Poetry at Stephan's House

Call for Submissions

Stephansson House Provincial Historic Site is hosting its 16th annual Poetry at Stephan's House, on Sunday July 21st from 1pm-5pm.

As a historic site, we celebrate the life and work of Stephan G. Stephansson, a well-known Icelandic-Canadian poet who made his home in the Markerville area in 1889. Widely regarded as the greatest Icelandic poet since the Middle Ages, Stephan G. Stephansson is best known for Andvokur, or "Wakeful Nights," a six volume set of poetry.

The event consists of an afternoon of original poetry readings, live music, and Icelandic treats. It is an opportunity for both published and unpublished poets to engage with a local audience and network with other writers.

This year's theme is "home," inspired by the experiences of Stephan, his wife Helga, and the rest of his family as they travelled to Alberta to establish a homestead and raise a family. We welcome submissions of original poems that speak to or evoke the idea of home.

Submission requirements are as follows:

- Please send submissions to Stephansson.House@gov.ab.ca
- Poems can be written in any style
- 3-5 poems (please note: poets will be given approx. 10 minutes for reading)
- Poems should be submitted as a single PDF or Word document
- A short biography of 150 words or less

The deadline to submit material is July 7th. We look forward to reading all submissions.

Stephansson House Provincial Historic Site is located 7 kilometres North of Markerville off Secondary highways 781 and 592 (20 minutes South of Sylvan Lake).

If you have further questions, please contact us at Stephansson.house@gov.ab.ca or call 403-728-3929.

