



Dying to Write

The CONFERENCE TO ATTEND if you are a writer of Horror, Dark Fiction, Supernatural, Thriller or Suspense

DATES: April 1 ~ 3, 2011
Canaan Valley Resort
Davis, West Virginia

exciting! eventful! extreme!

The CONFERENCE TO ATTEND for writers (*established or aspiring*) of speculative fiction!

horror-filled writing workshops! guided ghost adventures!
macabre costume party!

Uncertainty and mystery are the energies of life.

~ R. L. Fitzhenry

Visit www.dyingtowrite.com for additional retreat information or email to: lesas@frontier.com

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AGENDA & REGISTRATION FORM

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 2011

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Check in/registration. Check in at the lodge registration desk for your rooms and they will direct you to the downstairs meeting room for the conference registration.

8:00pm til they throw us out!

Kick off the retreat with our **Mayhem Mixer Costume Party (aka: meet & greet thriller)** Dress in your best literary horror haute couture and join us in the Laurel Lounge for a cash bar mixer. Fan-voted awards given for the most creative costumes on Sunday morning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011

10:00am – 11:30pm: Crime Scene Investigation with Kerrie Cathcart: A scene from a horror novel comes to life with you as the investigator. Test your sleuthing skills and solve the horrific who-done-it. Prize to the winner!

12Noon – 3:30pm: R.I.P. (rest, read, relax in peace)

This is your down time to enjoy the eerily haunting beauty of your surrounding, catch up on your sleep from staying up late with the lights on, or grab a bite to eat.

3:30pm – 5:30pm: Guest Instructor: Micheal Knost. Workshop Topic: Developing Monsters . . . Human and Otherwise

5:30pm – 8:00pm: R.I.P. (rest, read, relax in peace)

8:00pm – 10:00pm (or later): "Haunted History and the Paranormal." Learn how to research, explore and write about the darker side of history with paranormal investigator and author, **Sherri Brake**. Weather permitting, Sherri will follow her class with a ghost hunt through the valley. Bring a flashlight & weather-appropriate clothing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

9:00am – 10:00pm: Closing & prizes awarded.

Retreat Cost is \$169 per person and *does not* include lodging, meals or beverages (cash bar.) Registration fee includes: Participation in all retreat events listed above. If you are staying at the lodge, all resort amenities are included with your room.

To reserve your room at Canaan Valley Resort: Lodge rooms are available for the Dying to Write Retreat at a special rate of \$49 a night per person (excludes taxes and resort fees.) Contact the resort directly at 304-866-4121. Be sure to mention the Dying to Write Conference when you call.

Shopping: Our speakers will have their books and merchandise for sale at the Retreat, so bring plenty of spending money.

REGISTRATION FORM: Dying to Write Conference (this does not include lodging)

**** Registration Deadline: March 15, 2011 ****

Payments by check or money order only. Complete this form and mail it along with your payment of \$169 to: Lesa Smith, 3401 River Lane, Charleston, WV 25306. Please include Dying to Write in the memo. Address questions to lesas@frontier.com
This registration form and payment must be received by March 15, 2011.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL: _____ Yes. I will be staying at the lodge. ____ No. I will not be staying at the lodge.

We are delighted you are attending the Dying to Write Retreat (insert ominous laughter here.) Please share a little about yourself and why are you attending this retreat?

Cancellation Policy: There is a \$25 non-refundable charge. If cancellations are made before March 22, 2011, a full refund (less \$25) will be given. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after the deadline of March 22, 2011. By initialing this form, you are indicating you have read and understand the cancellation policy. No registration will be accepted without initialing. _____ (initial here.)