

## Manitoulin Writers' Retreat Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary July 10-12, 2009

Three day event to feature book fair, literary readings and writing workshops

Register now for unique gathering of Northern Ontario writers and publishers

Kagawong—The Manitoulin Writers' Retreat is marking its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a three day celebration of Northern Ontario literary talent in the scenic village of Kagawong July 10-12, 2009.

Festivities begin Friday, July 10 at 6 p.m. with the opening of the Northern Book Fair, a marketplace designed to showcase independent authors and publishers from northern communities. Book vendors will be selling a wide range of publications at the Kagawong Park Centre, 39 Henry St., on Friday evening, all day Saturday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and again Sunday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beginning Friday night, special guest poets, novelists and short story writers will be reading excerpts from their works from 8 to 9:30 p.m. A similar program is scheduled for Saturday night 7 to 9 p.m. Book lovers will have a chance to browse the book fair all day and attend a varied program of literary readings in the evening.

Writers at all stages of their careers will be participating in a series of writing workshops offered in conjunction with the Northern Book Fair. On Saturday morning recording artist Kevin Closs will present a song writing workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Anglican church. This session will run concurrently with a humour writing workshop featuring Sudbury Star columnist Heather McCabe at the Park Centre. Memoir writing will be the focus from noon to 2 p.m with author Julie Boucher at the Billings Library. The afternoon agenda includes poetry writing with artist/author Ann Elizabeth Carson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Anglican church.. Simultaneously, fans of young adult fiction and children's literature can explore that genre with Emily DeAngelis of the Sudbury Writers' Guild at the Park Centre.

On Sunday the book fair is again open to the public and writing workshops will run from noon to 2 p.m. Author Bruce Meyer will lead a discussion of short fiction techniques at the Park Centre and novelists Rosanna Battigelli and Marion Seabrook will team up to guide novices through the process of conducting historical research with a view to weaving the material into a novel or memoir. The historical research session takes place at the Billings Library.

The Manitoulin Writers' Retreat and Northern Book Fair will provide an uplifting atmosphere for writers, publishers and readers to congregate and celebrate

Northern creativity.

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