



Message from the President

Just two weeks to our end-of-year gala with speaker Robin Esrock waxing on about "the business of travel, its murky relationship with travel media, the deconstruction of travel fantasies, and why your readers shouldn't believe anything you write." Registration details follow. This could sell out as it's not a large room so please register as early as possible.

In addition to Robin, Mari Kane will give an update the new website. Don't forget to upload your profile on the new site - BCATW.ORG. If you are having trouble, contact Mari Kane - she can be found on the Meetup.com site giving WordPress workshops. The old address will be discontinued in the near future. For all those on the new site by midnight October 12, we're offering a draw prize, so now is the best time to get your content up. And we'll close the gala with a game show (with prizes) that will test your travel knowledge.

Moving on to future events, we'll be having our AGM in November, so if you want to have a hand in the direction of BCATW for 2013 or just have some ideas you'd like to discuss for next year's agenda, now's your chance. Positions up for renewal include president, treasurer, secretary, director of communications and director at large. Tentative dates are November 17 or 24. If you are interested in attending and cannot make a particular date, please let me know. While I can't ensure everyone will be accommodated, I'll try my best.

Hope to see you all on the 13th!

Baila Lazarus

BCATW Fall Gala -- Saturday, October 13, 2012

Registration 12 - 1 pm

Gala 1 - 4 pm

Listel Hotel
1300 Robson Street
Vancouver, BC
V6E 1C5

Highlights:

Robin Esrock, of publications, TV and speaker fame, will look at the business of travel, its murky relationship with travel media, the deconstruction of travel fantasies, and why your readers shouldn't believe anything you write. www.robinesrock.com, www.wordtravels.tv/hosts.
www.moderngonzo.com [php](#)

Mari Kane will present the Top Things to Know About WordPress, as it relates to the BCATW blogsite.

As an incentive to transfer your information onto the new www.bcatw.org site, anyone who has their profile up on the new site by midnight October 12 will have their name entered in a draw for a separate door prize.

If there was ever a reason to get your site up, THIS IS IT! If you have questions on how to do this, connect with Mari Kane, marikane@marikane.com, who has three **very inexpensive** WordPress workshops between now and the gala.

Register by October 11, 2012 with prepayment by either cheque or PayPal

Members/Students \$20.00/Non-members \$40.00 -- by cheque to BCATW
Send to: PH3, 1433 East 1st Ave, Vancouver, BC , V5N 1A4

Members \$22.00 by PayPal

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=PZRSF7BMDWHGE

Non-members \$43.00 by PayPal

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=W6GESUCNWXM6N

News from Members

Kami Kanetsuka won first prize for non-fiction in the Federation of B.C. Writers Annual 2012 Literary Writes competition. She read her story called 'Strange Journey, about her adventure in Nagaland, India on the main stage at Word on the Street September 30th.

Darlene Foster's third children's travel/adventure book, Amanda in England-The Missing Novel, is now available at Chapter's in Richmond. The official launch of this latest novel will be held on October 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Albany Books, 1240 56th Street, Tsawwassen. She would love to see you drop by. To read the first chapter <http://www.centralavenuepublishing.com/Books/styled-2/Amanda%20in%20England.html> Darlene's article, Visiting Jane Austen on a Motorcycle, was published in Travel Thru History <http://www.travelthruhistory.com/HTML/art58.HTML> and her short story, Home Fires, was short listed for the Polar Expressions anthology, Setting The Scene. She just returned from a trip to Europe which included a week in sunny Spain and a fabulous cruise down the Danube; stopping in Germany, Austria and Hungary. Ideas for more Amanda stories perhaps. She will be attending Word on the Street, SiWC and the BCATW gala on October 13; and hopes to see many of you there!

Roberta Staley returned from Afghanistan in early September following a three-week reporting trip. Staley covered Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (CW4WAfghan) literacy and gender equality projects in Kabul as well as the provinces of Panjshir and Parwan, where Taliban attacks on women are escalating. The stories will be appearing in ELLE Canada and UBC's alumnus publication Trek, as well as other magazines. The planned withdrawal of United States and NATO troops in 2014 is increasingly putting Afghanistan on edge. It would be tragic if the huge strides the nation has taken in terms of women's equality would regress to medieval times with the return of the brutal Taliban. Staley is in the early stages of planning a return trip to Afghanistan in 2014 to document the withdrawal of foreign troops.

Ruth Kozak had two articles published in EuropeUpClose in September: A Walk to Tintern Abbey and Tasting Wine and Kitron on the Greek Islands. She also had her Britannia Mines story published in Daytripstravel. Ruth reminds members of BCATW they are welcome to submit stories to her on-line travel magazine TRAVEL THRU HISTORY. Please see submission guidelines. A modest stipend is paid for contributions. www.travelthruhistory.com Ruth is busy teaching various writing classes mornings and evenings and two all-day Life Writing classes coming up in October, one at New West. Secondary Oct 13 and one at John Oliver on Oct. 20. These classes include writing travel memoirs. www.ruthkozak.com

Margaret Deefholts' article on "Goa, India's Splashy Playground" was published under the aegis of Travel Writers Tales in the Richmond News, <http://www.richmond-news.com/Welcome+India+splashy+playground/7277465/story.html> and The Province (on-line version), Kamloops This Week and Vernon Morning Star. Her piece titled "Homespun Hospitality in Malaysia" was featured in Travel With A Challenge Magazine <http://www.travelwithachallenge.com/Malaysia-Homestay.htm>

Joel Carlton Hossack has one more event before September slips away - Sept 30th she manned the Federation of BC Writers booth for a couple of hours at Word on the Street in Vancouver. On October 13th, Joel will be attending the BCATW Gala Event at the Listel Hotel. On October 17th, she will be lecturing at a White Rock Rotary Club and from the 19th to the 21st she will be manning her booth at the Surrey International Writers Conference. www.joecarlton.com

Patti Shales Lefkos just spent an inspirational weekend at the Kingston Writers' Festival in Kingston, Ontario. Favourite Master classes were Creating Flash Characters with author Steven Heighton and Writing in the First Person with Charlotte Gill. An afternoon delight, Shelagh Rogers interviewing humorist Will Ferguson for CBC's The Next Chapter.

Karoline Cullen's article "From Newfoundland to France, By Ferry" was published in several newspapers around the province. <http://travelwriterstales.com/newfoundland-france.htm>
www.cullenphotos.ca



Cannons and the St. Pierre lighthouse. K Cullen photo

Karoline and Darlene

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