

# Scene set for 18<sup>th</sup> Writers' Festival

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Eden Mills Writers' Festival will take place from Friday, September 8 to Sunday, September 10. This is the second year that the festival is expanded to three days. Friday and Saturday will feature work-

shops and Sunday will feature authors reading from their works.

On Friday, from 10 AM to 6 PM, join a jazz workshop led by trombonist Dave McMurdo and trumpet player Mike Malone. Both musicians are

also composers/arrangers and teachers. Admission includes lunch.

On Saturday, from 1 to 6 PM, join *Write the Story - Tell the Story - Illustrate the Story*; a seminar featuring novelist and poet Nicole Brossard, cartoonist Gareth Lind, columnist and novelist Leah McLaren, and storyteller Dan Yashinsky. Admission includes a wine and cheese reception with the authors. The seating is "rustic" so bring a pillow.

Sunday's line-up includes several authors for adults, young adults and children. They include David Bergen, Neil Bissoondath, Brian Doyle, Karleen Bradford and festival founder Leon Rooke. Edeet Ravel and Sandra Sabatini are among the local authors featured. Many aboriginal authors will read, including Lee Maracle, award-winning poet, novelist, performance storyteller, scriptwriter, actor, keeper/mythmaker among the Sto:lo people, and granddaughter of actor and Salish Chief Dan George.

The big draw on Sunday will most certainly be Margaret Atwood, one of the most read Canadian authors of all time. She has a litany of literary awards to her name including the prestigious Man Booker Prize of 2000 for *The Blind Assassin* (McClelland

and Stewart, 2000). Her most recent novel is *The Penelopiad* (Knopf Canada, 2005) in which Penelope tells her story. She was the wife of Greek mythology's Odysseus, the central character in Homer's *Odyssey* and *Iliad*. Atwood will read with her partner, author Graeme Gibson (*The Bedside Book of Birds; Doubleday Canada, 2005*), in the final time slot on Sunday.

The festival will honour imprisoned and oppressed writers again this year by placing the PEN Empty Chair on the stage with the authors. The chair will belong to Mamadali Makhmudov from Uzbekistan, who is currently in Chirchik prison and suffering from ill health. PEN believes he has been convicted, imprisoned and tortured on violation of his right to freedom of expression and association as guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Uzbekistan ratified. Look for PEN Canada's display to learn about this group of writers and supporters who defend freedom of expression.

There will be food and refreshments available for sale. Many booksellers, publishers and non-profit organizations will display their wares and information.

For more information on the festival, visit [www.edenmills-writersfestival.ca](http://www.edenmills-writersfestival.ca).

BRANCH  
No. 197

LEGION NEWS  
By Wayne Young  
P.R.O.

It is with much sadness that I must report on the passing of Comrade Gary Munday on Tuesday, August 22. Gary was not only a Past President of this Branch but he was also a walking book of knowledge when it came to the workings of the Legion. If you had a problem, Gary was always the first one willing to give you a hand. In testimony to the love and respect we all had for Gary Munday, we had the largest turn out ever for the Legion tribute last Thursday night. He will be missed by all.

*At the going down of the sun,  
And in the morning,  
We will remember.*

We had a busy time at the Branch this past weekend. On Saturday members from the Georgetown Legion invaded Acton for a friendly tournament of horseshoes. The twosomes from Acton won all the games with the eventual winners being the team of Gary Archer and Bob Merrikin.

The Family Fun day last Sunday was a roaring success as the weather turned beautiful and everyone had a fantastic time. The fishing derby saw 52 fish being caught and released. Take a

bow Bev Mattocks and all your crew.

Mary Service is trying to put together a Branch 197 members' cook book to help raise funds for the air cadets. If you have a favourite recipe you would be willing to share, please see Mary for more details.

Keep an eye on the board for the sign-up sheet as your bar crew chairperson Tammy Whyte is planning to hold another smart serve course in the near future.

#### Dates to write down:

Sunday, Sept. 10 the Veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital visit.

Fall Fair Friday, Sept 15, DJ Jesse Forrest, Fall Fair Saturday 8pm, live music with Mid Life Crisis; and the Fall Fair Breakfast Saturday morning.

Don't forget to "wear red on Fridays to show your support for our troops."

#### LADIES' AUXILIARY NOTES

We express our deepest sympathy to our comrade Cathy Munday and family for their loss of a special husband and father.

The Ladies Auxiliary are honoured again to host the Sunnybrook Vets on Sunday, Sept 10. If you are available, please come down and welcome our Vets with your smiling faces. We also need some volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal we provide. They will be arriving at the Legion at approximately 11-11:30a.m. Let's give them a warm welcome. We will again enjoy the music by Kent Tocher.

A big thank you to all the ladies helping out with all the functions during the month of August.

Our next General Meeting is Thursday, Sept 7 at 7:30p.m.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

*Yours in Comradeship,*

*L.A. President,*

*Anamarie Lowin.*

## 18th Annual EDEN MILLS WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006  
Noon 'til six

Confirmed authors include: Margaret Atwood • Linda Bailey • Joan Barfoot • David Bergen • Gail Bowen • Karleen Bradford • Nicole Brossard • Aubrey Davis • Ramona Dearing • Brian Doyle • John Doyle • Deborah Ellis • Graeme Gibson • Charlotte Gill • Rachna Gilmore • Laurel Dee Gugler • Linda Hutsell-Manning • Daniel Heath Justice • Janice Kulyk Keefer • Lee Maracle • John McDonald • Leah McLaren • Rene Meshake • Motion Liam O'Donnell • Caroline Rennie Pattison • Edeet Ravel • Leon Rooke • Sandra Sabatini • Devyani Saltzman • Ken Setterington • Goran Simić • Gaétan Soucy • Drew Hayden Taylor • John Terpstra • Jane Urquhart • John Vaillant. Also featuring The Fringe. Magician Ben Caesar. Music by the Great Wooden Trio and the Brent Rowan Quartet

Saturday Seminar: *Write the Story - Tell the Story - Illustrate the Story at Camp Edgewood.*  
Sept 9, 1 'til 6. Tickets \$30

The Eden Mills Writers' Festival supports the PEN Empty Chair. Shuttles available from University of Guelph and River Run Centre on Sunday. Sunday advance tickets \$4, \$8, \$20, available at The Bookshelf (Guelph), Words Worth Books (Waterloo) and other fine bookstores. For more information call 519.826.0876 or visit our website at [www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca](http://www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca)  
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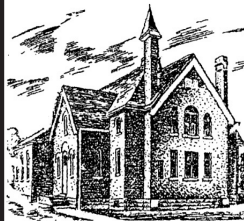
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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

September 3: IN THE GARDEN/NONE LIKE YOU  
(Psalm 90, Isaiah 43:1-2)

September 10: UNSUCCESSFUL JESUS (John 6:56-69)

September 17: MINIMALIST FAITH (Mark 7:1-23)

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