



Writers & Editors Network

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Say *WEN*

November 2011

Dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing and editing

Breakfast Networking

Canadiana Restaurant (Six Points Plaza, 5230 Dundas Street West, Toronto) 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Cost: \$15 for WEN members and \$20 for non-WEN members.

WEN's monthly meetings offer an ideal environment to refine your knowledge of the writing and editing business through our guest speakers, and also to network with peers from your own community who have similar interests. There is generally an opportunity to purchase autographed copies of guest speakers' books. Our breakfast buffet provides a variety of hot and cold dishes and a selection of fresh fruit and pastries for your enjoyment.

November 19, 2011

Author and poet, Debbie Ouellet lives in Loretto, Ontario. Her children's book, "How Robin Saved Spring" (Henry Holt, 2009) received the Horace Mann Upstanders Honor Book Award and was named Amazon.ca's Pick of the Month and Cookie Magazine's Book of the Month. Her teen novels for reluctant readers, "A Hero's Worth" and "Legend of the Ring" were published by HIP Books (2009 and 2011). Debbie is working on her third teen novel for HIP Books titled "Wave", to be published in 2012. Debbie chairs the Vaughan Poets' Circle and performs spoken word poetry at schools and literary events across the GTA. www.debbieouellet.com.

December 10, 2011

In one of the most popular events on the WEN calendar, Members will be reading examples of their best recent work, both poetry and prose. The program is already full, and the entries are outstanding! There will also be special celebrations for WEN's TENTH ANNIVERSARY; and the staff at the Canadiana always lays on a special breakfast in December -- so this is a meeting you will NOT want to miss!

Organizational News

WOTS is a success for WEN members

On September 25, WEN saw a lot of traffic at Word on the Street (WOTS), an outdoor fair that celebrates Canadian reading and writing, and champions literacy. On the right, four WEN members who staffed the WEN booth.



President's Message

Despite my somewhat impressive background in computer technology, I have to admit that I do not 'get' social media. But then I ask, does it matter whether or not I get it? Social media gives us a means to reach out and to stay in touch quickly and easily at any time, day or night. Aside from keeping everyone informed of our minute-by-minute activities, social media can be an effective form of marketing. The advantages of social media should not be ignored. A few tweets, comments or updates can connect you with your audience and your peers while widening your audience of admirers.

The WEN facebook page is such an opportunity. It's a place where WEN members can post their latest accomplishments, breakthroughs and more. While the WEN newsletter is great place to trumpet your successes, why not broadcast them in real time as well? Stop by WEN's facebook page (URL below) and sign up to the group if you haven't done so already. The more people we have participating in this online community, the more we will all benefit from a "meeting between meetings".

December will be a special meeting for WEN (remember that it will be on December 12, one week earlier than usual). In addition to being our regular seasonal celebration, we will also be celebrating WEN's 10th anniversary. Anna Stitski and Linda Nodello have been working on some special items to help set the tone for the festivities, so be sure to register early for this once-in-a-lifetime WEN event.

December's meeting also marks the official release of WEN's anthology, Canadian Imprints. The anthology was created to mark our 10th anniversary and to celebrate the writings of some of our members. The response to the first printing was tremendous, and we've had to go into a second printing to fill backorders. That's impressive, both for the achievement of our contributing authors and for the support members and visitors have shown for the book and its authors. Maria Pia Marchelletta is to be heartily congratulated for nursing this project along and for delivering a quality product ... on time and within budget!

Richard Best
President, 2011-2012
How to find WEN on Facebook
www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Writers-and-Editors-Network/260973783919700



WEN's 10 anniversary

WEN's 10th anniversary celebration and Canadian Imprints launch is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Canadiana Restaurant.

Members News

New services offered

To help authors embrace the digital age, Nathan Medcalf now converts manuscripts into e-Pub and Kindle formats. If you want your book to be read on e-readers, or if you have any questions about digital publishing, contact him at nathan_medcalf@hotmail.com.

A greater online presence

Didi LeMay announces that she has a brand new web site, postings on www.womenspost.ca every two weeks, and posting once a month at Good News Toronto. As well, Rosie (her dog) has a Facebook page for children to follow.

And, Isobel Raven has a new web site www.i-raven-ca.squarespace.com. Please give it a peek or come and stay awhile. Google hasn't found it yet. Friendly hits might help.

Book promotion

Flavia Cosma will travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina from November 15 to December 3. She will launch her latest book in Spanish *Hojas de diario* (Editura Maribelina, Lima, Peru) in various literary circles and will present her translation into English of *Profane Uncertainties*, poems by Luis Raul Calvo, published in USA.

Bianca Lakoseljac announces a few dates that she will be making public appearances.

November 19: From 1 to 4 pm

Bianca will be signing copies of *Bridge in the Rain* at Chapters, Runnymede, Toronto.

