

ALCUIN SOCIETY AND OTHER BOOK-RELATED EVENTS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOR FALL 2006

DATE/TIME: Now until October 28th, 2006

EVENT: Exhibit entitled “Yes, We Can Print That!” 25 Years of the Day Moon Press

DESCRIPTION: Wessel & Lieberman Booksellers is pleased to announce an exhibit featuring a retrospective look at the work of the Day Moon Press, one of Seattle’s longest operating letterpress enterprises. Day Moon Press was established in 1977 by Maura Shapley and Jack leNoir. Day Moon Press has provided offset and letterpress printing services to designers, artists, book arts groups, business people and community organizations for nearly thirty years. The show is, in many ways, a graphical journey through the last 25 years of Seattle culture – postcards, invitations, CD covers, limited edition books, and posters were among the varied work that the press successfully produced to a welcome audience. An illustrated catalogue of the exhibit and a limited edition broadside are available for sale.

PLACE: Wessel & Lieberman Booksellers is located in the historic Pioneer Square district of Seattle, on First Avenue between Main and Washington Streets. Shop hours are Monday through Saturday, 11-6. Their website is at www.wlbooks.com.

DATE/TIME: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2006, 11am-6pm.

EVENT: Vancouver Book & Magazine Fair, aka Word on the Street

TOPIC: For extensive details describing the activities of Word on the Street please visit their website at www.thewordonthestreet.ca/vancouver.php. Some of the featured writers this year are Rafe Mair, Arthur Black, Jack Whyte, Ronald Wright, Patrick Lane, Lynn Crosbie, C.C. Humphreys, Caroline Adderson, Timothy Taylor, and Robert Wiersema. The Alcuin Society will be there with one table outside (Table 41) and one table inside in the library moat where we will be displaying the winners of the design awards for 2005. In addition the Society has sponsored B.C. poet Kevin Roberts who will be reading at 11:32am.

PLACE: The Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, and its environs.

SPONSOR: The Word on the Street Society.

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: Monday, October 2, 2006 @ 7:30pm.

SPEAKER: **Derek Hayes** has successfully published nine books including the *Historical Atlas of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest*, the *Historical Atlas of Canada*, the *Historical Atlas of the Arctic*, the *Historical Atlas of Vancouver and the Lower Fraser Valley*, and most recently the *Historical Atlas of the United States*. He has won three separate Alcuin design awards for distinguished Canadian book design. Derek is also a regular columnist on maps for *Fine Books & Collections*.

TOPIC: Derek will give an illustrated lecture on his book the **Historical Atlas of Vancouver and the Lower Fraser Valley**.

PLACE: The Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, Alma VanDusen Room

SPONSORS: The Alcuin Society and the Special Collections Division of the Vancouver Public Library.

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: October 5th – October 7th, 2006

EVENT: KOREAN PRINTING EXHIBITION

TOPIC: The Vancouver Public Library will host an exhibition of the Buljo Jikji simche yojeol (Jikji), the world's oldest text printed with metal type. Printed in 1377, it predates by 78 years the Gutenberg Bible. Jikji is a collection of Buddhist treatises and teachings compiled by the ancient monk Baegun (1298-1374).

PLACE: The Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, Alice MacKay Room.

SPONSORS: The Korean Society of B.C. & The Vancouver Public Library

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, October 11th, 2006, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

SPEAKER: David Carlin

TOPIC: Mr. Carlin will speak on **collecting the imprints of the famous nineteenth century Boston based publisher, Ticknor & Fields**. This talk is one of the "Share the Enthusiasm" series where book collectors speak of their collecting experiences and collections.

PLACE: Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, Hamber Board Room, #470).

SPONSOR: Special Collections & Rare Books Division, Simon Fraser University Library

COST: Free event with refreshments following the lecture. To reserve a seat please call (604) 291-4658 or e-mail to library@sfu.ca.

