The Prairie Lands Writing Project announces its 17th Annual Writing Retreat

6 p.m. Friday, June 12, through 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2020
at Conception Abbey, Conception, MO: www.conceptionabbey.org

The Retreat Offers:

- **TIME, SUPPORT, FOCUS**—Using the gift of time for our own writing and reflection, we collaborate to create a supportive community of teachers-writers within the quiet, contemplative setting of Conception Abbey.
- **GENRE FREEDOM**—All types of writing are welcome, including creative, professional, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir, and other forms.
- **GUEST EDITOR**—Dr. Marianne Kunkel will give a talk on publishing and be available for individual consultations. Marianne is Assistant Professor of Creative Writing and Publishing at Missouri Western State University. She is also the author of *Hilary, Made Up* (Stephen F. Austin University Press) and *The Laughing Game* (Finishing Line Press) as well as poems that have appeared in *Notre Dame Review*, *Hayden’s Ferry Review*, *Columbia Poetry Review*, and elsewhere. She served as managing editor of *Prairie Schooner* at UNL and currently serves as editor-in-chief for MWSU’s *Mochila Review*.
- **OPTIONAL WRITING MARATHON**—Prairie Lands Writing Project Director, Dr. Susan Martens, Associate Professor of English at MWSU, will lead an optional writing marathon on Saturday morning. Small groups will write and share at locations and around the Abbey.
- **OPTIONAL GRADUATE CREDIT**—Participants may register for one MWSU graduate credit hour: EDU/ENG 502 Professional Learning Community: Professional Writing Retreat. Dr. Susan Martens will serve as graduate instructor. The graduate credit fee is $75, plus MWSU fees. This course counts toward two MWSU graduate programs (Master of Applied Science in Writing Assessment and Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing).
- **AFFORDABILITY**—Cost is $190, which includes two nights’ lodging in a private room at the Abbey and six meals. Graduate tuition and fees will be paid separately to MWSU.

Registration deadline: May 15. For more information or to reserve a space, 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. **Note:** The retreat is limited to 16 participants; preference will be given to NWP Teacher Consultants.