

Whether you're camping out for the narrative and lyrical, or the mischievous and experimental, our **Poetry Tent's** got a spot for your taste.



12:15 PM (Poetry Tent)

**George Stanley**

**After Desire**



"Don't gaze into the abyss," George Stanley states in his new book, "gaze out." This is what the reader receives from Stanley's eighth book, *After Desire*: the observations of a poet and a consciousness as they arrive together at old age. Not what the poet is thinking—although we get to watch him thinking too—but what he sees and notices, what he is thinking *about*. Born in San Francisco, poet **George Stanley** has been living in BC since the early 1970s. He is the recipient of the 2006 Shelley Memorial Award for Poetry and has published seven books.

11:45 AM (Poetry Tent)

**Amber Dawn**

**How Poetry Saved My Life**



"In most large cities," writes Amber Dawn, "there are an estimated 10,000 people (mainly women) working as prostitution-based sex workers and yet we rarely hear from them." In her new memoir, Amber Dawn offers a frank, unflinching, and multifaceted portrait of her experiences hustling on the streets of Vancouver. Alternating between tender poetry and searing prose, she re-traces her path from survival street work to her present-day life as a writer, filmmaker, activist, artist, and educator. **Amber Dawn** is also the author of the Lambda award-winning novel *Sub Rosa*.

3:00 PM (Poetry Tent)

**Poetry in Transit**



This year the Association of Book Publishers of BC partners with TransLink, BC Transit, and the City of Vancouver on this popular project to celebrate our province's poetry. Buses and SkyTrains throughout BC will feature the work of BC poets produced by Canadian publishers. In Vancouver, transit shelters will feature additional work from our best poets. A transit bus on-site at Word displays this year's poetry cards. Don't miss readings from featured 2013 poets **Stephen Collis**, **Dina Del Bucchia**, **Patrick Friesen**, **Al Rempel**, **Russell Thornton**, and **Tiffany Stone** in the Poetry Tent.

4:15 PM (Poetry Tent)

**Brad Cran**

**Ink on Paper**



*Ink on Paper* is a compelling collection of political poems that seeks to elucidate our relationships with our surroundings and the individuals near us. Cran, former poet laureate for the City of Vancouver, masterfully constructs images held in contradictory tension. His poems are a fresh, provocative examination of urban culture, the natural world, and issues of social justice, told with keen awareness and a gritty poetic precision. **Brad Cran** is a social entrepreneur, author of *The Good Life*, and co-author of *Hope in Shadows: Stories and Photographs of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside*.

**Inspiring Words.**

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