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WANL'S 2010 AGM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND TO BE HELD IN GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR NOVEMBER 6 – 7. EVERYONE'S INVITED!

October 26, 2010: Each fall, the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador (WANL) offers a series of professional development workshops for emerging and established writers during their AGM Weekend. The Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador is thrilled to announce that this year's AGM and Professional Development Weekend will be held November 6-7 in Grand Falls-Windsor. All events will take place at the Mount Peyton Hotel, 214 Lincoln Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

The professional development workshops on offer include: *Getting Published*, with Tamara Reynish; *Eyewitness: A Memoir Workshop*, with Roberta Buchanan; *Tapping the Inner Voice in Poetry*, with Agnes Walsh; and *Developing 'Perfect Pitch': How to query newspapers and magazines*, with Denise Flint. These workshops will take place on Saturday, November 6, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM. Participants are invited to attend up to two workshops for a cost of \$55.00 for WANL members or \$95.00 for non-members (new members are always welcome!). Additionally, there will be a free youth workshop – *Happy Accidents*, with Lynette Adams – for 13-17 year-olds on Sunday, November 7, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

Our Saturday evening social, which gets underway at 7:00 PM, will feature a reading by Newfoundland poet Agnes Walsh, author of *In the Old Country of My Heart*, Killick Press (1996) and *Going Around With Bachelors*, Brick Books (2007). WANL's Annual General Meeting will take place the morning of Sunday, November 7 from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Both of these events are free and open to the public.

The Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador's AGM and Professional Development Weekend is a great opportunity for established and emerging writers to come together, network, share ideas and

learn new skills. WANL is a member-based, not-for-profit organization that was established in 1987 to contribute to a supportive environment for writing in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. WANL is managed by: a volunteer Board of Directors, elected annually at its AGM; a full-time executive director; a part-time executive assistant; and various volunteer committees. Any current or past resident of Newfoundland and Labrador may become a full member of WANL on payment of a yearly membership fee (\$45 general, or \$25 for students, retirees and unemployed persons); membership is free to youth aged 17 and under. New members are always welcome.

For more information on the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador please see our website at wanl.ca, or contact us via email at wanl@nf.aibn.com, or by phone at 709-739-5215, toll free at 1-866-739-5215.

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