



The Prairie Lands Writing Project announces its 14th Annual

Writing Retreat

6 p.m. Friday, June 9, through 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 2017
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, plus MWSU's one-time graduate application fee of \$45, if not already paid. This course counts toward several MWSU graduate degrees. (See <https://plwp.missouriwestern.edu/graduate> for details).
- **AFFORDABILITY**—Cost is **\$175** (includes two nights' lodging in a private room at the Abbey and six meals) OR **\$250** for the retreat plus one graduate credit hour.

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 20 participants; preference will be given to NWP Teacher Consultants.