

23rd Annual Women Writing the West Conference Registration

Set in the West: Cultures Old & New

Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, AZ

October 26 - October 28, 2017

(Registration also available online – womenwritingthewest.org)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

- * I wish to schedule an editor/agent appointment (see details on reverse) Yes () No ()
- * Please contact me about selling my books in the conference bookstore Yes () No ()
- * This will be my first time attending a WWW Conference Yes () No ()
- * I would like to request vegetarian / vegan / gluten free meals (circle one) Yes () No ()

Step 1: CONFERENCE FEES: Regular conference registration includes Thursday evening President's reception, Friday luncheon, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday banquet. Single day registration does not include meals. See reverse for conference details.

Early Registration Postmarked by June 30, 2017

#___@ \$275 – WWW member

#___@ \$320 – Non-member

#___@ \$140 – Friday only, no meals

#___@ \$150 – Saturday only, no meals

Registration after June 30, 2017

#___@ \$305 – WWW member

#___@ \$350 – Non-member

#___@ \$155 – Friday only, no meals

#___@ \$165 – Saturday only, no meals

Step 2: ADD-ON EVENT OPTIONS: Please see reverse for detailed information on each.

BASIC REGISTRATION SUBTOTAL \$ _____

Thursday October 26 Pre-Conference Tour and Roundtable Sessions

#___ DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun Studio Tour (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) #___ @ \$18 each \$ _____

#___ Roundtable Advance Critique #___ @ \$35 each \$ _____

Guest tickets for Thursday Evening President's Reception and WILLA Readings #___ @ \$25 each = \$ _____

(Reception included in full conference registration)

Step 3: EXTRA MEALS FOR GUESTS or SINGLE DAY ATTENDEES

#___ \$37 per person Friday luncheon \$ _____

#___ \$37 per person Saturday luncheon \$ _____

#___ \$62 per person Saturday evening WILLA banquet \$ _____

ADD-ON EVENT SUBTOTAL \$ _____

EXTRA MEAL SUBTOTAL \$ _____

Step 4: PAYMENT: Make checks/money orders payable to Women Writing the West.

To pay via PayPal, go to the website: www.womenwritingthewest.org.

Copy and send this form to:

Venetia's email: lewvdh@gmail.com

Venetia's Phone: 520-448-8382.

Venetia Lewis

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TOTAL ENCLOSED

Registration \$ _____

Add-On Events \$ _____

Extra Meals \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

HOTEL AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Make room reservations directly with Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort. Reserve online at <http://bit.ly/2kMst4h> and clicking on the "Book Now" button in top right corner. Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-234-5117 and identifying yourself as a WWW attendee. Suites must be booked by phone. Room rate of \$139+tax guaranteed until **9/29/17**. Transportation from the airport to the hotel: Contact Arizona Stagecoach: (520) 889-1000 or www.azstagecoach.com. Cost is **\$46 one way**. Uber car fare cost is **\$24.00 one way**. Contact Uber at www.uber.com.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY 2-4:00 p.m.: Visit the home and workshop of internationally acclaimed artist Ted DeGrazia at the DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun (<http://degrazia.org>). Tour the beautiful gardens and his colorful gallery. Visit his southwest adobe home and gift shop. Tour length: 90 minutes. Price includes tour of home, studio, and museum. Transportation is by town car arranged through WWW Tour Guide Barbara Marriott.

THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY: Enjoy the Arizona landscape with a tram and walking tour of the Santa Catalina Mountains Sabino Canyon (www.sabinocanyon.com/trail_sc.php). Take a 50-minute tram ride through pristine Sabino Canyon. Get off the tram at any of nine stops along the way, do a bit of hiking, enjoy the natural beauty of the Santa Catalina Mountains, and pick up the tram on its way back down. Browse through the small natural history museum and gift shop. Loew's Resort runs transportation throughout the day. \$10 tram fee to be paid at Sabino ticket booth.

