

{ Writing from the Heart: }

A GUIDED CREATIVE WRITERS' STUDIO

with Dr. Donna K. Wallace
NY Times Bestselling Author & Spiritual Director

“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.”
— Maya Angelou

Have you dreamed of writing a novel or memoir?

Do you have a story that needs to be told, but just don't know how to start – or finish?

Are there parts of your story that need to be held safe for awhile?

Dr. Donna K. Wallace writes, “The first novel I ever wrote was by far the most difficult. I'd written with and for other authors for over a decade, but I was paralyzed when it came to my own writing. God put a passion in my heart to tell my story, and it wouldn't go away. I was faced with the reality that I could not make the journey alone.”

Like numerous others, you too can go from zero to “The End” with the gentle instruction, inspiration, and friendship of Dr. Wallace. In the safe place she creates, finally you can explore that unwritten masterpiece and take your first steps towards seeing it in print.

BY “INVITATION ONLY”... *you are invited*

to join a group of women and participate in a small Guided Writers' Studio.

One's surroundings are paramount to his or her ability to rest and create and there's no place more spectacular than Big Sky Country or with as much breathing room as the Mission Ranch Lodge. As luxurious as it is historic, the Mission Ranch Lodge is nestled at the base of the breathtaking Absaroka Mountain Range east of Livingston, Montana.

Breathe deep, rest, discover. Your storied journey begins now....

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sponsored in part by Mission Ranch Lodge with special guest Zena Dell Lowe, the schedule is as follows:

1

Three-Day "Creative Formation" Writers' Retreat

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 15 at 12:00 pm to
Sunday, Feb. 17 at 12:00 pm

WHERE: Mission Ranch Lodge
26 S. Frontage Road East
Livingston, MT 59047
www.missionranchlodge.com



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L O D G E

WHAT: At this 3-day "Creative Formation" Retreat, you will learn the craft of writing as you get away to rest, pray, listen to your heart, gain tools for getting your story on paper, and find support from women who will stay with you for the long haul. With Zena's 3-Act Structure, you'll see your story arc come to life from start to finish.

- Guided Writing and Workshop Sessions
 - Shutting the Door
 - What's in Your Drawer?
 - Kicking and Screaming, "Yes."
 - Participating with Mystery and Muse
 - Finding Your Story—3 Act Structure Hollywood Style
 - It's All About Character
 - Letting Conflict Drive
 - Mastering Visual Images
 - Living in Exile
 - It's a Wrap
- Group Writing Exercises and trusted companionship with other writers
- Food and Lodging for the entire weekend

Three-Day “Creative Formation” Writers’ Retreat – *continued*

GOOD coffee and tea are available early in the morning and throughout the day. We have fresh fruit, nuts and other healthy snacks for you to enjoy when you need to take a short break from your work. We offer delicious options for those with gluten and dairy allergies.

Many artists create better at night, so we keep the fireside room available and quiet for a night session of writing at 9:30 p.m.

COST: \$500

(Original cost: \$750. The Mission Ranch Lodge has graciously offered to underwrite \$250/guest for this introductory offer!)

2

OPTIONAL RETREAT OPTIMIZER

Private One-On-One coaching w/ Donna during the retreat

Donna, our very own book doctor, will be available to read and respond or listen for the places in your writing that sing, or come up short, and spots where you only see long trails of pause. She knows just the questions to ask that will open the way that once looked closed.

Get ready to recognize your brilliance!

COST: \$275

3

OPTIONAL SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR REAL LIFE:

Three months of continued One-On-One coaching with Donna
March 1 through May 31, 2013
at a discounted rate

- Manuscript evaluation
- Weekly writing prompts via email
- Spiritual guidance, support and encouragement
- Discounted rates for further coaching, editing and proposals
- Possible referral to agents and publishers on qualifying projects

COST: \$275

“After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world.”

— Philip Pullman

Join us for this multi-sensory, unforgettable experience. With Dr. Donna K. Wallace's experience as a professional collaborator, published author, and spiritual director, you can write your story, once and for all.

TO REGISTER: Please email or call Donna:
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ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED

\$150 DEPOSIT IS DUE DECEMBER 15, 2012

MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE



About Dr. Donna K. Wallace

Dr. Donna K. Wallace, touches people. With passionate understanding and compassion, she impacts people of all ages with high energy and interactive story. Donna has penned twenty international bestselling books with accomplished speakers, physicians, therapists, and celebrities. Her most recent collaborative project *The Healthy Home* (Vanguard Press, 2011) with Wentz & Wentz is a *New York Times* bestseller. Dr. Wallace receives rave reviews from her audiences whether in person, on stage, or in print. She and her husband, James, live in Bozeman, Montana.

Testimonials

"One of the best things a new writer can have is an experienced mentor -- one who has walked the path ahead and knows what publishers want and what makes for strong, commercial writing. That's why I love this seminar with Donna K. Wallace. A proven teacher, an experienced, New York Times bestselling writer, willing to spend time with you and walk you through the process? What a great idea."

-- Chip MacGregor, President of MacGregor Literary Inc.

Reading your manuscript was like putting on lotion after sitting in the sun for eight hours. This was one of the cleanest to cross my desk this year, and its accessibility in tone and content made an impression on me as well as others on our team. Great job, Donna – thanks for putting in the effort to make this a terrific read.

– Chris Park, Senior Editor, Center Street, Hachette Book Group USA, New York, NY 10020

Donna, Donna, Donna—my collaborator and friend. It cannot be easy to climb into this head of mine and make the thoughts, the ideas, and the passion come to life. Somehow, you did it! I value your talent and your heart. For your creativity, your guidance, and your attention to detail, I thank you.

– Monica Reed, M.D., Author, Senior Medical Officer of Florida Hospital, the largest admitting hospital in America. www.creationhealth.com

About Zena Dell Lowe and Mission Ranch Lodge

Zena is a screenwriter, producer, and filmmaker living in Bozeman, Montana, and one of the owners of the Mission Ranch and Mission Ranch Lodge. She also teaches classes on screenwriting and playwriting as an adjunct professor at Covenant College in Georgia, performs with the acclaimed Vigilante Theatre Company around Montana, and is the director of theatre arts at Journey Church in Bozeman. Zena has several projects in the works, including her untitled feature script for actress Maria Canals Barrera (*Wizards of Waverly Place*), and her semi-autobiographical feature, "*Home for the Bewildered*," which is slated to begin production next fall. Currently, she is also attempting to write her very first novel, because she's a glutton for punishment.

