

Saturday Writers (Chapter of MWG) All-Day Workshop & First Annual Silent Auction

October 29, 2011

Where: St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre, 1 St. Peters Centre Blvd, St. Peters, Mo. 63376

When: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Time: Registration begins at 9:00 am. Workshop ends at 3:15 pm

Agenda:

9:00 am - 9:30 am: Registration, Announcements, Silent Auction Rules, Bidding Begins, Mingle

9:30 am - 11:00 am: Becky Haigler (with a short break)

11:00 am - 11:30 am: Lunch (brown bag) & Silent Auction Bidding, Door Prizes Given Out

11:30 am - 2:30 pm: Barri Bumgarner, (with short break or two), Door Prizes, and Last Minute Bidding

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm: Bidding Ends at 3:00 pm, Conclude Meeting, Mingle, Announce Silent Auction Winners

Workshop Part 1 Writer, editor, and publisher **Becky Haigler** speaks on -- **Jumpstarting Your Muse**. (1 ½ hours). Participants are encouraged to share strategies that have proven useful in keeping them engaged with the writing process. Haigler will lead short exercises in writing and brainstorming to “stir up the gift within.” Becky Haigler is a retired public school teacher and an editor/founding partner in Silver Boomer Books. She is a poet and the author of a collection of magic realism stories titled *Not So Grimm: Gentle Fables and Cautionary Tales* from Laughing Cactus Press.

Part 2: Writer, professor **Barri Bumgarner** -- **What Lies Within. Writing About What You Don't Want to Know** (3 hours). Fear lurks in many places—our checkbook, the lines we see in the mirror, or an eight-legged nemesis scuttling along a baseboard. Tapping in to those fears, recognizing and releasing our inner demons, is the outlet many authors need to access their muse. In this interactive session, author and college writing instructor Barri L. Bumgarner will inspire participants to create possible topics, share ideas, and write. Bring your laptop, your imagination, and the key to unlock what you have hidden.

Barri L. Bumgarner's “The Dark Side” appears in *Mysteries of the Ozarks Vol. III*. Her YA novel, *Dregs*, was runner-up for the Walter Williams Major Work Award in 2008, and her thriller, *Slipping*, received MWG's Best Fiction 2006, runner-up. Her true crime book, *Shades of Gray: The Steven Rios Story*, is set for a 2013 release. Bumgarner teaches at the University of Missouri while completing her PhD.

~~ This workshop is for both beginners and published writers. Don't be apprehensive about attending! No one will intimidate you or make you read out loud. ~~

Registration Form

Workshop Fees

***Cash or Check Only**

(Due date: October 20, 2011)

Saturday Writers Member: \$30.00 Name/address/phone/e-mail:

Non-Members: \$35.00 Name/address/phone/e-mail:

After the 20th and at the door: \$40.00

(for both members and non-members)

Name/address/etc. _____

Checks may be mailed to: Saturday Writers, PO Box 2093, St. Peters, Mo. 63376

* Do NOT send cash in the mail. * Cash may be used to pay at the door. *

Seating is limited. Register early to guarantee a space.

Questions?

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Or call: 636-875-3972.