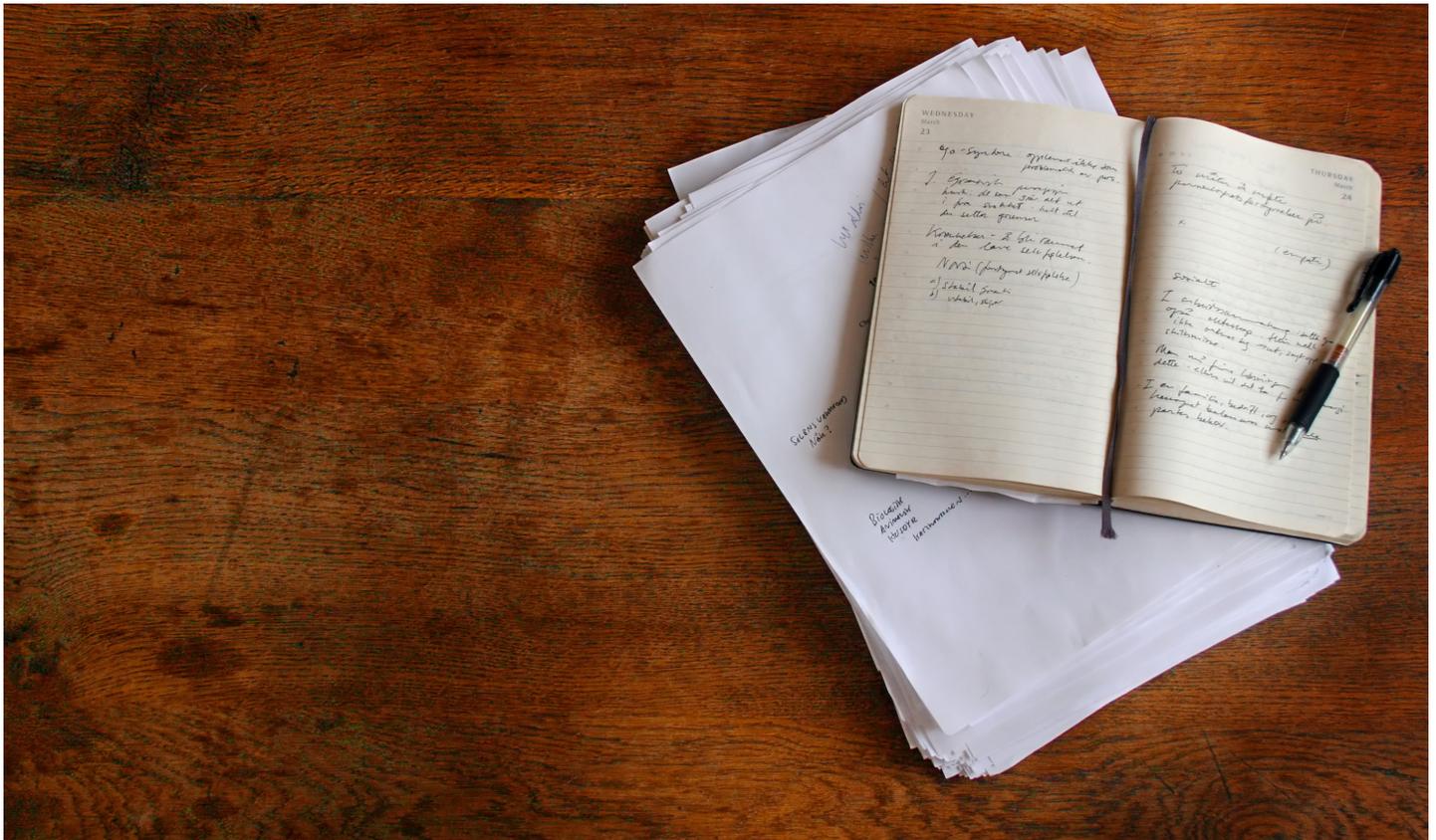


# Penny House Writing Retreat



**November 8-10, 2013: Eastham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts**

Come and be inspired by the nature and environment that has inspired so many other writers!

