



CANSCAP Prairie Horizons 2009  
Climbing the Beanstalk to Success

St. Michael's Retreat, Lumsden SK  
September 18-20, 2009



### Friday

5:00 sharp	Optional Supper (must be paid for in advance)
6:00 – 7:30	Registration, Wine and Cheese, Bingo Mixer
7:30 – 8:00	Welcome and Introductions
8:00 – 9:00	Fireside Chat with singer/songwriter/children's performer Bob King
9:30 – 10:00	Candlelight Labyrinth Walk
10:00-11:00	Visiting and Free Time

### Saturday

8:00 sharp	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Linda Aksomitis

*Sowing the Beans: Getting Established by Using the Internet*

It seems like we all need a handful of magic beans to get started publishing, illustrating, or performing for kids -- or to grow our pursuit into more than a hobby that generates a little income. The Internet can be your magic beans; you just need to know how and when to sow them in cyberspace to start growing your dream career.

10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:15	Hazel Hutchins: (Keynote Address)

*Giants Ahead! Stories from the Beanstalk*

Author Hazel Hutchins shares knowledge and advice from scrambling up the creative beanstalk over forty times. Topics include nurturing and renewing creativity, making omelettes to stretch the hen's "golden" eggs, taking chances with giants (fierce and kindly) and picking oneself up to climb again.

11:30	Group Photo: all gather outside
12:00 sharp	Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 Anita Daher

*Pruning the Beanstalk: Self-Editing and Working with an Editor.*

Without steps in between we might go from banging fingers on keyboards, to heads against the wall. Author and editor Anita Daher will talk about how we can self-edit our work most effectively before we lick stamps and wave a hanky at it. She will also discuss what to expect—and how to get the best from—the author-editor relationship after a manuscript is accepted.

2:15 – 2:30 Coffee Break

2:30 – 3:30 Panel: Heather Nickel, Gillian Richardson, and Dianne Young

*Climbing Through the Thorns*

Self-doubt is part of writing, whether for a new author reeling from a string of rejection letters or lagging sales, or for an experienced one wondering if she's published her last book. Our panelists will share their experiences dealing with the thorns in their careers, and inspire us to keep the dream alive.

3:30 – 4:45 Saskatchewan Horizons CANSCAIP chapter meeting / Free time

4:45 Group photo outside on lawn (or in lounge if it's raining)

5:00 sharp Supper

6:00 – 7:00 Hazel Hutchins: Canada Council Public Reading

*Above the Clouds: Tales from the Top*

Once a book is published, it's fun to look back at the steps and also to learn from the moment at hand. Author Hazel Hutchins reads from recent titles, discusses the difference between novels and picture books, talks about working with illustrators and shares stories of presenting to young audiences.

7:15 – 8:15 Open Mike Part I (M.C.: Dianne Young)

8:15 – 8:30 Coffee Break

8:30 – 9:30 Open Mike Part II

9:30 – 11:00 Evaluation Forms, Free Time

## Sunday

8:00 sharp Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 Door Prizes / Choose Committee for 2011

10:00 – 11:00 Pack Up / Good-byes

11:00 Church service for those who wish to attend