



# THE MUSKOKA CHAUTAUQUA

The Muskoka Chautauqua Reading Circle is a program of Muskoka Lakes Music Festival.

Reading Circle Newsletter July 2011

In the last newsletter, I welcomed the new members to The Muskoka Chautauqua Reading Circle and reported that we had 86 members. **NOW**, I am once again welcoming new members and I am so pleased to report that our membership stands at 139!! Thanks to the new partnership between the Muskoka Lakes Museum and the Muskoka Lakes Festival, Chautauqua members will now enjoy a discount at the Muskoka Lakes Museum in Port Carling, to complement the many benefits members already enjoy at arts organizations and events across the area. Chautauqua members will also receive discounted prices for future Muskoka Lakes Music Festival events, including the **Moshe Hammer & Ross Inglis concert on July 16**, the **Toronto All-Star Big Band Dance on July 30** and the **Anne of Green Silent Movie on August 18**. Also, remember you receive a 10% discount at Scott's of Muskoka, a bookstore in Bracebridge, The Gravenhurst Bookstore and The Bookcase, a bookstore in Huntsville. Members just show your membership card or give your membership number when you order tickets to receive your discounts.

Our Signature Literary Event held June 3-5, 2011, was AMAZING! We planned for 200 and ran out of passports! To read some of the media coverage go to [www.muskokachautauqua.ca](http://www.muskokachautauqua.ca) and click on media. Videos of the weekend will be available on the website shortly.

The Reading Circle committee has already started to plan next year's event. We are planning to hold it on the first weekend in June 2012. If you missed the event this year, put next year's event on your calendar so you won't be disappointed.

On July 6, a group gathered to talk antique books at the launch of a summer-long lecture series held at the Muskoka Lakes Museum in Port Carling. The talk was given by Jason Dixon, antiquarian book expert and owner of Muskoka Bookhouse, in partnership with the Muskoka Lakes Music Festival. The evening was a feature of the **Muskoka Literary Trail**, a new initiative that links literary events and organizations throughout Muskoka.

Have a great summer

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Here are some upcoming points of interest:

- The Muskoka Lakes Music Festival and Muskoka Chautauqua will partner with the Muskoka Lakes Museum in August for an exhibition and final lecture. The **Alcuin Society Book Awards Exhibition** will be on display from **August 19 until early October** at the museum. The Alcuin Society, a voluntary collection of dedicated book lovers and experts from across Canada, sponsors the only national competition for book design in Canada. The museum will play host to the winners of these prestigious awards in its upcoming exhibit.
- Jason Dixon will return on **August 24** to discuss the Alcuin awards and conclude the lecture series. “We're very excited to have these books on display here at the museum,” says museum curator Doug Smith. “They are so beautifully done – something that everyone should see.”
- Alongside the Book Awards exhibit, **Nola McConnan**'s latest work will also be displayed at the Muskoka Lakes Museum. Nola is the artist and author behind **ABC Muskoka**, a children's book that features a collection of intricate, hand cut lino block prints, paired with words about Muskoka icons.

**Remember! Email me notification of literary events you think our contact list would enjoy!**

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