**When:** November 8-10, 2013

**Where:** Penny House Inn, Eastham, Cape Cod, MA: [www.pennyhouseinn.com](http://www.pennyhouseinn.com)

**Cost:** \$150 registration, plus cost of inn (varies depending on room)

## What's It About?

You're a writer. At least that's how you define yourself; so it is true.

We want you to discover—or rediscover—the joy of writing. So we've set up this structured time for you to come away from the world and your busy life and the demands that are placed upon you and ... write. Be inspired by the natural beauty of the outer Cape.

You'll have opportunities to write alone and with others. Daily yoga will be available, there's a spa onsite as well as an artist-in-residence, and there will be ample time for walking, hiking the dunes, bird-watching, and drinking in the atmosphere of this very inspirational place. Coupons for discounts on everything from food to books to psychic readings will be included in your registration packet to help you take full advantage of everything Cape Cod has to offer.





## Who Can Participate?

This is a retreat, so we're not establishing any kind of publications baseline.

You probably know best whether you're a writer or not; we're not going to comment on that. What we will say is that this is an especially good opportunity if you've felt, recently, that the muse has deserted you; if you're starting to forget why you write; if you want to be challenged to start something new. This retreat is meant to get you excited, again, about writing, to possibly begin a project you've been putting off or never imagined before, to feel the love of the craft be part of you again.

## What Will Be Happening?

The retreat is designed to accommodate both novice and experienced writers, and it is *limited* in terms of size so that we can offer a satisfying small-group experience. We'll do writing exercises, small-group discussions, offer caring feedback, and give you the best gift of all—time—so you'll be able to challenge and nurture your inner muse. Our goal is to empower you to find and exercise your unique voice.

In addition to daily writing exercises in organized sessions, we'll be available to meet one-on-one with you and help you break through your own personal barriers to creativity.

Much of the time will be unscheduled. We want you to be part of the landscape that inspired all the other Cape Cod writers; we want you to see whales and seals, to start your mornings with a walk on the beach, to check out Mayflower passengers' graves at the local cemetery, to get a massage at our spa, to spend time in the wilds of Salt Pond. This, more than anything we can say or do, is this retreat's gift to you: the gift of time, of reflection, of filling up your soul so that you can pour it out in your writing.



## How About Some Specifics?

You'll arrive at the inn on Friday afternoon or evening and, depending on your timing, may be able to schedule a massage in the spa to get your weekend started. A light supper will be available, after which we'll have our first gathering and writing assignment.

Saturday morning breakfast is served at the inn, and we'll meet as a group from 10:00-noon. You're on your own for lunch (we'll let you know what's open!) and you'll have free time in the early afternoon to explore the area, schedule a massage, do some writing ... whatever works for you. We'll meet again at 3:30 pm. Dinner is on your own, and we'll have a final Saturday session at 8:00 pm.

Sunday morning, breakfast is served at the inn and we'll meet for a final wrap-up session at 10:30, after which you're free to visit the spa, continue to explore the Cape, or begin your journey home.



## Retreat Director

Jeannette de Beauvoir is an award-winning novelist, poet, and playwright who lives and writes in an old sea captain's house in North Truro village, Massachusetts, with one cat, two lovebirds, and thousands of books. Her work has been published in 15 countries and has been translated into 12 languages. More at [www.JeannetteAuthor.com](http://www.JeannetteAuthor.com)

She is the founder and owner of Customline Wordware, through which she has worked with countless writers to find their voice and their style. She has worked with authors to obtain representation and offers critiques that help new writers develop storylines and seasoned authors create even more effective material.

She is also an ordained minister and the author of a guide to retreats; she always has an eye for the spiritual side of writing.



## Application form

You may either print this form, fill it out, and mail it to us at PO Box 484, North Truro MA 02652 or scan it and email it to [jeannette@customline.com](mailto:jeannette@customline.com). We require a \$75 deposit (nonrefundable after October 15) to hold your place in the retreat.

- 1) Name:
- 2) Email address:
- 3) Telephone number:
- 4) Address:
- 5) Area(s) of interest (fiction, poetry, playwriting):
- 6) Experience / successes:
- 7) Challenges:
- 8) Why do you want to come here this weekend?

Visit Penny House Inn's site at <http://www.pennyhouseinn.com> to choose your room and make your reservation. Special rates are available to participants, so be sure to tell them you're attending the writing retreat!

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