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Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 12, 2024,
2pm ET (Zoom): [How to Run
Poetry Events with Bānoo
Zan](#)

Saturday, October 26,
2024 11:30am - 6pm ET
[Fall Poetry Intensive](#)

Wednesday, November 20,
2024, 6 - 8pm ET
[Member Townhall & New
Member Reading](#)

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LCP Book Awards

The 2025 LCP Book Awards are open for submissions for books published December 2023 - November 2024. Deadline for submissions is November 28, 2024. [Find out more.](#)

Kathy Ashby

Chautauqa Poetry Event in Windermere, ON on Tuesday, August, 6th at 4 pm. This is Soul: An event led by Hilary Bowring, author of, 'Find Your Soul in your heart' with special guest, Kathy Ashby, renowned artist and author, introducing her debut book of soulful poetry, 'From the Rim of the Bowl'. These authors share some of their own soul journeys and readings from their latest books. Also enjoy some Heart opening exercises to connect with your soul; Meditation to reveal your soul gifts enhanced by Crystal bowl sound healing with Bonnie Newell. Bring your own crystal bowls, if you have any, to join in the World Peace Blessing at the end.

Louise Carson

Louise Carson has had work published recently in Carte blanche, the Autumn Moon Haiku Journal, Enchanted Garden, the Haiku Canada anthology 'No Two Alike,' and the Haiku Canada Review. One haiku took 3rd prize in the Haiku Down Under 2024 contest. Her mystery The Cat Crosses a Line, Signature Editions, is available wherever you purchase your books. Her collection of haiku, The Truck Driver Treated for Shock, is available from the publisher Yarrow Press.

George Elliott Clarke

George Elliott Clarke's interview re: his edited autobiography, Black Activist, Black Scientist, Black Icon: The Autobiography of Dr. Howard D. McCurdy (Nimbus Publishers, 2023), appeared on TVO on July 4, 2024.

Weaver, Brittany. [Interview re: Remembering the Life of a Canadian Icon: Howard D. McCurdy.](#) Aired: TVO, July 4, 2024.

GEC joined poets Anne Michaels and A.F. Moritz at the Canadian Bengali Literary Festival in Toronto on July 20, 2024.

GEC hosted his patented series, "5 Poets Breaking Into Song (Lucky #13): The Lives of Girls and Women" on Sunday, July 28, 3-5 PM, at New Horizons Auditorium, Toronto. The event featured pianist Meghan Butcher, vocalist Usha; poems by GEC, Antonia Facciponte, Giovanna

Riccio, Yeshim Ternar, Andrea Thompson, and Eleni Zisismatos; and songs composed from their poems by Juliet Palmer, Nevawn Patrick, and James Rolfe. All songs commissioned by GEC or co-commissioned with the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

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Blessed by a Toronto Arts Council grant, GEC led his band, The AFro-Metis Nation, into a Toronto recording studio, July 15-26, to record their second culturally important CD, Anthem, which follows up on the first CD, Constitution (2019). For that CD, GEC, Sugar Plum Croxen, and Shelley Hamilton were nominated as "Best Indigenous Songwriters" at the 2020 Canadian Folk Music Awards.

Rebecca Diem

CONNECTIONS Poetry Workshop (Thurs. Oct 3rd | 6:30 PM | Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library) | Join Owen Sound's new poet laureate Rebecca Diem for a poetry workshop in celebration of Ontario Culture Days. The workshop will focus on creating and community. Ontario Culture Days celebrates arts, culture and heritage in Ontario. This is a free event with limited spaces. Register [here](#).

Amanda Earle

Dear friends, I have started a literary event organization service to help authors and publishers. I have over 20 years of experience as a host and literary event organizer. I want to help you create a celebration for your book launch. [More info here](#).

Joanne Epp

Joanne Epp, Sally Ito and Sarah Klassen won the poetry prize in the 2024 Word Guild awards for Christian writing in Canada. The award is for their collection of collaborative translations, Wonder-Work: Selected Sonnets of Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg, published by CMU Press in 2023.

Kevin Irie

Kevin Irie has won first place in poetry in the 2024 Short Grain Contest by Grain Magazine and is the second runner-up in the 2024 Nick Blatchford Occasional Verse Contest in The New Quarterly.

Carol MacKay

Carol L. MacKay's self-published poetry book, Bird, Making No Sound, is a finalist in the 2024 Sunshine Coast Writers and Editors Society Book Awards. More information about this title can be found [here](#). Carol's poem for children, "Nature Changes" appears in the Convergent/Random House anthology, Bless the Earth: A Collection of Poetry for Children to Celebrate and Care for Our World (2024). She also has a poem in The Ontario Poetry Society's Across the Universe (2024) chapbook.

