

# SCOTTISH CENTRE FOR GEPOETICS

affiliated to the International Institute of Geopoetics  
founded by Kenneth White in 1989

## Newsletter 21 August 2006

It's been an active summer for us so far with the Geopoetics Project discussion at the Nairn Book and Arts Festival and our Geopoetics and the Visual Arts meeting at the Scottish Poetry Library in June, and our Poetry Picnic and Walking the Coast events in July and August. Kenneth White has recently been appointed as a Visiting Professor at UHI (University of the Highlands and Islands project) and will be in Scotland for a poetry reading in Gatehouse on Fleet and a lecture in Edinburgh on 26 and 27 August.

### **Kenneth White Poetry Reading at The Bakehouse, Gatehouse on Fleet on Saturday 26 August 2006 at 7.30 pm**

Kenneth White will read from his landmark collection *Open World. The Collected Poems 1960-2000*. "Erudite, elemental, big and bold, a manifestation of the kind of poetry MacDiarmid hoped for." (Seamus Heaney). Tickets at £6 (£5 to Bakehouse members) are limited so book right away: tel. Sunny Rathore on 01557 814196 or e-mail [bookings@thebakehouse.info](mailto:bookings@thebakehouse.info) and phone us if you need to arrange a lift.

### **The Edinburgh International Book Festival**

#### **Kenneth White Lecture Sunday 27 August at 8.30pm on Along the High lines – figuring out a way for world culture.**

This talk follows on from the outstanding essays in his new book *On the Atlantic Edge* which is now out and available at the reduced price of £6.95 including p&p from Sandstone Press at PO Box 5725 1 High St Dingwall IV15 9WJ or from Norman Bissell.

#### **Tuesday 15 August at 12.30 pm**

Jim McCarthy will be discussing with Georgina Howell his latest book about the life of Selim Aga, a Sudanese slave who ended up lecturing to fashionable London society.

#### **Sunday 27 August at 2.30pm**

Peter Urpeth, Hi-Arts Writing Development Co-ordinator, will read from and discuss his new novel *Far Inland* with Angus Peter Campbell.

Book early for all these EIBF events at 0845 373 58888 or online at [www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk)

### **Far Inland Website**

Peter Urpeth is building an accessible website resource on Arctic/sub-Arctic and North Atlantic region shamanism, Inuit and Samiculture, Gaelic culture and related fields. Anyone with suitable new or previously published material, including essays, articles etc. (which will be fully acknowledged and copyright retained) should e-mail him at [peter.urpeth@virgin.net](mailto:peter.urpeth@virgin.net)

**Tuesday 8 August from 6.30pm at the Scottish Poetry Library Edinburgh**  
**Launch of *Sushi & Chips* by Colin Will**, his new poetry collection from Diehard. RSVP to [colin.will@zen.co.uk](mailto:colin.will@zen.co.uk) or [reception@spl.org.uk](mailto:reception@spl.org.uk) The Highland Launch will take place in Callander on Friday 1 September.

**The *Island* booklet *two days on Luing*** is a most beautiful and perceptive evocation of the island by writers and artists who took part in our islands weekend last year. It contains poems, photographs, artwork, two essays, and a preface by Kenneth White. It is still available by sending a cheque for £6 (£10 for annual subscription) including p&p made out to *island* to Essence Press 8 Craiglea Drive Edinburgh EH10 5PA. You can also view many excellent images of Luing along with news of other publications on the Essence Press website at [www.essencepress.co.uk](http://www.essencepress.co.uk)

### **Isle of Luing Weekend 4-7 May 2007**

We will be returning to the Isle of Luing next year for a long weekend of talks, discussions, writing and artwork on the provisional themes of the bird life and flora and fauna of the West Coast. Three nights on this May holiday weekend will provide more time for individual exploration of the delights of the island. Early expressions of interest should be sent to the Secretary or Director.

### **Online Discussion Forum**

Our online discussion forum is up and running to encourage an ongoing dialogue amongst members about all aspects of geopoetics and the works of Kenneth White. This forum is available only to members so make sure you have paid your subscription up to date. If you cannot access it or do not have e-mail and wish to participate, contact Graham Urquhart. We have decided to set up our own website so suggestions about who could build us a good one would be very welcome.

## **Tony McManus Essays**

Tony McManus's Philistinism and Cultural Renewal: Essays on Education are now available and well worth downloading from [www.institute-of-governance.org/onlinepub/mcmanus/index.html](http://www.institute-of-governance.org/onlinepub/mcmanus/index.html)

## **Benefits of SCFG Membership**

You will receive:

- ∞ Newsletters at least four times a year
- ∞ access to our online discussion forum for members
- ∞ advance news of and discounts on books relating to geopoetics
- ∞ advance news of Kenneth White and geopoetics events
- ∞ invitations to all our meetings and field visits
- ∞ the satisfaction of assisting the development of our geopoetics work and publications
- ∞ encouragement to develop your own understanding of and creative response to geopoetics.

## **Books Worth Reading**

***Grounding a World. Essays on the work of Kenneth White*** edited by **Gavin Bowd, Charles Forsdick and Norman Bissell** has been favourably reviewed in *Markings* magazine and the Scottish Educational Journal. To order a copy send a cheque for £9.95/£9 for members (including p&p) made out to Alba Editions, to Graham Urquhart at the address below.

***Kenneth White and the Awkward Squad*** by Hugh Learmont only £2; ***Adventures of a Bibliomaniac*** by Kenneth White £4.50; ***Fras* magazine** £4; all post free (cheques made out to John Herdman), are available from *Fras* Publications, Atholl Browse Bookshop by the Station, Blair Atholl, Perthshire PH18 5SG.

***In Search of Stansylvania Forty-Two Poems*** by **Stan Bell** from Schiltron 419 North Woodside Road Glasgow G20 6NN £5.99 including p&p cheques made out to Stan Bell.

## **Subscriptions: New and Due**

Please send your name, postal and e-mail address with a cheque for £10/£5 unwaged, payable to the Scottish Centre for Geopoetics, to Graham Urquhart, secretary. **All annual subscriptions are now due unless paid since August 2005.**

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