

Mountain Writers Series



Dickinson and Whitman for Writers

a writing workshop
with Annie Lighthart

February 21 & 28, 2015

two Saturday sessions

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Multnomah Friends Meeting House
4312 S.E. Stark Street, Portland, OR

Dickinson and Whitman for Writers — Come write, read, and sit at the table with two remarkable poetry guides: Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman. Instead of seeing these poets as untouchable literary ancestors, in this two-part workshop we'll take a look at the very practical things we can learn from them as fellow writers who loved and struggled with this craft. Together we'll read poems by each author (Dickinson the first session, Whitman the second) and try a variety of writing exercises suggested by their work and ideas. We'll see, for example, what happens when we bring Dickinson's famous dashes into our own poems or when we stretch out into Whitman's long lines. If you've been wary of either poet, or simply curious about them, this is a great way to make discoveries about their writing, as well as your own. All levels of experience welcome.

Date & Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Saturday, Feb. 21 & 28, 2015

Cost: \$100 (two three-hour Saturday sessions)

Enrollment: Minimum 4; maximum 12

Place: Room 23, Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark, Portland OR

Register at www.mountainwriters.org or send check payable **Mountain Writers** to 2804 SE 27th, #2, Portland, OR 97202.

— **Annie Lighthart** is the author of *Iron String*, published by Airlie Press in 2013. She earned an MFA in Poetry from Vermont College of Fine Arts and has taught at Boston College, as a poet in the schools, and with community groups of all ages. Annie's poetry has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and published in *Hunger Mountain*, *Cimarron Review*, *The Greensboro Review* and other journals. She writes and teaches in and around Portland, Oregon.



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