

Hello from sunny Calgary!

Wow, less than three months until our big event. We hope you're as excited as we are.

- Programming deadline is only a month away! We have updated our web site (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/program.php>) with the information we have so far. Many of our attendees as well as industry experts have stepped forward to indicate an interest in participating in our program, but we do still have room for additional speakers. If you are interested in participating and haven't contacted us yet, please review the information and let us know how you would like to participate. We have set a cutoff date of June 3rd, 2012 to receive your feedback so that we can spend the remainder of June adjusting the schedule in progress to match speaker interest and availability. We hope to post the completed schedule at the end of June.*
- Become a When Words Collide Volunteer! We need your help to make the convention an even bigger success. Whether you want to assist with registration or volunteer for the hospitality suite, we have a task that will suit you. If you volunteered last year, join us again. Or, if you are new to the festival, that's great too. Just click on <http://www.whenwordscollide.org/volunteer.php> for more information.*
- When Words Collide is hosting the 2012 Aurora Awards honouring the past year's best in Canadian Speculative Fiction and related works. There will be banquet at this event during the dinner hours on Saturday. All are welcome to attend. The banquet costs \$40 and you can purchase tickets through our registration page. We have added a page to our web site describing the various Awards-related activities.
<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/convention.php>*
- Don't forget to book your hotel room! With registration climbing quickly we do expect to meet our block very quickly. Visit our website for instructions on how to book at the WWC rate
<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/venue.php>*

Announcements & Special Events

- *The Writers Guild of Alberta is holding their AGM, Conference, Gala and Alberta Book Awards, June 8 -10, 2012 at Hotel Arts, 119 - 12 Ave. SW, Calgary. The Gala and Book Awards will be held on the evening of June 9, 2012 in conjunction with the Book Publishers Association of Alberta awards . The Alberta Book Awards, administered by the WGA, are presented for Excellence in Writing in the genres of Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's Literature, Poetry, Drama, Short Story, Personal Essay, Travel Writing. There were 195 submissions across eight categories, all published in 2011. The W.O. Mitchell City of Calgary Book Prize is also administered by the WGA and will be presented at a date to be set by the City of Calgary. Please visit their web site at <http://www.writersguild.ab.ca/> or call toll free 1-800-665-5354 for more information.
Note: Brian Hades, Publisher, Edge Publishing, will be taking part in a pitch session during the conference.*
- *The People's Poetry Festival will be held August 17 - 19 2012 (the weekend after ours!) check out their website for more information <http://peoplespoetryfestival.com/>*
- *If Crime Fiction is your preference, the following electronic magazine was brought to our attention <http://www.thebigclickmag.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 June 20th.

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!

This message was sent to our members or those who expressed an interest in receiving it. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or have received it in error please let us know and we'll remove you

When Words Collide
August 10 - 12 2012
www.whenwordscollide.org
