



PRESS INFORMATION

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1995-2005, Scandia Patch Press Turns Ten Years Old

With the publication of our ninth book, *Fishback Hill*, by Dwight R. Droz, Scandia Patch Press celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year. Scandia Patch Press began in 1995, in the kitchen of a hundred year old farm house in Scandia, Washington, on a small farm called "Scandia Patch," owned and run by Dwight and Pauline Droz. Scandia Patch Press started with the technical vision of Don Taylor, the editing artistry of K. D. Kragen, and the words and poetry of Dwight and Pauline Droz. Soon other talented individuals joined the team: Jerry George, photo restoration expert and cover design artist, Janet Kragen, artist, and Lance Kragen, CD audio book production expert.

With Mr. Droz's four volume series, *Culture On The Cuff*, Scandia Patch Press joined up with Lightning Source, Inc. (a subsidiary of Ingram Industries, Inc.), to become one of the early small presses utilizing the new and revolutionary publishing technology "Print On Demand" or P.O.D. In 2004, webmaster and marketing consultant, Eric von Foerster, joined our team.

Since our first book came out, *One For The Weather*, *One For The Crow*, Scandia Patch Press has produced seven other books by Dwight R. Droz: *Arizona Bound* (with Annie Campbell); the four volume series *Culture On The Cuff*; a single volume, *The Midnight Poet*; and Dwight's eighth book, newly available, *Fishback Hill*. Last year, 2004, Scandia Patch Press began expanding production with its first new author, Geoffrey Carroll Kragen, Sr., *The Doom Of The Bridge*, and is presently considering other local authors and other publishing opportunities.

Our vision for the future: Scandia Patch Press seeks to bring together the realms of folk art and local American history in order to preserve unique perspectives of common life.

Founder and president of Scandia Patch Press, Dwight R. Droz was born in 1912 of French-speaking Swiss parents; Dwight was just a few years old when his family traveled to Cotteral, Idaho, in a Studebaker covered wagon in 1915. Growing up in the Depression years, Mr. Droz was featured as "The Idaho Poet" on a state-wide network of radio stations. In 1938 he married Edith "Pauline" Schwartz, and during the Second World War they moved to Bremerton where Mr. Droz worked as an employment counselor for the state. Retiring in the late 1960s, the Drozs started their ten-acre farm in Kitsap County called "Scandia Patch." There, for thirty years, they grew some of Western Washington's finest fruits and vegetables, hosted annual "pumpkin patch events" for local school children, and became a beloved institution of our community. Ten years ago they retired from farming and published their first book, *One for the Weather*, *One for the Crow*, an anecdotal history of Scandia Patch and the settling of the community of Scandia back to the days when the Puget Sound Mosquito Fleet plied the waters between turn-of-the-century Seattle and points west.

Reviewer's copies of all our books are available upon request from Scandia Patch Press; contact K. David Kragen, managing editor, at kdk@kdkragen.com or 206-842-5761.

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