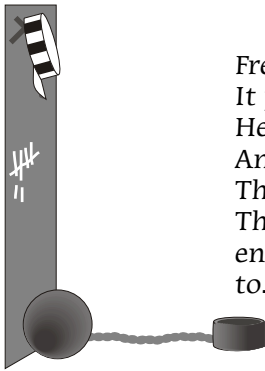
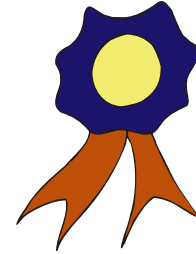


Enslavement by Racheal Outram

I am a slave to freedom,
 Every choice I make,
 It's made by freedom,
 My favorite color,
 my language,
 culture,
 religion,
 Is governed by freedom.
 Freedom follows me,
 Everywhere,
 I,
 go.
 And it sits and watches what I do,
 Every single day.
 Freedom likes to spend time with me,
 my friends,
 and family.
 Freedom makes me grow,
 It pours water on me,
 Helps me to rise above,
 And although freedom doesn't give me much privacy,
 There is nothing else in the world,
 That I would rather be
 enslaved
 to.



Kudos!



Robyn Thomas' story, "A Loon Tale," has been accepted for spring publication in *The Country Connection* magazine. Robyn first read this story to fellow writers at the Haliburton Writers' Circle.

Tiina Heathcock recently had a poem published in *Quills Canadian Poetry Magazine*. Two of her poems have also been published in the *Canadian Poetry Association's Members' Anthology, Handprints on the Future*.

Racheal Outram, one of our teen writers, won first place in the Marion Drysdale Writing Contest for her poem, *Enslavement*, an interesting twist on the required contest topic of freedom. This all-Ontario contest is endorsed by the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation (OSSTF). Racheal will also be featured in future promotional videos.

If you have recently experienced a writing success, please let us know so we can celebrate with you! Send an email to info@hhwen.org.

Writers' Circles

Minden Writers' Circle meets in Minden on the second Thursday of each month, from 1 to 3:30pm. For more information, please contact Kay Millard (kathleenmillard@sympatico.ca).

Haliburton Writers' Circle meets in Haliburton on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 1 to 3:30pm. For more information, please contact Candy Youngdale (youngdale@sympatico.ca).

Teen Writers' Circle meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Haliburton. For more information, please call Ainslie Thomas (457-2625), or contact her at the high school.



If you would like to start up a new writers' circle, please email Robyn Thomas at info@hhwen.org for some helpful hints on promoting and running a writers' circle.

Events and Opportunities



Breakfast Meeting

Our next breakfast meeting will take place on **Saturday, May 15th, 2004**.

Our scheduled speaker is **Jim Poling Sr.** Jim has written several books on outdoor themes, including his latest book, *Tom Thomson and His Mysterious Death*. Jim's other published works include *The Canoe: An Illustrated History* and *The Decoy*. Jim has also written for Cottage Life magazine and Ontario Out of Doors, and has won Canadian Authors' Association awards for two short stories. In addition to talking about his work, Jim will share his knowledge on obtaining a Canada Council grant. For more information about Jim Poling Sr., please visit his website, Shaman's Rock:



Jim Poling Sr.

<http://users.vianet.ca/shaman/>

The cost for the breakfast is \$13 for

members and \$16 for non-members. Memberships will be available at the door. Those wishing to attend must reserve a spot at least three days in advance. **Reservations can be made by calling Marjorie Ludlow Green at 286-2592.** To request an announcement to be made at the meeting, please contact Pauline Johnson: bpjohnson@sympatico.ca.

An Evening of Words, Music, Art and Wine

featuring local artists, musicians and writers, will take place on **Friday, April 23rd** at the Dorset Rec Centre. Admission is \$5.00. Art exhibit opens at 6:30 p.m. Music and readings start at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and wine will be provided. Thanks to Johnson's Cranberry Marsh, Muskoka Lakes Winery and Robinson's General Store for their support. For tickets, contact Melissa Alfano at the Dorset Rec Centre (766-9968) or call Tiina at 766-9993.



Contest Opportunity The Write Stuff!

ARTSWEEK, Canoe Radio's program promoting the arts in the Haliburton Highlands, is hosting a short story and poetry writing contest. Haliburton Highlands writers are invited to submit their best unpublished short story, no more than 1000 words in length, or their best three poems, no longer than 300 words in length each, for judging.

There are two categories in each section, one for young writers up to 18 years of age, and another for adult writers. The winners in each category will be recognized at our May 15th breakfast meeting. Prizes include courses at the Haliburton School of the Arts, tickets to Highlands Summer Festival productions and books.

The entry deadline is April 25. Complete contest details are available at the Canoe Radio Office in Haliburton, at The Storeroom in Minden, and on the Canoe Radio website, www.canoe.fm.



Who Are You? We Want to Know!

The Board of HHWEN would like to keep members' biographies on file to be used for reference in our Kudos column or in order to be able to run feature articles of some members in future issues of Scratchings. No information will be used

without the express permission of the member. If you would like to tell us about yourself, please send a short biography that we can keep with our records. Biographies can be sent by email to info@hhwen.org.



Our Mission Statement

The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network is an umbrella organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing, fostering literacy, and providing moral support to writers of all ages through education and networking, both independently and in cooperation with existing organizations.



HHWEN MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- * Reduced cover charge for all membership meetings
- * Electronic newsletter
- * Networking opportunities with other writers
- * Notices from the Haliburton Arts Council, artists, and local groups
- * Affiliation with the Writers' Circle of Durham Region (WCDR), the Writers' and Editors' Network (WEN), in Mississauga, and Muskoka INK
- * Notices of contests, workshops, and writing opportunities from members and affiliate organizations
- * Access to information and workshops on applying for grants
- * Promotion of your work and events to our members and affiliates
- * Group membership to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce*
- * Group membership to the Agnes Jamieson Cultural Centre in Minden*



* Group membership to the Chamber of Commerce means that HHWEN members can obtain an associate membership, for business purposes, at the reduced cost of \$40, a savings of approximately \$80. For more information, visit www.hhchamber.on.ca.

* Group membership to the Agnes Jamieson Cultural Centre means that their facilities are available free of charge to HHWEN members for writers' circles or other meetings.

Annual memberships will be on sale at our next breakfast meeting on May 15th. See page 6 for details. The cost is \$30 (\$20 for students). Memberships are renewable on June 1st, 2005. If you would like to join but can't make it to our breakfast meeting, please email us at info@hhwen.org.

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