

## Okanogan Poetry: A Sense of Place

Local poets, Grant Jones, George Baumgardner, Victory Jones and others, joined together with friends and supporters for an evening of poetry to benefit the Okanogan Valley Land Council.

Ani Black and Kent Gordon opened up their home for the event. The evening began with a social gathering around the table to enjoy some wonderful refreshments and conversation. The full moon in the sky outside helped reiterate the evening's praise for this place we call home. The feeling of the group was that the poems were a wonderful medium for expressing the love we have for the Okanogan and our way of life.

The poems read were from Okanogan Poems Coyote Springs Series Volume 1, the first book in a series inspired by the beautiful Okanogan region. A handful of the books are available through the OVLC office or online at <http://www.wlbooks.com>. Only 300 copies were printed so be sure to get your copy soon.



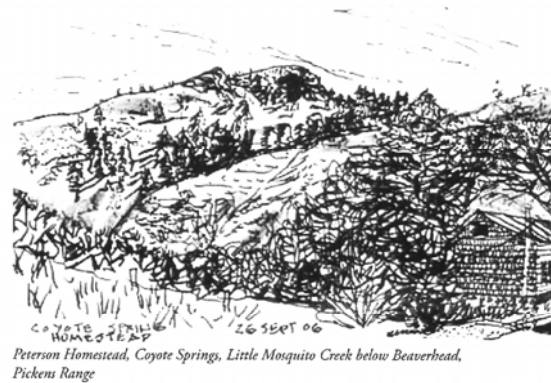
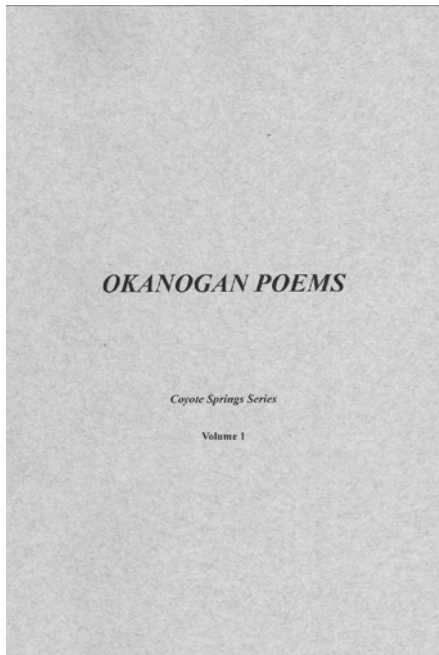
Participants enjoyed light refreshments during the event.



Grant Jones prepares to read a poem from Okanogan Poems while Chong Jones looks on.



Walter Henze reading for the group.



The Okanogan Poems is available through the OVLC office. The book includes original works by local artists including poems and sketches like the one above.