DATE/TIME: Friday, October 13th, 2006, 6pm for a 7pm dinner and 8pm presentation.

SPEAKER: Nicholas Basbane, well know biblio-author and columnist for *Rare Books & Collections*.

TOPIC: Mr Basbanes will speak about his book *Among the Gently Mad*, a highly readable disquisition on book collecting.

PLACE: McCormick & Schmick's Harborside Restaurant, 1200 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

COST: There is a cost for this event. Reservations are required. Please RSVP by telephone at (206) 323-3999 no later than October 1, 2006.

DATE/TIME: Saturday, October 14th, 10:00a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 15th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EVENT: The Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair & Book Arts Show, 2006

DESCRIPTION: An international book fair featuring thousands of rare books, prints, maps, photographs and ephemera for sale, and the work of several prominent book artists. Billed as “The Premier Pacific Northwest Rare Book Event.”

PLACE: Seattle Center Pavilion.

COST: \$5.00 at the door (good for both days) with under 12 free.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 17th to Sunday, October 22, 2006 (six full days of events)

EVENT: The Vancouver International Writers & Readers Festival

DESCRIPTION: Six days and evenings of readings by Canadian, American, British and International Authors. Writers this year include Anita Rau Badami, Clark Blaise, Dennis Bock, Adrienne Clarkson, Nell Freudenberger, Damon Galgut, Kate Grenville, Wayne Johnston, Alberto Manguel, Patrick McCabe, Colum McCann, Don McKay, Maile Meloy, Bharati Mukherjee, Noah Richler, Timothy Taylor and Louise Welsh. For a complete list of events visit the festival website at www.writersfest.bc.ca or phone (604) 681-6330 and request a printed brochure.

PLACE: Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C. (several venues)

COST: Each event is a ticketed event with cost ranging from \$12 per ticket to \$22 per ticket where food is provided.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, October 19th, 2006, 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m.

SPEAKER: Jeff Derksen, a Vancouver poet, has published four books of poetry, *Until* (1987), *Down Time* (1990), *Dwell* (1993), and *Transnational Muscle Cars* (2003). He teaches at Simon Fraser University.

TOPIC: Mr. Derksen will be reading from his works.

PLACE: Special Collections & Rare Books, Simon Fraser University Library, Burnaby Campus, Room 7100, W.A.C. Bennett Library.

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: Friday, October 21st to Sunday, October 23rd, 2006

EVENT: Surrey International Writer's Conference 2006

DESCRIPTION: Although this event is aimed primarily at writers, there is a session set aside on the Saturday evening from 5:30 to 7:00pm where attendees and the general public can participate in a book fair and author signings. Writers this year include Bernard Cornwell, Diana Gabaldon, Anne Perry, Robert Sawyer, Michael Slade and Jack Whyte. For more details visit the conference website at <http://siwc.ca/2006>.

PLACE: The Sheraton Guildford Hotel, 15269 104th Avenue, Surrey, B.C.

COST: There is no cost for the book fair and the authors signings. There is a cost for writers workshops and other events.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 8th, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: **Michael Kluckner** has painted and written about the city and province for more than 20 years, and is well-known as an advocate for the preservation of heritage buildings and historic landscapes. His earlier books include *Vanishing Vancouver* and two memoirs of his dozen years on a small Fraser Valley farm: *The Pullet Surprise* and *Wise Acres*. His two most recent books sum up his writing and artwork about the province, in anticipation of an extended absence from Canada.

TOPIC: **Artist and author Michael Kluckner will give an illustrated talk on the creation of his recent works, *Vanishing British Columbia* and *Vancouver Remembered*, and how he has used the book medium to combine various types of illustration with vintage photography and correspondence with an innovative network of Internet-based informants.**

PLACE: The Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, Peter Kaye Room

SPONSORS: The Alcuin Society and Special Collections Division, Vancouver Public Library.

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, November 16th, 2006, 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m.

