

## Liminaire

With this issue, Patricia Seaman leaves the *Tessera* collective to focus her time and energies on her own writing. We have benefitted greatly from Patricia's creativity, wit, and intellect, her commitment to writing of quality and substance, and her ability to see potential in submissions — to locate the moment of boundary-pushing, the provocative metaphor, the deceptive simplicity of a first-person voice. We wish her the best and look forward to publishing more of her work in our pages. We also welcome Nicole Markotic as a new collective member with this issue. Nicole has published two books of poetry, *Connect the Dots* (Wolsak & Wynn, 1994) and *minotaurs and other alphabets* (Wolsak & Wynn, 1998), as well as the novel, *Yellow Pages* (Red Deer College Press, 1995). She is Assistant Professor of English at the University of Calgary, where she teaches creative writing and contemporary literature. We are excited to have Nicole aboard.