

7th Annual Mission
**WRITERS
 & READERS
 FESTIVAL**
Inspiring Readers and Writers

Schedule

Registration.....9:30 am

Welcome & Greetings.....10:00 am

MC Shelley Haggard
 LLCS President DR. Ian Graham
 Guests: UFV President Dr. Mark Evered
 MLA Simon Gibson,
 Mission Mayor Ted Adlem

Keynote Presentation.....10:15 am

by Daniela Elza - *UFV Writer-In-Residence*

Daniela has lived on three continents and crossed numerous geographic, cultural and semantic borders. Her work has appeared nationally and internationally in over 80 publications. Daniela's poetry collections are: "the weight of dew" (Mother Tongue Publishing, 2012), "the book of It" (2011) and most recently "milk tooth bane bone" (Leaf Press, 2013) of which David Abram says: "Out of the ache of the present moment, Daniela Elza has crafted something spare and irresistible, an open armature for wonder." Daniela earned her doctorate in Philosophy of Education from Simon Fraser University and is at present the Writer-In-Residence at the University of the Fraser Valley.

Morning workshop sessions.....10:45 am

The Big Bang Theory of Creative Writing with John Carroll

An associate professor of English and creative writing at the University of the Fraser Valley, John Carroll has published two books of poetry, *Rumour of a Shark* and *The Plastic Heart*. His latest work, a collection of fiction and poetry titled *Madding Aphrodite*, will be published this spring.

Memories: Moments of a Life Story with Margaret Evans

Learn the ins and outs of writing your story in a workshop on memoirs. A resident of Columbia Valley near Chilliwack and active in the agricultural community, Margaret Evans writes weekly for the *Chilliwack Progress* on global issues that affect the community locally.

Finding Your Voice through Poetry and Song with AJ Hardy

Performing a few songs and then hosting a music workshop to build the language skills of your ears. Cathy writes and sings from the depth of her soul. Her music has been described as 'healing, inspiring, hope filled, honest and courageous.

Poetry Reading.....11:55 am

Performances: Cathy AJ Hardy and Zaccheus Jackson

Lunch.....12:15pm

Lunch Time Performance.....12:30 pm

by David Pullen

David has spent a lifetime working with farm animals, including 17 years of veterinary work. He loved every minute of his work and has many stories of amusing incidents about farm people and their animals. Over the years, many people encouraged him to write a book, so he has now done that. Poetry seemed to come naturally as part of his observation of rural life. He will read his newest poem and two short amusing poems.

Poetry Reading.....1:15 pm

by Loudon Singletree and John Carroll

We are again happy to present a reading by UFV students from the Loudon Singletree magazine. This student-based initiative runs each year with a small student editorial board and the support and guidance of the UFV English department.

Afternoon Workshop Sessions.....1:45 pm

Wading into the Swamp – Getting Messy with Writing with Daniela Elza

The 2014 Writer- In- Residence at University of the Fraser Valley, Daniela has been published nationally and internationally in over 80 publications. Her poetry books are 'milk tooth bane bane'(Leaf Press, 2013), 'the weight of dew' (Mother Tongue Publishing, 2012) and 'the book of it'(2011).

Real Life with a little bit of Rhythm with Zaccheus Jackson

A spoken word guru and slam poet champion, Zaccheus (we just call him 'take action) Jackson will perform a couple of slam poems and present a workshop that does 'mince' words.

The Mighty Little Chapbook with Steve Duncan

Inspiring you to utilize all your creative bones, Steve Duncan will take you through the process of making your own chapbook. There is a limit of 20 participants, so book early!

Wrap Up.....3:30 pm

Closing Remarks Prize Draws & more