks**

### **Congratulations**

Coop member **Sandy Bonny** has three stories in the latest *Coming Attractions* anthology published by Oberon Press. *Coming Attractions 11* is currently available for purchase online.

### **Coop members in this year's SWG mentorship program**

Charlotte Garrett (poetry) (Dundurn) will be mentored by **Mari-Lou Rowley** (Saskatoon). **Lori Pollock** (fiction) (Saskatoon) will be mentored by Harriet Richards (Saskatoon). **Gayle M. Smith** (fiction) (Clavet) will be mentored by Alison Lohans (Regina)

### **Red Claw Press Submissions**

**Kim Aubrey** (Coop member and one of Red Claw Press's editors) solicits submissions for *Red Claw Press Anthology*. Red Claw Press will be publishing its second anthology in fall 2012 on the subject of sleep, in all of its meanings and associations. They are looking for stories, essays, poems, and artwork.

**Deadline for submissions is February 1st, 2012**

Please see the website for details: [www.redclawpress.com](http://www.redclawpress.com)

## **Lit Happens**

*Lit Happens* is now available to watch all over the world. SHAW acquired a YouTube channel and uploaded a number of episodes to the site. Check out **Wes Funk** at <http://www.youtube.com/user/shawtvssaskatoon> (you may have to search around the site a bit). *Lit Happens* will also be going into syndication in 2012. They will be bundled into half-hour episodes that will be aired regularly on SHAW.

## **Jot notes**

### **Check out local publisher Indie Ink's Facebook page and 12 Days of Christmas contests**

Here's the link: <http://www.facebook.com/indieink>

### **Yuletide Shindig tomorrow**

*Grain Magazine* and friends cordially invite you to attend the seasonal come-and-go festivities in the Grand Couch Room. An assortment of epicurean delights will be provided but we will welcome any goodies brought along with your Christmas cheer (Please – NO NUTS!). If you would like to make a donation to the food bank, there will be a round-up box provided. Extra Santa's helpers are always appreciated for set-up and clean-up half hour before and after. All are welcome!

**For more info please contact: Mike Thompson, Grain Magazine: [grainmag@sasktel.net](mailto:grainmag@sasktel.net)**

**Friday, December 16, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Suite 719, Delta Bessborough Hotel**

### **New from Saskatchewan Romance Writers**

Seventeen regional authors explore just how strange and wonderful this province can be in *Love, Loss and Other Oddities: Tales from Saskatchewan*. Nurturing local writers of popular fiction for twenty-five years, Saskatchewan Romance Writers is proud to present this collection of outstanding short stories available at bookstores around the province. For e-book format, please go to <http://saskromancewriters.com>.

## **SWG Winter Retreat**

For more information, contact the Retreat Coordinator at [skretreats@skwriter.com](mailto:skretreats@skwriter.com)

February 3-24, 2012

St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, SK

\$550/wk non-members, \$475 SWG & CARFAC SASK members (out of province residents), \$300/wk SWG & CARFAC SASK members (SK residents)

Apply online at [www.skwriter.com/sk-writers-artists-retreats/retreat-application-form](http://www.skwriter.com/sk-writers-artists-retreats/retreat-application-form)

Deadline for submissions has been extended to 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 16, 2011

## **Submissions for ZenFri Inc. Anthology**

**ZenFri Inc.** is publishing an anthology of works in early 2012 and is now accepting submissions of bold, unusual, and provocative short fiction.

Please see the website for details: <http://zenfri.com/submissions>

Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2011

## **FreeFall Magazine's Annual Prose & Poetry Contest**

*FreeFall Magazine* is currently accepting submissions of unpublished work for their annual contest with over \$1100 in prizes to be won.

Entry fee: \$20

Please see the website for details: [www.freefallmagazine.ca/contest.html](http://www.freefallmagazine.ca/contest.html)

Deadline for submissions is on or before December 31, 2011

## **Briarpatch seeks Magazine Editor/Publisher**

*Briarpatch Magazine* seeks a crackerjack Editor/Publisher to jointly oversee all aspects of producing a bi-monthly magazine.

Please see the website for details: <http://briarpatchmagazine.com/announcements/view/job-posting-editor-publisher>

Deadline for applications is January 4, 2012

## **U. of S. M.F.A. in Writing Program**

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture & Creativity at the U. of S. is now accepting applications for the M.F.A. in Writing program. Students will write in several genres and complete their study with a creative thesis.

