

PURDY COUNTRY LITERARY FESTIVAL #3

and

3rd Annual CCLA Art & Lit Fest

<http://www.canadacubaliteraryalliance.org/CCLALitFest09.html>

Thursday, July 30 to Monday, Aug. 3

Malone, Marmora, Brighton, Ameliasburgh - Ontario

The third annual PURDY COUNTRY LITERARY FESTIVAL (PurdyFest #3) and the CCLA Art & Lit Fest will again be held over the August holiday weekend. This year's events have been expanded to five days and four locations: Malone pioneer hamlet, Marmora, Brighton, and Ameliasburgh. Co-organizer James Deahl has called PurdyFests "**Woodstock for poets**".

Activities begin on **Thursday, July 30**, with a **HAIKU DAY garden party** at ZenRiver Gardens retreat in Malone. Haijin Claudia Coutu Radmore will lead in the creation of a linked haiku sequence called renga, and all poets are invited to participate. Popular Marmora singer/songwriter Morley Ellis will perform at many of the Marmora area events.

Poetry activities continue on **Friday, July 31**, at ZenRiver Gardens, with the annual **POETS FOR PEACE** meeting chaired by Hamilton poet James Deahl scheduled for 3 pm. This will be followed by a casual MEET & GREET and POTLUCK SUPPER for participants. The elements willing, a campfire round robin poetry reading will complete the day.

On **Saturday, August 1**, a **SYMPOSIUM ON AL PURDY** will be held in the Marmora Library Building. Participants include poets David Day and James Deahl, and philosopher/author Terry Barker. In the evening **ANOTHER DAM POETRY READING** will take place on the island in the Marmora Dam. Over 40 poets have already committed to reading at PurdyFest #3, and many of these will be reading their poems published in the special Canadian issue of "Dreamcatchers" magazine.

On **Sunday, Aug. 2**, events move to Brighton, **3rd Annual CCLA Art & Lit Fest**, where they will be organized by Canada-Cuba Literary Alliance President Richard (Tai) Grove. Art and book displays and sale in Memorial Park and launch of "And Left a Place to Stand On" from **11 to 4pm**. Evening launch, dinner and party continues at China King Restaurant from **5 to 9pm**. The launch of "And Left a Place to Stand On" is a fund raising anthology from Hidden Brook Press for the restoration of Purdy's historic A-frame house and the formation of a writers-in-residence program. www.canadacubaliteraryalliance.org/A-FrameBook.html

Festival Reading: "**Spilling to the Sky**" is a grass and sky poetry reading in Brighton, Memorial Park. **Noon - 1pm and 2 - 4pm** featuring authors from "**And Left a Place to Stand On**" This book launch will continue at China King Restaurant in the evening. Meet & Greet / Dinner (*all are welcome*) - **5:30 - 6:30pm**. Book launch readings - **6:30 - 7:30pm**. Music and poetry performance by gandhar – *see below* – followed by more anthology launch readings - **8pm to 9pm**

Live Music and Poetry Sunday by gandhar – www.gandhar.net. Gandhar, all the way from Montreal, will be playing and reading for us in Brighton, Memorial Park in the afternoon **1 - 1:30pm** and at China King in the evening **7:45 – 8pm**. If you would like to book him for your gig you can reach him at gandhar.enterprises@gmail.com. See his website for his book Kolkata Dreams - <http://www.8thhousepublishing.com/kolkata-dreams.html>.

A FREE 30 minute Adult Writing Workshop – Making the Light Bulb Turn On: Where Do Ideas Come From for Poetry and Prose presented by Kimberley Sherman Grove. Participants published in festival anthology. **1:30 – 2pm**.

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On **Monday, Aug. 3**, there will be another **PICNIC WITH AL** in the little cemetery where Al Purdy is buried in Ameliasburgh.

All Purdy Country Literary Festival and CCLA Art & Lit Fest events are free, and in the democratic spirit of People's Poets Milton Acorn and Al Purdy, most events will offer everyone attending a chance to read at least one of their poems.

The Purdy Fest and the CCLA Art & Lit Fest have become an increasingly important literary and cultural event. The highly published and the yet-to-be-published meet and mingle on common ground in the ruggedly beautiful countryside Purdy immortalized in his poem "The Country North of Belleville". Dr. John Burke, who attended PurdyFest #2, described as "transformative" readings by Ottawa poet Jim Larwill and Montreal poet Katherine Beeman.

Stay Tuned: Other events will likely be planned for PurdyFest #3, and times and locations will be posted as they are confirmed. Limited rough camping is available, and information on area bed & breakfasts and motels can be obtained from the various township websites.

The theme of this year's CCLA Art & Lit Fest
is

"A Reunion of the Poetry Family"

Bring
your friends,
family and fellow poets
and reunite at the launch of
"And Left a Place to Stand On".

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List of authors in "And Left a Place to Stand On": Katherine Beeman, bill bissett, Kent Bowman, Susan Brannigan-Rampp, Allan Briesmaster, Terry Ann Carter, Diane Dawber, James Deahl, Martin Durkin, Chris Faiers, Kate Marshall Flaherty, Peggy Fletcher, Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni, Katherine L. Gordon, Catherine Graham, Kimberley Sherman Grove, Richard M. Grove, Stephen Heighton, Debbie Okun Hill, Jim Larwill, John B. Lee, Shane Neilson, Honey Novick, John Pigeau, R. D. Roy, Jeff Seffinga, Goran Simic, Vivien M. Taylor, Stan White. Many are traveling far and wide to be at the Purdy Fest and CCLA Art & Lit Fest to read.

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*Booth space is available
for the CCLA Art & Lit Fest activities in Brighton
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