



Event Announcement

Writing Workshop

Haskell Free Library and Opera House
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The Haskell Free Library and Opera House will hold a series of six English language workshops that center on creative writing. We will hold these workshops on Friday afternoons between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM in the library between April 5, 2024 and May 10, 2024.

The facilitator for these workshops will be Marguerite Dunlop. Marguerite has participated in many writing workshops over the past 33 years. She has not only conducted private workshops in her home for several years, but has also conducted writing workshops at the Haskell. In addition she has presented a writing workshop at the Colby Curtis Museum. Marguerite's goal for her workshops is to make... "any workshop I moderate to simply be fun and that is the way It has been with the workshops I've led so far."

Each workshop will be organized into three steps.

Step One: A warm up exercise of about 10 minutes length. The subject would vary but one example of this warm up exercise might be for the participants to describe a place they have lived or visited, or a fictional place to which they have been drawn. Each participant would be asked to read their narrative out loud and the listeners would have to guess whether the narrative describes a real or fictional place.

Step Two: Each participant is given a prompt in the form of an envelope that contains a paper with a first sentence written upon it. The participant's challenge is to then write a narrative that adds to the story introduced by the sentence. Once again each participant reads their story out loud and the listeners offer positive comments or suggestions.

Step Three: This is a repeat of Step 2 but with different prompts. One possibility would be for the facilitator to scatter old restaurant menus on a table. Each participant would choose one and write a story that is inspired by them.

Each participant would be required to supply their own notebook and writing instrument. If you are interested in participating in these workshops, please call the library and register for them as there is limited space.