SSW Creative Writing Workshop: 2015

Room 321 North Hall/Wild Bill’s Coffeeshop

Day 1 - Friday July 17, 2015

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 RiverRoom café is open on week-days.]

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

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 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 18, 2014

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

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 19, 2015

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

1:30 - 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 20, 2015

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

10:30 - Noon Guest Speaker, Rebecca Dickinson
Using Metaphoric Stories with Clients (part 1)

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

1:00 -2:00 Guest Speaker, Rebecca Dickinson, Using Metaphoric Stories (part 2)

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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