



THE 4th
**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

of Biographies Regina Inc.
will be held

TUESDAY

March 30, 2010 7pm

Royal United
Services Institute
of Regina

1660 Elphinstone
St.

The low white building, facing west,
in the northeast corner
of the Exhibition Grounds.
Ample free parking

Guest Speaker will be

GAIL BOWEN

Gail Bowen is recognized as a world class writer of mystery novels. She has published a series of 11 mysteries with Joanne Kilbourn as the heroine solving the many murders that are



On the web: www.gailbowen.com

committed in her fictional world. The fictional world is very recognizable as it is Regina, or Saskatoon, and a few times rural Saskatchewan. In addition to recognizable locations in the novels, the characters are often people you know or think you know as they are based on Gail's family, friends, neighbours, and real and sometimes make believe citizens of Regina and the province.

These novels have won a number of awards and the first six have been made into movies for CTV although the setting was changed to Ontario.

Gail has written plays which have been performed at the Globe Theatre and on radio. She recently started a series of mystery novels for readers with low literacy levels. She is often a commentator on local and national radio and television.

Gail grew up in Toronto and has degrees from University of Toronto (BA) and University of Waterloo (MA) and has done graduate work at the University of Saskatchewan. She taught in the English Department and was Department Head at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, now First Nations University of Canada. She recently retired.

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Heritage Fair April 29

Biographies Regina members are reminded that the Regina Regional Heritage Fair for 2010 is scheduled for April 29, again this year at the T. C. Douglas Building/Mackenzie Art Gallery.

In past years, our members have participated in the Fair by touring the displays and visiting with the students. We are encouraged to do likewise this year, as interest in their work is very meaningful to the students, who spend many hours researching and preparing their exhibits. Best visiting time is mid-morning to early afternoon.

The Fair is an annual event for students of grades four to nine from schools within the region's six divisions.

Biographies Regina will be providing a prize for the exhibit that best recognizes a Regina person. The prize will be a selection of our "Pioneers! O Pioneers!" books.



Emcee and Auctioneer Gord Goddard shouts "What am I bid?"

It was a great success thanks to the organizers and especially to those who came out to enjoy the evening.

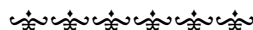
What's next? – Perhaps a picnic in the park? An evening under the stars? Submarine races at the lake? Let us know your ideas and we will put something together for the enjoyment of your company.



Volunteers, Members & Guests enjoyed a great meal, sing-along and fellowship! We raised some needed funds for Biographies Regina at Steak Night at the RUSI. Nov./09

Biographies Regina, Inc. 2010 Annual General Meeting March 30, 2010 AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting
4. Reports (motion to receive reports):
 - President
 - Secretary and Book Committee
 - Marketing
 - Membership and Newsletter
 - Other(s)
5. Financial
 - 2009 Review of Statements
 - 2010 Review/Audit Recommendation
6. Nominations
7. Other Business:
 - 7.1 Fundraising
 - 7.2 Visioning
 - 7.3 Book Project
8. Adjournment



Guest Speaker – Gail Bowen
Refreshments

A Biography Regina Steak Night was held at the Royal United Services Institute on November 5.

Discussions and arrangements regarding the holding of a visioning session have begun. Although scheduling is yet to be determined, one of **May 8** or **May 15** is a possibility. Stand by for definite word on time and place.

What is a visioning session? There is no absolute definition but there are a variety of possibilities. Your board of directors wants to share Biographies Regina's goals and outlook with members

TIME to Share the VISION

and prospective members.

A few years ago, your board engaged in a series of planning sessions, looking to the future. We brainstormed about Mission and Vision, and set some goals, objectives and strategies.

Even as we continue to be overwhelmed with the present, we feel it's time now to reacquaint ourselves with those ideas, become more familiar with them and share them. And we want your input, too. All ideas are important!

That afternoon we'll do some reporting, reviewing and discussing. There will also be socializing and refreshments.



Report: Book Project Chair & Board Secretary for 2009

Real progress on the Warehouse District book project is still slow going. Three former student workers continued to work on book files. Another volunteer helper, Ross Herrington, became involved during the year. But what we really need is a paid worker for four or five months to accelerate getting material publication-ready.

On other fronts, I was involved in:

- Establishing a Biographies Regina web site developed, involving many meetings with the developer and preparation of material for the site. The site is now functional: www.biographiesregina.ca
- Submitting six grant applications. One was fully funded (Canada Summer Jobs) and two were partially supported (Creative Enterprise Entrepreneurship Fund-Saskatchewan Arts Board/ Saskatchewan Publishers Group; and Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society).
- Several marketing endeavors
- 2010 budget preparation
- Submitting annual returns to the Corporations Branch, the Canada Revenue Agency and Workers Compensation Board

Richard J. Wood

Board Update

A dedicated group continues to work on the Warehouse District book. Grant resources continue to be an elusive game and donations are hard to come by. More grant applications are now in the works. We thank those who have contributed recently and ask others to help too. When the current book is completed, it will be a time for pride and rejoicing and a feeling of accomplishment for the committee and members.

Areas where contributions could be applied include: 1) the organization's share to pay a summer student worker; 2) insurance – liability and property coverage (our inventory of books); 3) affiliate memberships (e.g., Sask Culture and Saskatchewan Publishers Group); 4) (down the road) printing of book #6.

Help name our book The title of the next "Pioneers! O Pioneers!" book has yet to be decided. The book committee and the board have discussed this but nothing has clicked yet. Now, we'd like members to brainstorm and share their thoughts.

What contributes to this quandary is that the Warehouse District was so diverse. It was much more than warehousing and wholesaling. The area included: retailing, professionals, manufacturing/industry, community leaders, culture, sports, travellers, trades, contractors, services, and, very significantly, residential.

It may be impossible to capture all of those aspects in the title, inclusiveness is a worthy objective. The situation seems to call for a main title and a sub-title.



Donor Acknowledgement

It has been indicated in previous issues that there would come a time when we would begin to acknowledge (in the Newsletter) tax-deductible donations made to Biographies Regina. That time is now.

Pioneer	\$10 - 49
Vanguard	\$59 - 99
Explorer	\$100 - 299
Visionary	\$300 or more

Donations are much appreciated and help to advance our work. There are four donations categories. Following are listings of donations made over our first four years, since the organization was granted charitable status late in 2006:

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—	Ferne Robb
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—	VANGUARD
VISIONARY	Doug Mullen
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Taylor Foundation	Evelyn Rogers
Richard Wood	VISIONARY
	Richard Wood
2008	2009
PIONEER	PIONEER
Lois Martin	Gordon Goddard
Nancy Perrault	Lois Martin
Lois Steen	Mildred Morrison
VANGUARD	Chuck Steen
Evelyn Rogers	VANGUARD
EXPLORER	Maureen Eckstein
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