For more information, contact LaVina Williams at [i.ccc@usask.ca](mailto:i.ccc@usask.ca) or Jeanette Lynes at [Jeanette.lynes@usask.ca](mailto:Jeanette.lynes@usask.ca) or call the ICC at (306)966-4327

**Deadline for submissions is January 6, 2012**

## **Memory/Memoir: A Writing Workshop**

Join Writer in Residence **Yvette Nolan** to explore memoir writing. Bring a photograph, object or just your memories. Participants will have the opportunity to share their work with the public.

**January 10, 2012**

**1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Room 3, Frances Morrison Library, Saskatoon, SK**

**Space is limited**

**To register, call Outreach Services at 975-7606**

## **Writing North: Writing the Extraordinary**

The English and Drama Departments of the U of S would like to invite you to **Writing North: A Mid-Winter Celebration of Writers and Writing**. Guest authors include: Ray Hsu, Kevin Loring, **Yvette Nolan**, David Bergen and Norman Nawrocki.

**January 21-22, 2012**

**Various times**

**Physics 107, U of S, Saskatoon, SK**

**Entry fee: free**

**Please see the website for details: <http://www.writerscoop.org/writers-coop-calendar.html>**

## **Arc Poetry Magazine: 2012 Poem of the Year Contest**

*Arc* welcomes Poem of the Year entries from Canada, the United States, and around the world. The grand prize is \$5,000.

**Entry fee: \$32**

**Please see the website for more details: <http://www.arcpoetry.ca/2011/10/04/poem-of-the-year-contest>**

**Deadline for applications is February 1, 2012**

## **The Malahat Review Novella Prize 2012**

Canada's premier literary magazine invites entries from everywhere to Canada's only novella contest. Submit a single work of fiction in any genre or on any subject of between 10,000 and 20,000 words in length. Winning submission will receive \$1500.

**Entry fee: \$35 (for Canadians)**

**Please see the website for details: <http://malahatreview.ca>**

**Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2012**

## **Writers' Union of Canada 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Postcard Story Competition**

The Writers' Union of Canada is pleased to launch its **13th annual Postcard Story Competition**, which invites writers to create a dramatic, short, snappy piece in 250 words or fewer. A \$750 prize will be awarded and the entry will be published in postcard format and distributed in *Write*, the magazine of The Writers' Union of Canada.

**Entry fee: \$7.50**

**Please see the website for details: [www.writersunion.ca/cn\\_postcard.asp](http://www.writersunion.ca/cn_postcard.asp)**

**Deadline for submissions is February 14, 2012**

## **Submissions for Fieldstone Review**

We are pleased to announce submissions are now open for the 2012 Fieldstone Review. *The Fieldstone Review* is an online literary journal based at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK. TFR publishes poetry, short fiction, non-fiction, and reviews from Canada and abroad.

**No entry fee**

**Please see the website for details: [www.fieldstonereview.usask.ca/submissions.php](http://www.fieldstonereview.usask.ca/submissions.php)**

**Deadline for submissions is February 15, 2012**

## **2012 Unified Literary Contest**

Enter for your chance to win an all-expenses paid trip to one of our groundbreaking 2012 programs! Winners will be published in North America's leading literary online and print journals, and they will receive free tuition (including airfare and accommodations) to a 2012 SLS Program.

**Please see the website for more details: <http://sumlitsem.org/contest.html>**

**Deadline for applications is February 28, 2012**

## **Tesseract Sixteen Now Open for Submissions**

EDGE Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing is delighted to announce that the Canadian speculative fiction anthology *Tesseract Sixteen: Parnassus Unbound* is now open for submissions.

Please see the website for details: [www.edgewebsite.com/books/tess16/t16-guidelines.html](http://www.edgewebsite.com/books/tess16/t16-guidelines.html)

**Deadline for submissions is February 29, 2012**

## **Sage Hill Writing Experience Upcoming Programs**

**2012 Spring Poetry Colloquium**

**May 4-17, 2012**

**Instructor: Barry Dempster**

Please see the website for more details: [www.sagehillwriting.ca](http://www.sagehillwriting.ca)

**Deadline for applications is February 27, 2012**

**Adult Summer Programs**

**July 23 - August 2, 2012**

Please see the website for more details: [www.sagehillwriting.ca](http://www.sagehillwriting.ca)

**Deadline for applications is April 30, 2012**

## **Tightrope Books seeks Poetry for Anthology**

Forthcoming anthology seeks new and previously published poems inspired by cinema. All styles and approaches welcome. We're looking for poems that reference specific films or actors, genres of film, the act of movie-going or video-watching, or the intersections of movies and life. Please include full publication details for any poems which have appeared or been accepted elsewhere.

