

2022 Farm, Forest, & River Writers Retreat Schedule

Monday/Pholia Farm

8:30-9:00	Arrive, coffee, tea
9:00-9:30	Introductions, overview, orientation to farm
9:30-10:30	Structuring your writing commitment. Prompts, word count, goal setting, critique groups, and more.
10:30-10:45	Nature Walk
10:45-11:15	Quiet Writing
11:15-12:00	Skill Building: Critical Reading and analysis. Bring one or two books you admire and one or more that you don't.
12:00-1:00	Lunch, Free time
1:00-2:15	Guest Speaker: Michael Neimann, award winning thriller and suspense author
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:15	Skill building: The power of a sentence. Rewriting another's work as a way of exploring voice and tone.
3:15-4:00	Quiet writing

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Tuesday/ Pholia Farm

8:30-9:00	Arrive, coffee, tea
9:00-10:00	Group discussion: Sharing of sentence reworking exercise
10:00-11:00	Quiet writing
11:00-11:15	Nature Walk
11:15-12:00	Skill Building: Studying story arcs, plot points, structure. The importance of these in almost all successful novels, movies, etc.
12:00-1:00	Lunch, Free time
1:00-1:45	Skill Building: Rewriting another's work: Changing Tense
1:45-2:00	Break, move to Zoom Viewing area
2:30-3:00	Guest Speaker: Susan DeFreitas on Story Medicine
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-4:00	Guest Speaker: Casey Dunn Award winning fantasy and gothic thriller author.
End	Reminder of tomorrow's location, directions. Bring river shoes if you'd like to wade in river.

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Wednesday/Pholia Riverhouse

8:30-9:00	Arrive, coffee, tea, orientation to property
9:00-9:45	Sharing of Tuesday's rewriting exercises
9:45-10:30	Quiet Writing
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:15	Quiet Writing
11:15-12:00	Skill Building: Rewriting another's work: Changing Point of View
12:00-1:00	Lunch, Free time
1:00-2:15	Guest Speaker: Edwin Battistella and Christopher Schockey on non-fiction. Proposals, platforms, etc.
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:15	Quiet Writing
3:15-4:00	Guest Speaker: Maud Powell. Author of historical middle grade fiction

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Thursday/Pholia Farm

8:30-9:00	Arrive, coffee, tea
9:00-9:45	Group sharing of Wednesday's rewriting exercise.
9:45-10:30	Quiet Writing
10:30-10:45	Nature Walk
10:45-11:45	Tools for writers: Scrivener, Dabble, Grammarly, ProWriting Aid, Beta Readers, Publishers Marketplace
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:45	Writing Query letters, searching for agents, small publishers, considering self-publishing
1:45-2:00	Quick break, move to Zoom viewing area
2:00-3:00	Guest Speaker: Rick Bleiweiss on his debut cozy mystery and industry insights.
3:00-4:00	Wrap Up: Going forward with your craft. Discuss goals, set goals. Wine and Cheese celebration.