

**September 2011**

Dear friends,

Another short and sweet email here, updating you with September news from the living room of Moon Willow Press on a cool rainy autumn evening, where pumpkin ale sitting in the icebox is surely in order for later tonight:

Tom Hibbard's [The Sacred River of Consciousness](#) went on sale in late August. This eco-poetry collection has been reviewed highly by Michael Rothenberg, Buck Downs, and Eileen Tabios and explores the need for compassion and common sense, which are seemingly lost in the contemporary politics of environment and economy.

To promote Anthony Wright's [Infernal Drums](#) (reviewed by William Hjortsberg) and wonderful e-book *Smoke Ghosts & Other Outré Tales*, I've begun a list of [Great Road Novels](#) at GoodReads, and invite you to add your favorite books about the open road, drifters, and transients. Let's love these books before running out of gas.

Look forward to John Sands' first novel, [The Lottery Winner](#), a fictional title about an older man who wins a big lottery and before redeeming his ticket begins to redeem himself. This book is written by my brother and has a special "Sands family imprint" stamp of approval. The book comes out on October 9, our father's birthday. Our dad, the greatest dad in history according to us, passed away two years ago.

Moon Willow Press's first print title in 2012 will be Jed Brody's [The Philodendrist Heresy](#), a book I greatly enjoyed reading this summer, and one which Jed--a senior lecturer at Emory University, who also teaches physics to Tibetan monks and nuns in India--will donate his royalties to The Nature Conservancy. The book is a prayer for for the preservation and resurrection of the great forests of the earth.

I want to remain a little secretive about another new title for next year, by [Clara Hume](#), simply because I think the concept of it is interesting and don't want to give it away just yet. If you read the last issue of *Jack Magazine* thoroughly, you may have caught a piece in it by Clara, but alas, that piece is gone due to this upcoming title. You snooze, you lose!

In regards to my commitment to publishing science and nature news (with no good submissions in this category yet), I've been writing stuff myself for the website. Check out the newest article in my rainforest series: [Great Bear Rainforest Part 3: The Spirit Bear](#). In these articles, my goal is to educate people about the Pacific temperate rainforest near where I live, which is under threat due to logging, mining, and proposed oil sand pipelines that will not only run through it but bring more crude tankers up the coast, threatening this large, intact, sacred rainforest with oil leaks and spills. In our 100,000 Poets for Change reading last weekend, we stood in solidarity and in resistance to the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline. I'm

deeply embedded to the readers -- and to global organizers Michael Rothenberg and Terri Carion -- for this very successful and embracing, world-wide international poetry event, to and Christine Leclerc for her wonderful [enpipe line poetry project](#). Most of us in attendance, if not all, are submitting oral statements during the Northern Gateway Pipeline joint review panel hearing when it comes to Vancouver, BC. Jalen Bailey of ForestEthics helped the packed audience learn about how to speak up against the pipelines project.

Also, last weekend was my first book fair at Word on the Street. It was interesting but rainy, and I think I'll go again next year. In keeping with the press's commitment to not wasting any literature at all, I made only a few home-made (hemp paper) business cards and gave away seed-paper trimmings that I cut into bookmark-shaped pieces, and which can be planted into the ground after use. Non-invasive wildflowers will grow. This seed paper was a huge draw for some reason! I met some cool people, like Leanne Dyck of [Oknitting.com](#), who will blog about MWP later this year.

On the science/nature front, [Ecologue](#) is also growing quite a bit, with the most recent entries covering this busy month at Vancouver's [100,000 Poets for Change beach cleanup and reading](#) as well as a new [Riverwatcher program](#) that I will be volunteering for as I work with the local community in cleaning up the Burrard Inlet.

Finally, don't forget about our new [Members](#) area. Members can help MWP to plant trees as well as get some nice perks such as one free e-book a year, seasonal discounts, and getting listed on the press's website in a collaborative effort to plant trees for books read. So far Moon Willow Press has helped Eco-Libris' world-wide partners plant 505 trees in areas that have experienced deforestation and economic downturn. Member discounts go from now until Christmas: 10% off each book, of up to three titles (pre-shipping funds) will be refunded via our Zencart shopping centre.

I guess that wasn't too short, but hopefully sweet. If you do not want to receive this monthly newsletter, just let me know and I'll take you off the list.