



The Prairie Lands Writing Project announces its 16th Annual

Writing Retreat

6 p.m. Friday, June 7, through 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9, 2019, at
Conception Abbey, Conception, MO: www.conceptionabbey.org



The Retreat Offers:

- **TIME**—to reflect, to converse with fellow writers, to break away from life's distractions, and mostly *to write*
- **SUPPORT**—a community of National Writing Project Teacher Consultants who can help develop all types of writing and offer publishing advice
- **FOCUS**—a quiet, meditative environment where participants can focus on writing

Special Features:

- **GENRE FREEDOM**—This retreat is open to all kinds of writing: creative and professional, fiction and nonfiction, poetry, memoir, and other forms.
- **GUEST EDITOR**—Dr. Marianne Kunkel (MWSU) will give a talk on publishing and be available for individual conversations on Saturday. Marianne is the author of the chapbook *The Laughing Game* (Finishing Line Press) as well as poems that have appeared in *Notre Dame Review*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *Poet Lore*, *Columbia Poetry Review*, and elsewhere. She served as managing editor of *Prairie Schooner* at UNL and currently serves as editor-in-chief of MWSU's *The Mochila Review*.
- **OPTIONAL WRITING MARATHON**—Prairie Lands Writing Project Director Dr. Susan Martens will lead an optional writing marathon on Saturday morning.
- **OPTIONAL GRADUATE CREDIT**—Participants may register for one Missouri Western State University graduate credit hour: EDU/ENG 502 Professional Learning Community: Professional Writing Retreat. Dr. Susan Martens, PLWP Director, will serve as graduate instructor. The graduate credit fee is \$75. This course counts toward several [MWSU graduate degrees](#).
- **AFFORDABILITY**—Cost is **\$175** (includes two nights' lodging in a private room at the Abbey and five meals) or **\$250** if graduate credit is desired.

Registration deadline: May 5. For more information or to begin registration, email PLWP Director Susan Martens at smartens@missouriwestern.edu. Include your name, email, school and/or NWP site affiliation, evening phone, and grad credit option. Your check must be received by May 5 to reserve a space and finalize your registration. **Note:** The retreat is limited to 20 participants; preference will be given to NWP Teacher Consultants.