

Knoxville Writers' Guild to Host Poetry Writing Retreat

The Knoxville Writers' Guild will host a poetry writing retreat on November 15, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the former Orr Mountain Winery building between Sweetwater and Madisonville, Tennessee. The instructor will be poet and teacher KB Ballentine. The deadline for registering is November 1.

So much of our writing is based on personal experience through the lens of self. This workshop will focus on developing writing skills based on external prompts and stimuli. As we learn to look outward, we develop a whole new set of experiences from which to write and acquire a brand new "reference library." Bring pen and paper, partial poems, complete poems, and even the "failed" poems you just can't give up. Be ready to write, write, and write!

KB Ballentine teaches English and theatre arts to high school and college students. She has attended writing academies in both America and Britain. In 2006 she was a finalist for the Joy Harjo Poetry Award and in 2006 and 2007 was awarded a prize from the Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Memorial Fund. Her first collection of poems, *Gathering Stones*, was published in 2008 by Celtic Cat Publishing. She is a member of the Chattanooga Writers' Guild.

The workshop is limited to 16 participants. The cost, which includes a catered lunch, is \$95 for members of the Knoxville Writers' Guild and the Chattanooga Writers' Guild and \$115 for nonmembers.

REGISTRATION FORM for Poetry Workshop

November 15, 2008

Cost \$95 KWG members; \$115 nonmembers (including lunch)

Name _____ e-mail _____

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Check to Knoxville Writers' Guild enclosed for _____

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