TOUR GUIDE: Barbara Marriott is your WWW Tour Guide for both the DeGrazia Gallery and Sabino Canyon tours. She will be available at the Registration Desk Thursday, October 26 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. DeGrazia tour must be booked in advance but Barbara will help you connect with Loew's personnel to arrange the Sabino Canyon transportation.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS: 2-5 p.m. Thursday, October 26, 2017.

Roundtable Advance Critique: Join one of our guest editors for a group critique session. Submit your first ten manuscript pages in advance and receive critique comments from other participants and the editor. You will be contacted to select the editor best suited to your genre and given instructions for submitting your pages. Requires advance submission, plus reading and critiquing others' pages. Intended for those comfortable with and open to receiving critique.

THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION: Kick off the conference with our WILLA Finalists and Winners during an evening of music and readings from their works. The evening begins with the President's Reception—mingle with WILLA honorees, reconnect with old friends, and welcome new members. Enjoy the melodic violin music of Beth Daunis, a local celebrity who has been playing the violin for 27 years. Beth has performed and recorded with a variety of artists and is noted for her soulful melodies and her ability to fit beautifully into a wide variety of musical settings. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar throughout the evening as we listen to our award-winning authors.

FRIDAY NEWCOMERS BREAKFAST: All new WWW members and first-time conference attendees are welcome to the Newcomers Breakfast to be held in the suite of President Linda Jacobs from 8-9 a.m. Suite number will be provided at a later date.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & ENTERTAINMENT: Author **Meg Files** will help us celebrate the LAURA winners at Friday's luncheon with her talk "Someone Else's Story: Bringing Characters to Life". Meg is the author of three novels, a book on writing and numerous published poems. She has been a popular college writing teacher in Tucson for many years. Her work has been nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize, for the Mountains & Plains Booksellers Award, and for the National Book Critics Circle Award. At the WILLA Finalist Saturday luncheon, we will be entertained by University of Arizona anthropologist and folklorist **Maribel Alvarez**, Ph.D., executive program director of Tucson Meet Yourself, an annual festival that celebrates the intersections of food and culture. Maribel will discuss how weaving food into our writing can add depth and authenticity to the story. Saturday's WILLA Winner Banquet features the music of WWW's own **Amy Hale Auker**, 2012 WILLA Award Winner and 2015 WILLA Finalist. With her husband, **Gail Steiger**, on guitar, Amy will regale us with the music and poetry of the Old West.

THE CONFERENCE: Friday sessions focus on the business of writing as well as panel discussions with editors and agents. Friday dinner is on your own to enjoy the amenities of Loew's fabulous resort (two swimming pools, discount at the spa, superb dining!) Saturday sessions will concentrate on the art of writing featuring a host of distinguished speakers. Watch the WWW website for additional details.

BOOK SALE & SIGNING EVENT: Our book sale will be handled by Gardner's Book Service. The bookstore will be open Thursday afternoon, all day Friday and Saturday. The bookstore will be advertised to the general public. The signing event is scheduled for Saturday, 5-6 p.m. prior to the WILLA Banquet and will be held in the bookstore room. Bookstore chair Susan Miller will contact those who indicate an interest in participating (see front of form).

PITCH APPOINTMENTS: A pitch appointment is a ten-minute, one-on-one appointment to pitch your book to an editor or agent or to ask questions of them. Watch the WWW website for details and list of attending editors and agents. You will be contacted to schedule your appointment with an editor/agent for either Friday or Saturday. Contact will be made in the order registrations are received.

RAFFLE: All proceeds support the WILLA Literary Fund. Please support by donating. Contact Raffle Queen Dawn Wink at dawn@dawnwink.com.

REGISTRATION REFUND DEADLINE: September 15, 2017 (No refunds after this date for any reason. No meal changes after September 15. No guaranteed room rate after **September 29, 2017**.)

VOLUNTEERS: No conference runs smoothly without a host of volunteers. Please consider volunteering for part of the conference: Registration desk, obtaining sponsors, publicity, book shop.

Address Conference questions to Conference Co-Chairs Jan Cleere (Jan@JanCleere.com; 520-909-2299) and/or Carolyn Niethammer (cniethammer@outlook.com; 520-622-0252).