

Hey Peeps!

I hope you all had a good holiday season, I know we did.

- *As we ramp up planning for When Words Collide 2012 we are looking for additional volunteers who would like to help with the pre-festival planning or during the festival itself. If you are interested in helping to make our festival happen, please let us know by emailing us at info@whenwordscollide.org*
- *Our Programming committee met recently to discuss and plan for this year. As always, if you have any programming ideas you'd like to see we'll be glad to add them to our list for consideration.*
- *Don't forget, our membership rates go up on April 1st so get yours today!*

Announcements & Special Events

- *The Calgary Public Library is hosting a one-day, free convention for readers and writers on **Saturday, February 4**. Everyone welcome! When Words Collide will have an information table at the convention.*
- *The 2012 Aurora awards are now accepting nominations for works and fan activities done in 2011. The awards are open to all Canadian, expats and landed immigrants. Nominations will be accepted until **March 31st, 2012** at Midnight PST. To nominate or vote you must be a member of CSFFA (Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association), the society which runs the awards. Annual dues to join the society are just \$10 Cdn. To register or login go online to: www.prixaurorawards.ca/Membership/. A mail-in nomination form is also available. Full details about the society can be found at www.prixaurorawards.ca.*
- *EXCHANGING IDEAS & EDITS—WHAT IT TAKES TO START A SUCCESSFUL WRITING GROUP — **31 January at 7:00pm***

Rose and Crown 1503 -4th St. SW, Calgary. Guest speaker: Richard Harrison: English and Creative Writing Professor; Mount Royal University; Poet; Non-fiction writer.

- The Writers Guild of Alberta is thrilled to carry on the torch from the Young Alberta Book Society to bring you Words Worth, a week-long writing summer camp for teens aged 12 - 18, in Bragg Creek. Backed by over 15 years of providing youth writing camps, the Guild will be committed to creating a teen camp truly worth writing home about. Details, including dates will be forthcoming. This is a*
- usually a residential camp with one week for teens ages 12 - 14 and a second week for teens 15 - 18. Instructors are working writers in many different genres.*
- Mount Royal University's very pleased to announce that storyteller and writer, Ivan E. Coyote, is the Department of English's Visiting Writer in Residence from January 23-27, 2012. She will deliver a public presentation on 7 PM January 26, 2012 in the East Arts Building EA 3001. Dr Coyote is one of Canada's most acclaimed storytellers; her first three collections were insightful, deeply personal stories about gender, identity, and community. Learn more about Ivan E. Coyote's work at her web-site <http://ivanecoyote.com/>.*

We know you have exciting things happening so, if you have an announcement or special event you'd like us to share with our group let us know, we'll be glad to add it to our monthly News and Notes. The next issue will go out approximately February 15th.

Speak To Us:

As always, there is a myriad of ways to see what we are up to and generally keep in touch:

Website: <http://www.whenwordscollide.org/>

e-mails: info@whenwordscollide.org

twitter: http://twitter.com/WWC_Calgary

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/249929208372588/>

Talk to you soon!

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