



THE MUSKOKA CHAUTAUQUA

Reading Circle Newsletter December 2011

Hi Everyone

I can't believe that December is here already! The weather has been unseasonably warm – no complaints from me –, but the bit of snow we have had puts me in the holiday spirit.

You haven't received an update from the Reading Circle since you were invited to submit nominations for the 2012 Book List – Our Canada – Rocks and Roots. We received 72 nominations. Thanks ever so much. You can view the entire list at our website: www.muskokachautauqua.ca

On November 12, the Reading Circle Task Force met. They had the job of taking those 72 nominations and through the evening's discussion arrive at 10 titles they thought best exemplified the theme. They chose 12!

Since then, the Planning Committee has been meeting. It's the job of the Planning Committee to take the 12 books and decide on the final 5 for the 2012 Book List. The programme for our 2012 Signature Event – June 1-3, 2012, will be built around those 5 books. We have been busy brain storming programme ideas, contacting authors, arranging entertainment, etc. When we have a definite programme for the June 1-3 weekend, you will be contacted. Stay tuned!!

Here are a couple of points of interest:

- Muskoka Chautauqua Gift Certificates are available for purchase. They would make a wonderful Christmas gift. If you are interested call 705-765-1048.
- Alex Mortimer and the Beast of Wildeor by Bryan Dearsley
 - Bryan has invited you to his reading and book signing at the Bracebridge Public Library, Saturday December 10, 2011 at 11:00am. This is a fund raiser for the library foundation.
 - On the same date from 3:00pm-6:00pm, Bryan will be holding a book chat at Wolff's Den Cafe, Muskoka Wharf, Gravenhurst. Come and join the chat and sample traditional German Christmas treats.
- Jason Dickson, antiquarian and owner of Jason Dickson Antiquarian Books (formerly Muskoka Bookhouse), Bracebridge, can be reached at books@jdicksonbooks.com or 705-646-2215. His new website is <http://jdicksonbooks.com>

Have a wonderful Christmas.

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