

Jury announced for 2009 Winterset Award

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Yvonne Pevie, Peter Pickersgill and Des Walsh will form the jury for the 2009 Winterset Award.

The award, administered and promoted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council (NLAC), encourages and promotes excellence in all genres of Newfoundland and Labrador writing.

The award honours the memory of St. John's-born social historian and prize-winning author Sandra Fraser Gwyn, who did much to promote the arts of Newfoundland and Labrador across the country.

Following her death in 2000, her husband, journalist and author Richard Gwyn, established the award. It is named after the historic house on Winter Avenue in St. John's where Sandra grew up.

The 10th annual Winterset Award will be presented at a ceremony at Government House March 25, 2010. Three finalists will be announced in advance of the presentation. The winner will receive \$5,000, and the two finalists will each receive \$1,000.

Pevie was born in Eastport in 1969. She has worked as an educator since 1992 and is vice principal, teacher and librarian at St. Mark's School in King's Cove.

Pickersgill was born in Ottawa in 1945. He has worked as an artist, cartoonist, illustrator, architect and writer. He lives in Salvage, Bonavista Bay.

Walsh has written a dozen produced stage plays and his screenwriting credits include the international hit miniseries "The Boys of St. Vincent" and "Random Passage." He lives in St. John's and Port Rexton.

The NLAC is accepting submissions for the 2009 Winterset Award. Literary works in any genre, written by native-born Newfoundlanders and Labradorians or residents of the province, are eligible for consideration.

Works must have been published in 2009. Submissions must be made by a publisher by Dec. 31, 2009, and must include at least five copies of each submitted work.

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