

Mountain Writers Series



Creative Non-fiction
A Writing Workshop
with Barbara Drake

February 24 - March 31 2015

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Multnomah Friends Meeting House
4312 SE Stark, Portland 97215

Creative Non-fiction: A Writing Workshop. This is an informal creative writing workshop suitable for adults with mixed levels of experience. Creative non-fiction uses techniques of fiction to tell stories that are true. Life crises, family, character studies, food writing, natural history, pets, childhood memories, beliefs, interests, and obsessions are just a few possible topics. In-class writing exercises will help to find ideas and learn writing techniques. Emphasis will be on the very short creative essay, usually from one to three pages. We will share work and make friendly, constructive comments to help turn ideas into stories that are entertaining and interesting to others.

Meets: 6:00 - 9:00 PM, Tuesdays, February 24- March 31 [no class March 24]

Cost: \$290 (6 three-hour sessions)

Enrollment: Maximum 10/minimum 4 participants

Location: Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark, Portland 97215

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

Barbara Drake is the author of both nonfiction and poetry. Her newest book, *Morning Light* (Oregon State University Press, 2014), is a memoir describing life in western Oregon's Yamhill Valley and lessons she's learned from her long stint of country living. Her earlier memoir, *Peace at Heart: an Oregon Country Life*, was an Oregon Book Award finalist in 1999. Drake's books of poetry include *Driving One Hundred* (Windfall Press, 2009), *Love at the Egyptian Theatre*, *What We Say to Strangers*, *Life in a Gothic Novel*, *Bees in Wet Weather*, and *Small Favors*. She is also the author of *Writing Poetry*, a widely used college textbook, in print since 1983. Her writing appears in numerous literary magazines and anthologies. Drake was born in Kansas, moved to Oregon in 1941, grew up in Coos Bay on the Oregon Coast and earned BA and MFA degrees from the University of Oregon. After teaching at Michigan State University, she returned to Oregon in 1983 to teach at Linfield College, retiring as Professor of English Emerita in 2007. Drake lives with her husband in rural Yamhill County Oregon.



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