

Robin Skelton

Known internationally as a poet, editor, and publisher, Robin Skelton was born in England in 1925 and came to Victoria in 1963. Key to establishing the University of Victoria's Department of Writing, Special Collections at McPherson Library, and *The Malahat Review*, he published over one hundred books of poetry, fiction, criticism, history, and on witchcraft, was a renowned collector of art, and a collagist. When he died in 1997, he left the world a legacy of cultural excitement still relevant today.



Contribute to the Robin and Sylvia Skelton Scholarship Fund

The University of Victoria is raising funds to set up a memorial scholarship in the Skeltons' honour that will be given annually to a student in the Faculty of Fine Arts. For more information or to donate to the fund, please contact Karen Walker, the Development Officer for Fine Arts, at (250) 721-6305 or kmwalker@uvic.ca.

The Hold of Our Hands

Art from the Robin and Sylvia Skelton Collection

Paintings and prints donated by Robin and Sylvia Skelton to the University of Victoria, complemented by works from the Maltwood collection.

August 31 to November 15, 2007

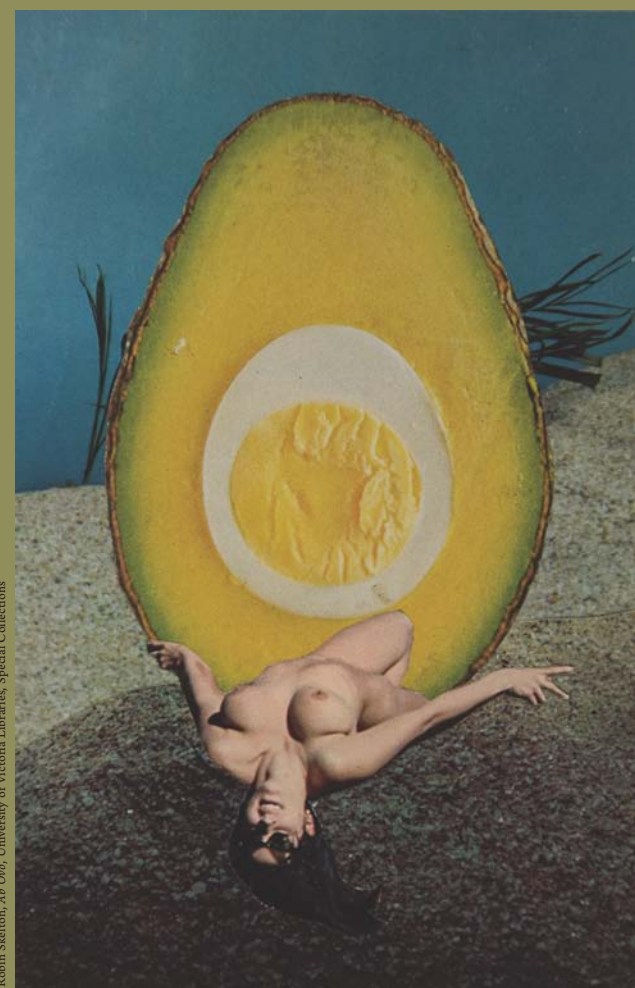
Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery
University Centre, University of Victoria
(250) 721-6562, curator@uvic.ca
www.maltwood.uvic.ca
10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday
with occasional evening and weekend openings
Free Admission

House of Dreams Collages and Sculptures of Robin Skelton

Drawn from his family's collection, Robin Skelton's collages provide insight into the visual world that inspired his poems. Accompanied by his previously unknown works in soapstone.

September 15 to 29, 2007

Emily Carr House
207 Government Street, Victoria
(250) 383-5843, ecarr@island.net
www.emilycarr.com
11 am to 4 pm, Tuesdays to Saturdays
Carr House admission applies: \$5 for adults;
\$3.50 for ages 6 to 18 (and students with valid ID);
free for children under 5



Mingling of Memory and Desire: Books and Papers of Robin Skelton

Books, manuscripts, and ephemera highlight Skelton's milestones, associations, and achievements throughout his dynamic, multifaceted career as a poet.

August 31 to November 15, 2007

McPherson Library, Archives and Special Collections, University of Victoria
(250) 721-8257, speccoll@uvic.ca
On view during Library hours outside Archives and Special Collections (basement level). Free admission

The Festival

The Party

Celebrate our fortieth-anniversary issue, which is a tribute to Robin Skelton, and *In This Poem I Am: Selected Poetry of Robin Skelton* just published by Toronto's Dundurn Press.

Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 4:30 pm

Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, University Centre, University of Victoria
Free admission

The Talk

Renowned author Robert Bringhurst sheds light on Robin Skelton, Charles Lillard, and the West Coast Renaissance. Part of the Faculty of Humanities' Lansdowne Lecture Series.

Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 7 pm

Room D288, MacLaurin Building, University of Victoria
Free Admission

The Gala

Marilyn Bowering, Robert Bringhurst, Linda Rogers, Harold Rhenisch, Neile Graham, Derk Wynand, and Rhonda Batchelor read their own poetry and their favourite poems by Robin Skelton on the poet's birthday. Emceed by *Malahat* editor John Barton.

Friday, October 12, 2007, at 7:30 pm

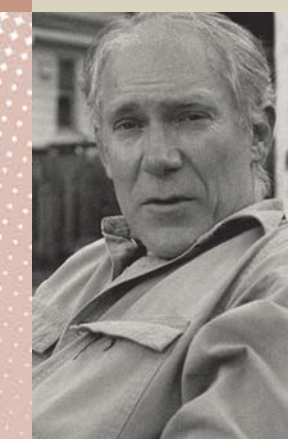
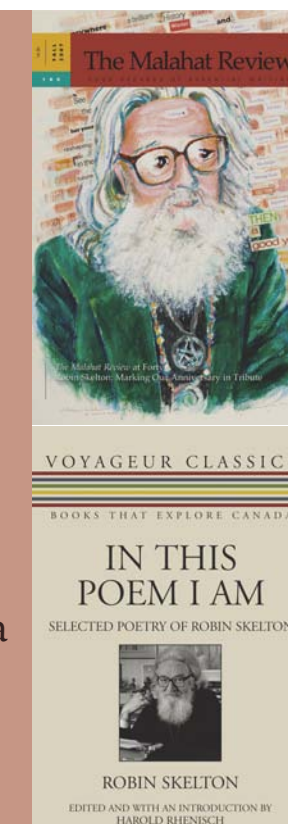
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, 1040 Moss Street, Victoria
(250) 384-4101, www.aggv.bc.ca
Regular Gallery admission applies: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students

Robin Skelton: A Living Collage

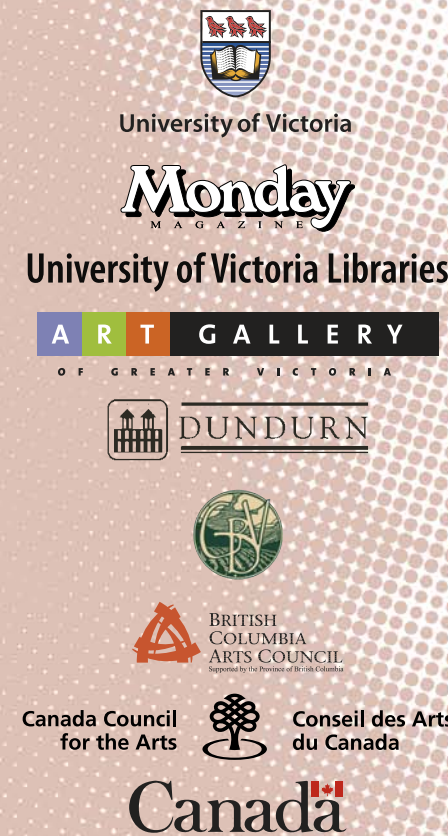
Tim Gosley, a Victoria-raised, Toronto-based puppet artist reflects on Robin Skelton the man, poet, and witch by utilizing video, light, and egg puppets with spoken word and music from Skelton's own 78 rpm collection.

Saturday, October 13, 2007, at 2 pm and 7:30 pm and
Sunday, October 14, 2007, at 2 pm

La Run, 1983 Fairfield Road, Victoria
\$12 per person. Limited seating (advance purchases highly recommended). Tickets on sale at the *Malahat* office and at all festival events. To reserve, call (250) 721-8524



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The Auction

Own your own piece of Skeltonia. Art and artifacts created or collected by Robin and Sylvia Skelton, along with other artworks donated in tribute, are being sold to the highest bidders, thanks to the generosity of the Skelton family and Kilshaw's Auction House. All proceeds go to the Robin and Sylvia Skelton Scholarship Fund.

Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 6 pm

Kilshaw's, 1115 Fort Street, Victoria
(250) 384-6441, www.kilshaws.ca
Viewings: Monday, 1 to 5 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 am to 5 pm, Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm

BookCrossing

During the festival, pick up one of 100 books by Robin Skelton donated by the Skelton family or a free *Malahat* back issue. Everything is registered at www.bookcrossing.com. In the spirit of BookCrossing, pick something up, read it, then pass it on.

A Robin Skelton Tribute
October 10 to 14, 2007

Party with *The Malahat Review*
for five days this fall!

at 40

The Malahat Review



- Celebrate our fortieth year by marking the remarkable legacy of Robin Skelton, our late co-founder
- Rub shoulders at the launch party for the Skelton tribute issue
- Listen in as Robert Bringhurst talks up West Coast lit
- Muse on the musings of seven celebrated B.C. poets
- Experience a puppet, spoken-word, and video extravaganza