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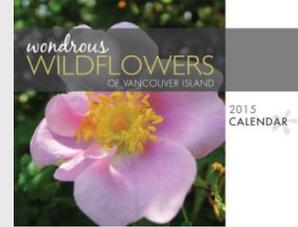
## Congratulations!

We were thrilled to view our niece's graduation from Northeastern University's Nursing Program online Friday, May 2, 2014 at the TD Garden, Boston, MA. We think back over the years of effort that went into this accomplishment along with all the hard work of her #teachers, professors and fellow students in supporting her dreams. Thank you so much! She has now settled in Seattle and is looking forward to a nursing career in the Pacific Northwest. Always with a sharp mind and a sunny personality, we know her patients will feel much better just to have her as their nurse.



## Guest Blogger?

Yes, yes, yes! [First Choice Books Blog](#) welcomes guest bloggers. Now we know we are talking to the write audience ;>) for this discussion! Please feel free to email us with your conceptual topics and if you need topical suggestions we would be happy to oblige. Even though Google has now pulled its "authorship" designation [we hope to hear from you!](#)



## New Product Release!

Our [Wondrous Wildflowers 2015 calendar](#) has been launched! It contains the rare Pink Sand-Verbena as well as the red-listed Deltoid Balsam Root and many other beautiful wildflowers which grace the Island. They grow in the amazing range of ecosystems packing the parks and sanctuaries of our local terrain. We clambered up mountains, down cliffs and around shorelines to bring you these unique plants. **Dr. Erica Wheeler, Collections Manager, Botany** at the Royal BC Museum says the calendar is both "beautiful and informative". It is in a convenient size for easy mailing. They make great gifts!

Waygoose con't... weekends. Fortune cookies all around. Ours read "you will be fortunate in everything you put your hands to". (PS No candlelight at First Choice )



## A Waygoose!

Sept. 12, 2014 we held our annual Waygoose. This is a printer's dinner traditionally held on or around St. Bartholomew's day Aug. 24 marking the end of summer and the beginning of the need to use candlelight. Our way of thanking our staff for 4:30 am starts and working



## Awards Won by First Choice Books Authors



[Back to Vietnam – Elaine and Bruce Logan](#)- bronze medal award 2014 by [the Military Writers Society of America](#)

[Fishers of Paradise by Rachael Preston](#) - won the [Kerry Schooley Book Award](#) for a book of outstanding merit and quality during the Hamilton Arts Council Literary Awards.

There well may be other First Choice Books authors out there who have won awards! If you are one please contact us. We would love to hear from you! Moreover it is awards season. We urge all our authors to try out a few applications. You can do it!! The above list is proof positive!

In addition we have learned of three of our authors who have gone on to publish with traditional publishers. This is proof positive that there is more than one way to acquire a traditional publisher and that is not necessarily through an agent!

Congratulations everyone!

## Our Services- over 50 years of support to the literary community

We are proud to say that so far this year we have helped support the BC Book Award's [Roderick Haig Brown Regional prize](#) as well as Mike McCardell's presentation at [Word on Vancouver](#). and have contributed to three other workshops around the Province.

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## Don 't Rock the Boat!



Jenny our graphic artist plays as hard as she works! Her dragon boat team did so well at the local international meet that she is headed to [San Francisco](#) to compete at the international meet there! Wow when John Climie, one of our authors, said we were able to "[get into the canoe and paddle the rapids with him](#)" he was not kidding. Well done Jenny!

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