

'Write on,' say enthusiastic group who are looking to form local writers' guild

By Greg Huneault
the News

"To be, or not to be" was definitely not the issue when a group of enthusiastic residents met to discuss the formation of a local writers' group. The question, rather, was how often.

Last Thursday night, nine people with a common interest in writing and reading meet in the boardroom of the McCausland Hospital to share ideas, experiences and hopes related to developing their writing skills.

For some, the desire to become 'rich and famous' was one motivating factor in deciding to attend the meeting. For others, it was a simple wish to further develop their writing and critical skills.

All agreed, however, that they would try to become famous or try to improve their skills in an atmosphere of mutual respect, constructive criticism and a lot of fun.

Rev. Keith Milne spearheaded the meeting. He has worked closely with Jack Paterson, a resident of McCausland Hospital who writes poetry and short stories.

The story of Jack's literary development was highlighted in

the Terrace Bay/Schreiber News over three weeks ago. Since then he has been featured on CBC radio, and plans are being finalized to feature his work on Thunder Bay television. Jack was one of those present.

One clear message arising from the first meeting was that each of those in attendance had something unique to offer the others, and this collective experience would benefit all those who decide to become members.

A few were past members of other writing groups and had experience in dealing with the "terror" of reading their work in front of others.

It quickly became evident, however, that the purpose of this group would be to foster an atmosphere of trust and encouragement for hobby writers, while offering helpful tips and ideas at the same time.

Rev. Bob Elkin of Schreiber set the tone of things to come when he read two of his original compositions which are included in the booklet "St. John's Anglican Church — The First Hundred Years."

The book was compiled by the clergy and minister of the church to celebrate the 100th anniversary

of the Schreiber landmark.

Rev. Elkin read "Awry in a Manger," a humorous and touchingly simple story of the trials and tribulations of children putting on a Christmas play.

After his readings, the group spoke of the general and particular aspects of his readings.

This is the type of approach those who are interested in joining can expect. The group will meet again on Sept. 22 at 7.30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the McCausland Hospital.

Allison Perry, an English teacher at Lake Superior High School, will give a brief presentation outlining the mechanics of writing.

Following that, writers will have the opportunity to share their poetry or stories with the rest of the members.

Anyone interested in writing or developing their writing skills is urged to attend. The members have yet to pen a name for the group, so get your creative juices flowing.

It is a great way to pass the winter, and you could become a real part of an exciting chapter in the area's history! For more information, contact the News at 825-3747.

Gardeners dig in for winter

By Greg Huneault
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It's almost time for local gardeners to prepare a winter bed for their lawn mowers and hewing tools.

For some of the 284 members of the Terrace Bay Horticultural Society, there might be a tinge of

sadness when performing that ritual.

Since 1955, the local Society has provided ideas and suggestions to its members on how to make their homes — and the local towns — a little more attractive.

Members provide ideas ranging from how to grow bigger

tomatoes to determining the best placement of tulips or a new pine tree.

Taina Baker, an active member of the Society, said the non-profit organization also provides the Township of Terrace Bay with bedding plants in the spring.

Members have planted various

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Back in the corner

by Greg Huneault

Is that beside Joe's ?

It's a very short article this week. I've taken a quick break from studying the street maps of Terrace Bay and Schreiber. I have to.

I phoned the Wallwin's to take a picture of their house (page 12), but to my horror, I didn't know where Poplar Street was! Has that happened to you? Is the number of streets you know directly proportional to the number of years you have lived here?

I went to Schreiber a few weeks ago to pick up some documents at a residence. I didn't know where the street was.

As I was travelling around town with one strained eye on the road and another scanning the few street signs, I saw this man walking down the street. I decided to swallow my pride and ask him where the name of the street was. He didn't know.

"Who ya lookin' for," he asked. I told him the name.

"Oh," said the helpful Schreiberian. "He lives just around the corner in the white house with the blue fence and shingled dog house."

Maybe I should be studying the phone book instead?!

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