Kelly Pflug-Back

Poetry Seance was back for another installment of our quarterly series at Toronto's historic LGBTQ literary hub, Gladday Books. September 3rd from 7-9pm was a night of spine-tingling queer horror poetry from featured LCP members and non-member poets alike. [POETRY SEANCE](#) | [Facebook](#)

Renée M. Sgroi

Renée M. Sgroi is pleased to announce the fall publication of her second book of poetry, *In a Tension of Leaves and Binding* (Guernica Editions). Details about readings and events can be found on her socials: @renee_m_sgroi (Instagram) or @ReneeMSgroi (X/Twitter).

Sheila Stuart

Sheila Stewart's third poetry collection, *If I Write About My Father*, was released in the summer of 2024 by Ekstasis Editions.

Lindsay Soberano Wilson

Celebrate the [BOOK LAUNCH](#) of Lindsay Soberano Wilson's BREAKING UP WITH THE COBALT BLUES: POEMS FOR HEALING on September 26th, 2024 (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Flying Books, 784 College St) in Toronto. Lindsay's second

poetry book, Breaking Up with the Cobalt Blues features visual and lyrical poems that find peace in painful, messy, shameful parts of life unearthed at inconvenient times. She will also be reading at the Art Bar poetry series on September 23rd at the Free Times Cafe in Toronto,

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

July-September 2024

Alberta

- Marilyn Letts

BC

- Adrienne Gruber
- Janet Pollock Millar
- Jess Housty
- Sophia Conway
- Svetlana Ischenko

Ontario

- Chuck MacInnis
- Gregory Sass
- Halyna Koba
- j tate barlow
- Luke Sawczak
- Melissa Thorne
- Michael St. George
- Rebecca Diem
- Sneha Subramanian Kanta
- sophie anne edwards
- Elizabeth Ruth
- Eva HD
- Jeffrey Round

Quebec

- Faith Paré

Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, & PEI

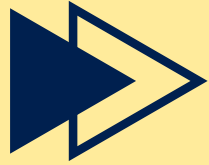
- Susie DeCoste

Manitoba

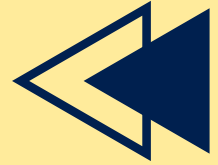
- Chimwemwe Undi

Saskatchewan

- Alexandra Jarrett
- Jes Battis
- Lauraine Saretsky



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BIPOC Poets

The newly-formed BIPOC Poets Committee held its first meeting on August 14th, 2024; it a very informal, unstructured format yet an engaging and informative round table discussion between our committee members in attendance. We spoke on a number of topics about our individual experiences in our local communities and how we can continue to expand our networks to promote and share current and future projects. We also briefly discussed our experiences with mentorship as it relates to our Mission Statement, and created an Instagram group chat for any BIPOC members of LCP who are looking for a space to connect between meetings. Our next meeting is planned for mid-to-late October 2024.

As our BIPOC Poets Committee is relatively new, we are continuing to conduct outreach and gather information and feedback about BIPOC-identified members of the LCP and how we can best support each other and build community. We welcome those interested in finding out more by contacting us at BIPOCPoets@leaguepoets.com.

Co-Chairs: Bassam (they/them) and Hollay Ghadery (she/her) | BIPOCPoets@leaguepoets.com

Feminist Caucus

The Feminist Caucus of the League of Canadian Poets strongly and uncompromisingly champions the rights of those who identify as women and/or feminists in Canada and worldwide. Our mandate is to celebrate, promote, and support women's creativity within the League and beyond. We oppose systemic misogyny, anti-feminist traditions, and rights-restrictive cultural relativism and commit to take action against any infringement of women's rights and their creative work. The Feminist Caucus respects and advocates for equality and freedom of expression in its practices and membership.

Chair: Heidi Greco | feministcaucus@leaguepoets.com, heidigreco@hotmail.com

Parenting Poets

To create community for poets often isolated by the demands of parenting, to discuss issues pertinent to parenting poets, and to organize events that attempt to eliminate the barriers parents often face.

Co-Chairs: Jessica Coles and Jennifer Bowering Delisle | jessica.n.coles@gmail.com, delisle.jennifer@gmail.com

Poets of Faith

Poets of faith; those who believe their craft is in service to a Supreme Being.

Chair: Stephen Roney
sroneycor@mail.com