

Registration for Writing Retreat

Date of retreat for which you are registering: _____

(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number(s): Home: _____ Other: _____

Email address: _____

If you have never participated in an AWA/AWAI workshop, training, or retreat, please supply us with the names and telephone numbers of two people, not family members, who are willing to act as references for you.

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Please attach the following:

1. A personal statement about your own writing: experience, hopes, fears?
2. A sample of your writing. This can be any of the following:

- 3-5 pages double-spaced of journal writing
- 3 – 5 published or performed work
- A short story
- 3 poems or song lyrics
- A scene from a play
- A personal essay

The point is not to judge your writing, but to become a bit acquainted with your voice. There are times set aside for private conferences, which are optional. You may use that time just to have a private conversation with Pat, or You may have a response from her to something you have sent. If

you are sending a manuscript for critique by Pat, please mark that manuscript at the top of the first page "FOR CRITIQUE." Pat will respond to 10 pages double spaced prose or 6 poems. If you are sending a chapter or a short story or a play scene, include all the pages, but the critique will be limited to 10 pages of prose or six poems.

Recommendation: It is recommended that you read section one of Pat's book, *Writing Alone & With Others*, Oxford University Press, before attending the retreat. A signed copy can be ordered from Pat, (contact information below; an invoice will be sent with shipment.) Unsigned copies may be purchased in bookstores or through Amazon.com.

Tuition: Four-day retreats (Friday evening through Monday afternoon) \$500 (\$400 for alumni of Pat's events). Please note cost increase for 2006: Four-day retreats \$600 (\$550 for alumni of Pat's events). The fee includes catered lunches and Sunday dinner, all with vegetarian choices. Continental breakfasts are also provided. Housing is not included. A list of possible area accommodations is available upon request.

Allergies: Are you allergic to cats? Yes No (Please circle)

We have one short-haired housecat named "Nellie" who is confined to our bedroom during retreats. We do not have wall-to-wall carpets, and floors are professionally cleaned weekly. Persons with allergies should not sleep in our home, but consistent reports from participants are that cat dander is not a problem unless an allergy is severe.

Do you have any food allergies? _____

Are you allergic to any other substances? If yes, please list:

When completed, please send this application, along with your \$100 deposit, to:

Pat Schneider
Amherst Writers & Artists
P.O. Box 1076
Amherst, MA 01004

The deposit is non-refundable, but may be applied to a future retreat within one calendar year if (1) you cancel no later than six weeks before the retreat for which you registered, or (2) you cancel later than six weeks prior, and Pat can replace you with someone on the waiting list. The balance of the fee is due 6 weeks prior to the retreat.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. You can contact Pat at: 413-253-6353 or pat@amherstwriters.com. Peter, who handles all the financial matters, can be reached at 413-253-7764, or peter@amherstwriters.com

For further information about Pat Schneider: www.patschneider.com