

Our Facilitator

Deborah L. Humphreys is a poet and visual artist in community practice in Newark, NJ.

A 2009 graduate of the MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts at Goddard College in Vermont, her work ranges from poetry, lyric essay, translation, and storytelling to haiga, printmaking and multimedia presentations.

Deborah is working on a collection of haiku and haiga written in English, Spanish and Irish.

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Poets' Causeway: Weekend Journey into Haiku and Haibun

A Retreat for Women Writers.
Friday April 9 – Sunday April 11, 2010

Maris Stella Retreat & Conference
Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ

Our Focus Together

We come together, awaken our senses and share the gifts of experience and imagination.

In writing haiku, form provides us with the challenge of brevity and the hope for gems of insight. With haibun, we link haiku and a prose into one form, braiding the two voices into one story.

Naturally drawn by the breeze, the early April setting sun over the bay, we anticipate a perfect season to explore exterior and interior paths.

During our time we will explore these forms in depth, the history, and their use across cultures, as well as, haiku as a process and discipline.

You are welcome to bring your musical instruments, your works of art to share, or use for a beginning point for meditation. The first night we will introduce ourselves with a small offering of poetry or prose.

An open public reading will be held on Saturday night.. Join us—sojourners, poets, storytellers, and musicians.

Retreat Schedule & Registration Information

This is a time apart for serious writers to reflect with one another and to use both the space of time and beauty of the place to write together and by oneself.

Friday, April 9, 2010

5:00 PM Arrival and check-in at Conference Center

6:00 PM Dinner at the Conference Center

8:00 PM Gathering,

introduction, overview, sharing, expectations and a small offering of poetry or prose to start our time.

Saturday, April 10, 2010

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:45 AM Session 1: Priming the Pump
Exercises, break

10:15 AM Session 2: Stepping out of Place
Exercises, break

Noon: Lunch and free time

2:00 PM: Session 3: Haiku and Haibun

7:00 PM Open Public Reading

Sunday, April 11, 2010

8:00 AM Breakfast

Session 4: Practice/Praxis

Gathering/Wrap-up


12:00 PM Departure

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____


Cost: \$150 (includes lodging, meals and non-refundable \$50 deposit) due by March 10th to:

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