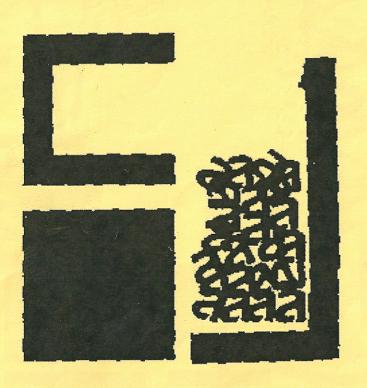
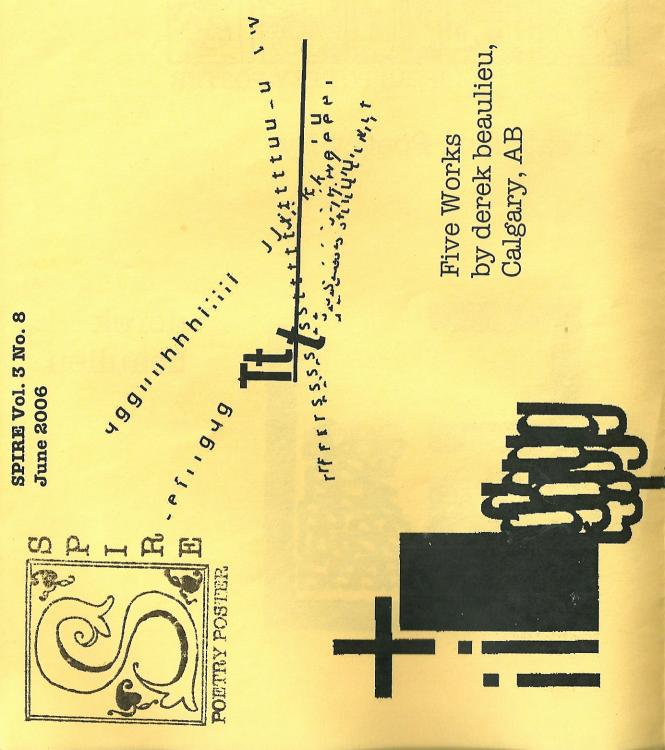
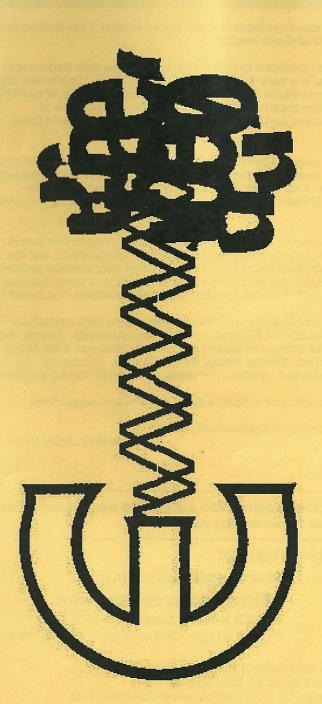


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The aesthetic tradition that drives Spire, and one that continues to motivate me, is a very visual-oriented print culture. In it's own way, Spire strives towards a convergence of a broad spectrum of new literary works with the tradition of artful printmaking. The sense of experimentation and play in beaulieu's work centers me on these origins.

You may or may not be surprised (I am!) to hear that never before has Spire run a one-poet feature. Such a first step was always considered but Brian F. Duffy never taken - I am happy for the space it has opened up for the experience of this issue. Here's looking forward to further endeavors of the like!

There are several events that Spire will be traveling to this month. Among them, the Toronto Small Press Book Fair (June 3), and the Ottawa Small Press Fair (June 17) - two absolutely premier print events in Canada. Spire just would not be the same without them. (and oh how I feel the physical distance between Alberta and Ontario this month!)

On Friday, June 2, Spire and I will be attending a very special launch party and reading for Rubicon Press's latest anthology. Among the poets Weldon G. Hunter present at the Edmonton launch are Douglas Barbour, Alice Major, Wendy McGrath, Kimmy Beach, Wendy Morton, and myself. For more information on this budding new press, please visit ww.rubiconpress.org. James Irwin

As always, thank you to Spire's many readers and supporters!

These are the things I get excited about,

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