Submit 1-5 poems as attachments to [film poems@gmail.com](mailto:film poems@gmail.com)

**Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2012**

## **Short Grain (with Variations) Writing Contest**

*Grain* Magazine has announced their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Short Grain (with Variations) Writing Contest**. *Grain* awards \$4,500 in cash prizes! Winning entries will be published in the pages of *Grain*!

**Entry fee: \$35**

Please see the website for details: [www.grainmagazine.ca](http://www.grainmagazine.ca)

**Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2012**

## **Book Week 2012 Writing Contest for Kids & Teens**

The Canadian Children's Book Centre is running a Writing Contest for Kids & Teens in celebration of TD Canadian Children's Book Week 2012 (May 5 – 12, 2012). The contest is open to students in Grades 4 to 12.

Please see the website for details: <http://www.bookweek.ca/book-week/2012/book-week-2012-writing-contest>

## **Saskatchewan History**

You are invited to submit an article about any aspect of Saskatchewan's military or wartime history for possible inclusion in the Fall-Winter 2012 issue of *Saskatchewan History*.

Please see the website for details: <http://www.saskarchives.com/web/news-display.shtml?pfl=news-display.param&op2.rf1=103>

**Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2012**

## **Pink Magazine**

Stephen LaRose is the editor of a new women's magazine that will begin publication in December. The magazine is interested in hearing from women authors, especially those who have just had their latest works published.

For more information, contact Stephen LaRose at [Stephen@getcompass.ca](mailto:Stephen@getcompass.ca) or call (306)529-5169

## **CTV Morning Live**

Producer Kim Elaschuk is looking for SK authors to appear on their weekly Wednesday segment **Cover-to-Cover** to promote their books. The host requests a synopsis and the chance to speak to the author briefly to get familiar with the book. The segment will air between 8:30-9:00 a.m.

For more information, contact Kim Elaschuk at (306)569-6305

## **Bridges is Looking for Authors**

*Bridges* is looking to showcase Saskatchewan authors in a regular feature called *Read My Book*.

For more information, contact Cam Fuller at [cfuller@thestarphoenix.com](mailto:cfuller@thestarphoenix.com)

## **Tonight it's Poetry**

Every Sunday-- famous poets, new poets, used poets, jaded poets, bargain poets, up-and-coming poets, aspiring poets and just listeners who love the diversity poetry can offer. Buy a poet a drink; goodness knows they can use one. But unless you're feeling flush, don't offer "a round for all my poet friends". Seriously.

**Sunday evenings**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Lydia's, 650 Broadway Avenue**

**\$5 cover**

## **Not a member, or forgot to renew?**

Email the Coop's membership secretary at [members@writerscoop.org](mailto:members@writerscoop.org) for information on joining (or re-joining) the Coop. Or check the website:

[http://www.writerscoop.org/includes/sign\\_up\\_form.pdf](http://www.writerscoop.org/includes/sign_up_form.pdf)

## **Privacy**

The Saskatoon Writers' Coop will never give out your email address, mailing address or phone number to any third party without your written permission.

## **Keep in touch!**

Let us know if you'll be changing your address. Email [members@writerscoop.org](mailto:members@writerscoop.org). Note: Subscription to the email Coop Scoop is automatic upon joining the Coop. If you'd prefer not to receive the Scoop, let us know by emailing [scoop\\_ed@writerscoop.org](mailto:scoop_ed@writerscoop.org) (there's an underscore after Scoop) and your address will be removed from the mailing list. (Don't worry, you can keep your membership in the Coop.)

## **Scoop submissions**

We invite and encourage Coop members to submit details of a writing-related or literary event for promotion or celebration in the Member Squawks section of the Coop Scoop. We invite other individuals or organizations to submit details of writing-related or literary events for promotion in the Jot Notes section of the Coop Scoop. Before you submit, please take a moment to review our [submission guidelines](#).

**Happy Holidays! See you in 2012!**