



MEDIA RELEASE

Book Launch and Poetry Reading with James Deahl

Owen Sound, Ontario – Tuesday, September 15, 2026—Join author and poet James Deahl as he talks about his newest book. Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

Join author and poet James Deahl as he talks about his book *Confederation Poetry, The Confederation Poets: The Founding of a Canadian Poetry, 1880 to the First World War*. James will be joined by poets David Moss-Cornett, Liz Zetlin and Jennifer Frankum as they perform poetry readings of their own.

James Deahl is the author or editor of over thirty books (mostly poetry) and is the author of fifteen poetry chapbooks. His four most recent books are *Releasing The Wisdom Of Stone*, *To Possess The Land: An Anthology of Confederation Poetry*, *The Confederation Poets: The Founding of a Canadian Poetry, 1880 to the First World War*, and *Four-Square Poems*. A cycle of his poems is the focus of a one-hour American television special, *Under The Watchful Eye*. (Both the video and an audiotape of this program have been reissued on DVD and CD by Silver Falls Video.)

David Moss-Cornett (Mossy) is a poet, community builder, husband, father, and developmental services worker living in Bognor, Ontario. His writing is shaped by experiences of family, faith, grief, healing, and the search for belonging. He is the founder of the Bognor Coffee House and Words & Wine in Bognor.

Liz Zetlin is a poet, visual artist, and filmmaker. She is the inaugural Poet Laureate of Owen Sound and the co-founder and former artistic director of the Words Aloud Spoken Word Festival. Liz was Owen Sound's first Outstanding Individual in the Arts (2013) and received the 2024 Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award. Her latest poetry collection is *Prompted by Happiness*.

Jennifer Frankum is the current Owen Sound Poet Laureate. Jennifer fashions poems out of everyday moments of wonder. She began writing daily after a breakdown at twenty-four in 1987. Jennifer has three poetry collections in print.

Books will be available for purchase from the authors.

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