SPEAKER: **Annabel Lyon, fiction writer and teacher based in Vancouver.** Annabel has published two widely acclaimed books, *Oxygen* (2000), a collection of short fictions, and more recently *The Best Thing For You* (2004), a collection of three novellas.

TOPIC: **Ms. Lyon will be reading from her works.**

PLACE: Special Collections & Rare Books, Simon Fraser University Library, Burnaby Campus, Room 7100, W.A.C. Bennett Library.

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: Saturday, November 18th, 11am for lunch at 12pm followed by a book auction.

EVENT: **The Alcuin Society's Annual Book Auction**

DESCRIPTION: Following a viewing of the books, a tasty lunch and delightful conversation, the Society will auction off the books submitted to the 2005 Book Design Competition. This is a great opportunity to pick up some real book bargains that may be given away for Christmas presents or if you fall into a less altruistic category it is a very good time just to indulge yourself and to exercise your personal bibliomaniacal tendencies.

PLACE: The University Golf Club, University Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C.

SPONSOR: The Alcuin Society

COST: There is a cost for the lunch but if you just want to focus on the book auction you are welcome to come along after lunch solely for the auction (although it must be said you will miss a delicious meal and even more delicious conversation taking that option!)

DATE/TIME: November 18th to November 23rd, 2006

EVENT: **The Jewish Book Festival for 2006.** Writers announced to date are Jonathan Safran Foer, Catherine Gildiner, and Rebecca Godfrey. A book sale of used books will also be part of this festival.

PLACE: The Jewish Community Center at the corner of Oak and 41st.

SPONSOR: The Jewish Community Center of Vancouver

COST: Each event is a ticketed event with the exception of the book sale.

DATE/TIME: Friday, November 24th, 7:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: **Robert Bringhurst, poet, translator, book artist,** and “ prolific independent scholar.” Robert has published over 30 books in a wide variety of fields – poetry, typography, language, native literature, etc.

TOPIC: **Robert will share in words and images two or three of his most recent letterpress projects.**

PLACE: The Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, Alma VanDusen Room.

SPONSORS: The Alcuin Society & Special Collections Division of the Vancouver Public Library.

COST: This is a free event.

DATE/TIME: Saturday, November 25th, 2006, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

EVENT: **Rimmerfest: An Evening Devoted to Celebrate Jim Rimmer and his many contributions to the book arts.**

DESCRIPTION: **Several speakers (including Robert Bringhurst) will help the audience to explore and to celebrate the many remarkable aspects of Jim Rimmer’s career as a book artist.**

PLACE: Simon Fraser University, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver: Fletcher Challenge Canada Theatre (Room 1900).

SPONSORS: Special Collections & Rare Books, Simon Fraser University Library, Friends of the SFU Library, and The Alcuin Society.

COST: This is a free event. A reception will follow the presentations. To reserve a seat please call (604) 291-4658 or e-mail to library@sfu.ca.

DATE/TIME: November 24th-November 26th, 2006

EVENT: **Sidney, B.C. Christmas Writers’ Festival 2006.** No writers have been announced to date but check their website at www.christmaswritersfestival.ca for periodic updates.

PLACE: Sidney, B.C., various venues around the town.

COST: These are ticketed events.

DATE/TIME: December 1 – 31, 2006

EVENT: West Vancouver Memorial Library Books and Printing Exhibition

DESCRIPTION: A display of the book arts in the form of printed books and mounted broadsides, keepsakes, etc. The Alcuin Society will be exhibiting as well as a number of local private presses. The Society has also recommended book artists Gina Page, Gary Sim and Robert Chaplin as exhibitors. For more information visit the library's website at www.westvanlib.org or e-mail the Art Gallery Coordinator, Michelle Sproule at msproule@westvanlib.org.

PLACE: West Vancouver Memorial Public Library, 1950 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, B.C.

COST: This is a free event.