

## **Live & Learn Fall Workshop**

### **Finding the Muse: Writer's Retreat**

**Date**

September 13-15, 2010

**Location**

April Point Resort & Spa on Quadra Island (3 hours north of Victoria)

**Price**

\$199 per person, including two nights accommodation, based on double occupancy.

**Workshop Description**

What more can anyone want? -- time to explore your writing passions, inspiring surroundings, people who share a common interest in mutually-supportive relationships.

This creative thinktank -- for fiction and nonfiction writers alike -- aims to help you generate new material, refine works in progress or overcome writer's block. Engage in focused discussions and breakthrough activities; listen more clearly to your muse; let imagination meet memory; expand your skill sets. Time permitting, there will be one-on-one consultations with the facilitator.

This retreat is a blend of structured writing activity, free time to develop ideas, collaborative cross fertilization plus constructive instructor and group feedback. Take yourself a world away from the dusty, half lit spare bedroom many writers call "my workspace". Now, pour your energy into your current opus or launch a new creation without the distractions of day-to-day chores.

**About your instructor:** Marilynne Miles Gray, M.A., M.Ed. [mentor07@shaw.ca](mailto:mentor07@shaw.ca)

Marilynne has a strong background teaching English language and literature at grade school and university levels. Editor-publisher of a journal for professionals and newsletters, she has also authored technical manuals, conference proceedings, program reports and bibliographies to name but a few activities. Knowing that creativity has many faces, she sees it as her role to inspire, challenge and support while helping others hone essential writing skills as they move towards specific goals.

**About April Point Resort & Spa**

April Point Resort & Spa is an island getaway away from the crowds, featuring the elegant yet laid back atmosphere of the west coast. Enjoy wildlife tours, kayaking, fishing, spa treatments, island tours and sumptuous meals, all enhanced by the stunning natural beauty of Discovery Passage. Guests also enjoy the amenities of Painter's Lodge in Campbell River, connected by a complimentary scenic water shuttle.

For reservations or more information, please call 1-800-663-7090  
or visit [obmg.com/learn](http://obmg.com/learn)

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(Please meet in Island View Room)

#### **Monday, September 13**

- 3:00 pm            Resort check-in.
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm    Activities preview; signup for one-on-one consultations  
On-Your-Own writing activity for Day 2
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm    The #1 writing problem • prewriting • headlines and opening lines

#### **Tuesday, September 14**

- 9:30 - 11:00 am   Skill-build with OYO writing activity • Do away with blah words •  
how to meet the needs of your audience
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm    Writer's Hooks • writer's voice • the art of story telling
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm    Make the most of sentence types • pace • On-Your-Own writing  
activity for Day 3

#### **Wednesday, September 15**

- 9:30 - 11:30 am   Skill-build with OYO writing activity • Q&A session • resources to  
explore
- 12:00 pm            Resort checkout.

**Bring: a sample of your current project (up to 5 pages &/or outline), notepad**