

Tapestry of Uprooted Cultures

Japanese and Mennonites of Southern Alberta

Come hear two well known authors (and others) tell of the experiences of two different cultures and their struggles as they came to Southern Alberta. As well, learn more about, and enjoy, ethnic songs, dances, drumming and food.

<i>Where:</i>	<i>Southern Alberta Ethnic Association Centre 421 6th Ave. S., Lethbridge.</i>
<i>When</i>	<i>Saturday, November 25, 2017</i>
<i>Time</i>	<i>1:00 pm.</i>
<i>Cost</i>	<i>By Donation</i> <i>Receipts will be issued to donations of over \$20.</i> <i>Cheques are to be made out to</i> <i>Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta</i>

FASPA (lunch) to follow

If able to attend please RSVP to MHSA at 403-250-1121 or receptionmhsa@gmail.com



Joy Kogawa was born to first-generation Japanese Canadians. She was one of many Japanese Canadians who were forcibly relocated from British Columbia to southern Alberta during World War II.

In 1968 she published her first book "The Splintered Moon". In 1973 she became a staff writer for the Office of the Prime Minister in Ottawa. In 1981 she published her first prose work: "Obasan", a semi-autobiographical novel that has become her best-known work. Books in Canada awarded the book its First Novel Award for it in 1981, and in 1982 Kogawa won the Book of the Year Award from the Canadian Authors Association.

Joy has written numerous books including children's books, the latest book being "Gently to Nagasaki".

Rudy Wiebe was born to immigrant Mennonite parents who settled in southern Alberta after several years in Saskatchewan. His first book was "Peace Shall Destroy Many" which portrayed life in an immigrant community where conflicts and broken relationships threatened the peace.

Wiebe is deeply committed to the literary culture of Canada and has shown a particular interest in the traditions and struggles of people in the Prairie provinces, both whites and Aboriginals.