November 30: From 2 to 3 pm

Bianca will read excerpts from and talk about the inspiration behind *Bridge in the Rain*.

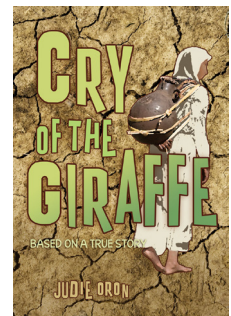
Barrie Public Library, 60 Worsley St. Barrie. 705-728-1010

www.library.barrie.on.ca/programmes/adults/prog/11_11_30_BiancaLakoseljac.pdf

November 30: From 7:15 to 8:15 pm

At the East End Writers Group, Bianca will discuss approaches to connecting short stories, talk about the inspiration behind *Bridge in the Rain*, and read excerpts from her book.

Judie Oron reports she is setting to embark on a mini-book tour to London and Windsor, Ontario; there's nothing quite like ViaRail, right? She is excited to tell you that her novel, *Cry of the Giraffe*, is being taught at Chukyo University in Nagoya, Japan this semester and an author book talk is being planned for the spring. Also in the planning is a talk at Library of Congress in Washington, DC and another in Montreal, Quebec.



Cultural celebrations

Zohra Zoberi's non-profit organization. Briding the Gap, was one of the 25 cultural and art organizations that took part in the Take 2 Culture Day in Mississauga on October 1, a celebration of arts and culture from coast to coast.

Culture Days is a collaborative, national volunteer movement dedicated to raising the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities. Outdoor activities had to be postponed due to exceptionally bad weather but inside the Library Briding the Gap held a variety show-stage variation of the play 'Questionably Ever After' as well as a Tribute to Artisans of Pakistan, a display of fusion costumes. Jasmine Jackman extended a helping hand to Zohra Zoberi by managing the children's educational table inside the Central Library (a bang up success).

Other News

Facebook

How many of you have facebook pages for your books? It is a really good way to spread the word about your books and enhance your professional reputation. If you do have a page, please email Susan Winlaw at susan@bampress.com with the name and link to the page. I'm compiling a list so I can promote the pages through my Facebook wall and my Twitter accounts. Please send the information to me even if you think I already have it.

Here's a fantastic new page to connect with on Facebook by Lynnette Phillips. She has some amazing articles on her wall that can help writers in all aspects of their careers.

www.facebook.com/pages/Lynnette-Phillips-Professional-Editing/

Another excellent group in Facebook is Help Support Independent Publishers! Pat Bertram does interviews of authors and also of their characters in the books.

Library offers help for authors

A new initiative of the Mississauga library pairs authors and their manuscripts with interested readers. The goals is to provide authors with a lay view of their work. Proof reading is an indispensable part of the writing process, as is getting feedback from disinterested readers. For more information, contact the Mississauga Public Library, 201 Burnhamthorpe Rd., 905 615-3200, ext. 3544.

Rainbow Caterpillar

Rainbow Caterpillar is looking for native speakers of Hebrew, Spanish, Hungarian, Swahili, Portuguese, Arabic to read and judge children's books. Please speak to anyone you may know who could give Rainbow Caterpillar a hand. Thank you.

Happie Testa (Founder)
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A Christmas Carol

The Sirius Theatrical Company (WEN Member Heather Dick) will be presenting a staged reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. This will be a 'Fund Raising' and a 'Food Raising' event. Proceeds from tickets sales are destined for our Scholarship and Bursary Fund which we have set up to help families whose children would benefit and grow from our training and activities but who, for various reasons, may not be able to afford full course fees. This fall we have been able to help six families and hope to be able to help several more in the New Year. Food raised will be donated to local food banks in the south Etobicoke area at this much needed time of the year.

The event features Rosemary Dunsmore (Film, Television, Stage - 3 Seasons at Stratford, Dora Winner) and

Marianne McIsaac (Television - Genie Nominee, Directing, Stage)

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2011
 Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Location: 119 Mimico Avenue (Royal York Rd. & Mimico Ave.)
 Sirius Theatrical Company Studio (Mimico Presbyterian Church)
 Ticket prices: \$15 (Adults) \$5 (Students 18 and under)
 1 non-perishable food item (at least) per ticket
 Info & Ticket Sales: 416-236-9011
www.siriustheatrical.com

Mission Statement

The Writers & Editors Network is an organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing and editing. WEN aims to foster literacy and to assist, empower, and provide moral support to writers and editors from all disciplines. WEN will network, mentor, and educate members independently and in cooperation with other organizations. www.wenetwork.org.

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Please submit items for the newsletter by the 7th of each month to nathan_medcalf@hotmail.com so the newsletter can be sent out prior to the breakfast network meeting. Also, please only send news that is relevant to the writers, editors, and other members in the publishing industry.

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