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Well known authors prepare to attend Writers' Festival

The Eden Mills Writers' Festival will take place Sunday, September 13, noon to 6 p.m. in the village of Eden Mills.

Last year, the event attracted some 1,000 people to readings, signings, small press displays, and riverside fun in this small village (population 350) west of Acton.

Authors reading at the festival include: Sandra Birdsell, Clark Blaise, Dionne Brand, Di Brandt, Lynn Crosbie, Don Dickinson, Jaimy Gordon, Jena Hamilton,

Steven Heighton, Aritha van Herk, Tomson Highway, David Homel, Janice Kulyk Keefer and Thomas King.

Also, Thomas Krampf, Anne Michaels, Susan Musgrave, David Adams Richards, Leon Rooke, Diane Schoemperlen, John Steffler, Margaret Sweatman, Judith Thompson, Jane Urquhart and Derk Wynand.

This year marks a new first for the festival: among the roster of literary notables are a number of

American authors, including Thomas Krampf, Jaimy Gordon and Thomas King.

Started in 1989 by Eden Mills General Store owners Mark and Don Holman, the festival is run by a group of dedicated volunteers, anchored by resident authors Leon and Constance Rooke and Janice Kulyk Keefer.

"What you get at the Eden Mills Writers' Festival is the hearts' goods," says Rooke. "Not the sound of one hand clapping, nor the

maudlin drone of negativism. We celebrate light, and the excellence of each other, by which I include not merely the writers, the musicians, the town criers, the village peacocks, but the hundreds of people who pour in the audience. The festival is an inspiring event, on any number of accounts... You can climb a tree and hear music or words aloft in the same manner as you are. You can wade in the river and hear the writers' words tumbling. The whole deal sparkles."

The festival also sponsors a literary contest, with prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$150 going to the best submissions of short fiction, poetry or drama.

The winners will be selected from among the more than 500 submissions received this year, and will be announced at a special reading during the festival.

The admission price is \$2. Gourmet food will be available, courtesy of La Vieille Auberge of Rockwood.

Meet Stormin' Norman

Lots of family fun is scheduled at Andrews Scenic Acres today (August 16) and August 22-23. Blueberry pies, blueberry tarts and blueberry muffins will be offered as well as the usual ample blueberry picking.

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For directions on how to get to Andrews Scenic Acres please call Bert Andrews at 416 878-5807, Milton.

Don't miss Merrick Jarrett

Don't miss Merrick Jarrett and his dancing Lumberjack Dolls when he appears Tues., August 18 at the Georgetown library and Wed., August 19 at the Acton library.

Tickets are on sale now at \$2 each at either branch of the Halton

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Oliver benefit
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Letters should be addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 40, Georgetown, L7G 4T1.

Entertainment

Briefs

Natives games
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