

# Writer Retreat at Squires Manor B&B

## 418 West Pleasant St. Maquoketa, Iowa 52160

Date: Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> (1pm check-in)  
Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (check-out 11am)

### Registration Information

Registration for the Squires Manor Writers' Retreat is \$395 per person. Your registration fee includes all meals & snacks, all program materials, take-a-ways to help you make the most of your experience, individual creative application time, and eight learning sessions. It does not include your lodging at the B&B. Please book your room as soon as you can at [www.squiersmanor.com](http://www.squiersmanor.com).

### Retreat Deposit

Because Squires Manor has limited overnight capacity, registrations will be handled on a first-come-first-serve basis. After you have secured your room, you may send your \$50 non-refundable retreat deposit to reserve your place at the workshops. Deposits are due Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> If you are sharing a room with someone else who is also registering for the retreat, please note that with your deposit.

### Checks for deposits and payments can be mailed to:

Carol Edwards Denekas Author  
417 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Dyersville, Iowa 52040

\*\*\*Please include Squires Manor Writers' Retreat on the check memo line.

\*\*\*Communication by email/phone is always acceptable, share with others as needed:

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### Dates to know

Retreat Dates: **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Deposit Due: **Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Final Retreat Payment Due: **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Retreat Registration Cancellation Deadline to receive all but the \$50 deposit back. **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Communications**

Once you send in your deposit, you will then be on the list to receive further communication pieces for this retreat. You will receive an email soon after July 21 with all the retreat details you will need to make your stay a success.

### **How do I prepare for the Squires Manor Writers' Retreat?**

This retreat is designed for the writer who has a novel, series of stories, poems, etc. started and is ready to work with diligence and detail on their work. Your work doesn't have to be completed but you should have enough body done to allow you to utilize the retreat to its maximum potential. So, the best thing you can do to prepare yourself for this retreat is dust off your literary works and work on them over the course of the next few months. You may wish to bring electronic devices as we will have wireless internet available for our use during the retreat.

I hope the above answers most of your questions; but I am always available to answer any that may come up.

Take care and Keep Writing!

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## Squires Manor Writing Retreat, Maquoketa, IA August 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Itinerary:

#### Sunday, August 13, 2017

- 1pm Check in: You will receive your room key but may not have access to your room until later, depending on the check-out time of the previous occupant. Please leave your bags in your car when you first come in to register.
- 1:30pm **Session 1** begins (1:30pm – 3:30pm)
  - Establish Retreat structure
  - Retreat goals for each writer
  - Presented lesson: Description and Setting
- 3:30pm Room access if we have not settled in yet (3:30-4pm)
- 4pm **Session 2** begins (4pm - 6pm)
  - Presented lesson: Getting to Know & Introducing Your Characters
  - Free Individual Write Time
- 6pm Dinner Break (6pm – 7:20pm: we will be catering this in)
- 7:30pm **Session 3** begins (7:30pm – 8:30pm)
  - Open Group Share (no group critique)
- 9:30pm Snack, bedtime, individual work time
- 9:30pm Presenter available (9pm -10:30pm)

#### Monday, August 14, 2017

- 8am Breakfast (family style in the B&B dining room)
- 9am **Session 4** begins (9am - Noon)
  - Presented lesson: Dialogue
  - Free Individual Write Time
- Noon Lunch Break (Noon – 1pm)
- 1:30pm **Session 5** begins (1:30pm – 3:30pm)
  - Presented lesson: Show, Don't Tell
  - Free Individual Write Time
- 3:30pm Snack Break
- 4pm **Session 6** begins (4pm – 6pm)
  - Optional Group Peer Review
  - Free Individual Write Time
- 6pm Dinner Break (6pm – 7:00pm)

- 7:30pm **Session 7** (7pm – 8pm)
  - Group Share
- 9pm Snack, bedtime, individual work time
- 9pm Presenter available (8:30pm – 10:30pm)

### Tuesday, August 15, 2017

- 8am Breakfast
- 8am Room Check out (8am – 9am)
- 9am **Session 8** begins (9am – 11am)
  - Where Do I Go From Here?
  - Goals
  - Closing Q&A

## The Squires Manor Writer Retreat Registration Form

(please send this form in with your check)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register to attend The Squires Manor Writer Retreat August 13<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark all that applies to you:

I'm enclosing my non-refundable \$50 deposit for this retreat.

I'm enclosing the full retreat registration fee of \$395. I understand that all but the \$50 non-refundable deposit may be returned if requested by Friday, July 21.

I am enclosing my non-refundable \$50 deposit for this retreat and would like to make payments on the remaining \$345 balance.

Please call me to set up a payment schedule.

I can be reached best: day evening weekend  
(Please circle)

I will use the suggested payment plan of \$172.50 a month for June & July payments.

I would love to attend this retreat but I need help with these payments, please call me. I can be reached best: day evening weekend  
(Please circle)

**Office Use Only:** Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Registered or Returned