

# 2024 FREDERICKSBURG WRITING RETREAT AGENDA



|               | Monday 10/7                     | Tuesday 10/8                       | Wednesday 10/9                            | Thursday 10/10                | Friday 10/11                  |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00AM        | Check in/Arrival                | Breakfast - Provided by Hotel      | Breakfast - Provided by Hotel             | Breakfast - Provided by Hotel | Breakfast - Provided by Hotel |
| 9:00AM        |                                 | Writing Sprints                    | Enchanted Rock                            | Workshop Review               | Communal Story                |
| 10:00AM       | Meet & Greet                    | Learning Session                   | ↓   | ↓                             | ↓                             |
| 11:00AM       |                                 | Writing Sprints                    | ↓   | ↓                             | ↓                             |
| 12:00PM       | Welcome Lunch - Lunch Sampler   | Lunch @ Hotel - Rathskellar Bistro | Lunch @ Hotel - Woerner Warehouse         | Lunch @ Sunday Supply Cafe    | Lunch @ Texas Sunrise         |
| 1:00PM        | Icebreaker - Storytelling Games |                                    | Free Write + Introduce Workshop Structure | Workshop Review               |                               |
| 2:00PM        | Interviewing Your Character     | Wine Tasting @ Wildseed Farms      | ↓   | ↓                             |                               |
| 3:00PM        |                                 | ↓                                  | ↓   | Workshop                      | Departure                     |
| 4:00PM        | Learning Session                |                                    | Main St. Shopping                         | ↓                             |                               |
| 5:00PM        | Writing Sprints                 |                                    | ↓   | ↓                             |                               |
| 6:00PM        | Dinner @ Hotel - West End Pizza | Dinner @ Hotel - Pasta Bella       | Dinner @ Auslander                        | Dinner @ Hill & Vine          |                               |
| 7:00PM        | Free Write                      | Massages                           | Velvet Lounge Karaoke Bar                 | Massages                      |                               |
| <b>To Do:</b> | Schedule massage with Paul, LMT |                                    | Submit Chapter for Workshop               |                               |                               |

# WHAT IS THIS ACTIVITY?

**Communal Story:** We'll start with a prompt, each person begins their story. After 10 minutes, we'll pass the stories to the left and continue where the others left off. We'll stop when your original story comes back to you.

**Free Write:** Write at your discretion and at your own pace. Choose what you work on, although we recommend working on the chapter you plan to submit for workshop.

**Icebreaker - Storytelling Games:** We will have board games related to storytelling that we will play. They are called "Once Upon a Time" and "Ransom Notes."

**Interviewing Your Character:** Get to know a character in your novel! (Usually the main character, but can be any character that needs development). Introduce this character to the group and they will ask questions about your character's personality to help you flesh them out. You'll do the same for them.

**Learning Session:** We will have 2 learning sessions to help you with your craft. Topics TBD.

**Main St. Shopping:** Main St. is filled with unique, local shops. Shop boutiques, antiques, sample food, and discover places related to German culture.

**Massages:** Our LMT, Paul, is offering one complimentary massage. You must schedule with him on Monday to reserve your time slot.

**Workshop:** Critique and be critiqued. Submit your story for others to read and review. You'll be reviewing theirs as well. Check out the Workshop Instructions document for further details.

**Workshop Review:** In preparation for workshop, this time is dedicated to reading, reviewing, and prepping your comments on others' submitted stories.

**Writing Sprints:** 30 minutes of uninterrupted writing. Don't stop typing! Word count is key here; don't worry about grammar or quality.

## Helpful Info

**Hotel Info:** Peach Tree Inn

**Avg Temp in Fredericksburg:** H: 80°

L: 57°

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