



Vivian Hansen is a poet and freelance writer. Her poetry, fiction, and nonfiction have appeared in a wide variety of anthologies and journals with work that has encountered women's issues, the western landscape, work and immigration.

She is the co-founder of the Calgary Women's Writing Project where she served as VP Publishing and Editor of *Forum Magazine* (a journal of the Calgary Women's Writing Project). Vivian taught poetry and life writing workshops with the Alexandra Writers' Centre in Calgary and facilitated workshops in poetry and life writing. She served as a judge and contest coordinator for the former Calgary Writers Association and has judged for the Hamilton Region Arts Council.

Vivian is a member of the Writers Guild of Alberta and served as a Member-at-Large 2002-2003, President 2003-2004, Past-President 2004-2005 and Chair, 2006 Alberta Book Awards Committee and is also a full member of the League of Canadian Poets, Calgary. 1999-2000 she was President of the Society of Poets, Bards and Storytellers. She was Associate Editor, A.S.H. (Arts, Science & Humanities Journal) Turtle Island Press, 1996-1997.

**Education:**

Career Development Certificate, 2012 completed  
MFA 2011, University of British Columbia  
Bachelor of Arts (English), University of Calgary 1995  
Creative Writing II (Roberta Rees) 2000  
Victoria School of Writing Poetry (Don McKay) 2000  
Poetry Workshop (Richard Harrison) 2004 to present.

**Performance:**

Calgary Spoken Word Festival 2005  
South Country Fair Lotus Land 2002, 2003

**Awards/Grants:**

First Prize: Arrol Award for Nonfiction Calgary Writers' Association 1996  
Second Prize: Self-Connection Book Award 1996  
Second Prize: Poetry, Calgary Writers Association 2000  
Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Junior Writers Grant, 2001  
First Prize: Orion Poetry Prize 2001  
Second Prize: Odes of March Poetry Contest 2002  
First Prize: Legacy Magazine Poetry Contest 2007  
Finalist: Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize, 2007

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