SSW Creative Writing Seminar: 2016

The workshop will take place in the historic, Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, Room 322 North Hall

3rd Floor North Hall

Day 1 - Friday July 15, 2016

9:15 - 9:45 Registration --coffee provided (if you park in the NORTH PARKING RAMP—or the parking ramp across from the IMU you will get a lower hourly rate all day IF you enter the parking lot after 9:00am.)

9:45 – 10:00 Welcome and housekeeping announcements

10:00 - 11:45 Introduction to creative writing - Ellen Szabo

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch - (on your own) [The IMU River Room café is open on week-days.]

1:00 - 2:30 Guest Speaker: Howard Butcher, PhD, RN College of Nursing, 
Impact of journal writing on caregiver stress.

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 - 5:00 pm Ellen Szabo

Mini-Lecture: Intro to Creative Writing for Social Work
Skill: identifying context for creative writing in practice
Discussion

Mini-Lecture: Writing to Feel Better
Skill: effective self-expression: fiction as memoir
Writing exercise to practice skill
Day 2  -  Saturday July 16, 2016

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8:30 – 10:30  Write on your own.
Option to schedule 30 minute individual coaching session with Ellen Szabo

11:00 - Noon  Guest Speaker:  Tiffany Flowers, *SLAM poetry*
Group photo to be taken right before lunch 😊

Noon - 1:15  Lunch (on your own) [The IMU River Room is NOT open on week-ends.]

1:15 - 4:30  Ellen Szabo
Mini-Lecture: *Writing for Social Change*
Skill: Speculative Fiction as a tool for action and advocacy
Writing exercise to practice skill

Mini-lecture: *Flash Fiction and Non Fiction*
Skill: creating precise stories that surprise and satisfy
Writing exercise to practice skill
Day 3 - Sunday July 17, 2016

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8:30 - 10:30  Write on your own or option of scheduling a 30 minute private coaching session with Ellen

11:00 - 12:30  Ellen Szabo
   Mini-lecture: **Creating characters, effective dialogue**
   Skill: creating and sustaining the illusion of ‘real’
   Writing exercise to practice skill

12:30 - 1:45  Lunch (on your own) [The River Room is NOT open on week-ends]

1:45 - 4:30  Ellen Szabo
   Mini-lecture: **Openings and Endings**
   Skill: Identifying and ‘bookending’ themes
   Writing exercise to practice skill
   Mini-lecture: **Creative editing, finding your bliss**
   Skill: attention to detail
   Writing exercise to practice skill
Day 4 - Monday July 18, 2016

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8:30 - 10:30  Write on your own or option of scheduling a 30 minute private coaching session with Ellen

10:30 - 11:45  Guest Speaker: Mallory Hellman, Iowa Youth Writing Project

Noon - 1:15  Lunch (on your own) [The IMU RiverRoom café is open on week-days.]

1:15 - 2:00  Guest Speaker: Rebecca Dickinson, Metaphoric Storytelling

2:00 - 2:15  Break

2:15 - 4:30  Sharing your work with others for community change: Writing that counts and making it matter
Ellen
Mini-lecture: Social Media, an Agent of Change
Skill: exploring social media as literary genre and change agent
Writing exercise to practice skill

4:30 - 4:45  Please complete the written evaluation form

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