

25th Annual Women Writing the West Conference Registration

Writing to Remember • Remembering Why We Write

Omni La Mansion del Rio Hotel, San Antonio, TX ~ October 10- October 13, 2019

(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 pitch 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 / dairy free meals (circle applicable options) Yes () No ()

* Will a guest be attending with you? Yes () No () Guest Name: _____

Step 1: CONFERENCE FEES: *Regular conference registration includes Friday and Saturday educational sessions and continental breakfasts, Thursday Buffet, Friday dinner, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday banquet. Single day registration does not include meals; however, you may purchase meals for an extra fee. See Step 4 below.*

Early Registration Postmarked by June 29, 2019

Registration after June 29, 2019

#___@ \$275 – WWW member

#___@ \$305 – WWW member

#___@ \$320 – Non-member

#___@ \$350 – Non-member

#___@ \$140 – Friday only, no meals

#___@ \$155 – Friday only, no meals

#___@ \$150 – Saturday only, no meals

#___@ \$165 – Saturday only, no meals

Step 2: ADD-ON EVENT OPTIONS:

Thursday October 10

#___ Workshop 1: Corraling Your Remembrances, Carolyn Wing Greenlee (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) #___ @ \$30 each \$ ___

#___ Workshop 2: How to Hook an Agent, Michael Carr (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) #___ @ \$30 each \$ ___

#___ Guided Tour of the Alamo 4:00-5:30 #___ @ \$20 each = \$ ___

Friday October 11

#___ Docent-led Tour of the Briscoe Western Art Museum #___ @ \$10 each \$ ___

Sunday October 13

#___ World Heritage Missions Tour (*Includes transportation and guided tour*) #___ @ \$50 each \$ ___

Step 3: MEAL SELECTIONS: (circle one) Meat may be chicken, beef, or fish, at discretion of conference committee.

Friday Dinner: *Vegetarian or Meat*

Saturday Luncheon: *Vegetarian or Meat*

Saturday Banquet: *Vegetarian or Meat*

Step 4: EXTRA MEALS FOR GUESTS or SINGLE DAY ATTENDEES

#___ \$20 per person Thursday Buffet Dinner \$ ___

#___ \$50 per person Friday Dinner \$ ___ Choose one: *Vegetarian or Meat*

#___ \$25 per person Saturday luncheon \$ ___ Choose one: *Vegetarian or Meat*

#___ \$60 per person Saturday evening WILLA banquet \$ ___ Choose one: *Vegetarian or Meat*

Step 5: 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: Betty McCreary, 5318 Painted Shield Drive, Austin, TX 78735.

Email: bdownes211@aol.com. Phone: 512-899-9445 or 512-619-5047

Registration \$ _____

Add-On Events \$ _____

Extra Meals \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

HOTEL: Make room reservations with the hotel by calling **210-518-1000** or **1-800-THE OMNI**, or online on the WWW website. Room rate guaranteed until **9/11/19**. For transportation from the San Antonio airport, contact SuperShuttle.com or call 1-800-258-3826.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY EVENTS:

Add-on Workshop: Corraling Your Remembrances: 2-3:30 p.m. **Carolyn Wing Greenlee**, author, literary consultant and publisher will show attendees how to find the best form for your remembrances, what to put in, what to leave out, legal considerations, finding your story, releasing your voice, and the pleasure that comes from organizing memories into a meaningful whole. \$30.

Add-on Workshop: How to Hook An Agent: 2-3:30 p.m. **Michael Carr**, literary agent with Veritas Literary Agency, headquartered in San Francisco, will show attendees what agents need from you. Learn what makes an effective query letter and how to write a compelling opening for your sample pages. He will discuss how to write a grabby opening while avoiding the dreaded white room and its evil twin, the cliffhanger. Michael represents writers in a variety of genres, with a special emphasis on historical fiction, mystery and suspense, and science fiction and fantasy. \$30.

Alamo Guided Tour: Walk a short distance from the hotel to the Alamo for a guided tour, 3:40 pm. \$20.

President's Welcoming Reception: Join us at the hotel in the El Capistrano for a Mexican-style buffet dinner, at 6:30 pm.

WILLA Readings: WILLA Finalists and Winners will read starting at 8:00 pm in the El Capistrano.

CONFERENCE EVENTS:

NEWCOMERS GATHERING: New WWW members and first-time attendees are welcome on Friday morning in the San Jose room.

BOOK SALE & SIGNING EVENT: Handled by The Twig Book Shop, the conference bookstore will be open all day Friday and Saturday. The signing event is Saturday, 5-6 p.m. prior to the WILLA Banquet and will be held in the Espada, our bookstore room. Our bookstore chair 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.

SILENT AUCTION: During the WILLA Banquet. Proceeds support the WILLA Literary Award. Please support by donating items. Contact Coordinator Gail Jenner at gfiolini@sisqtel.net.

BUSINESS MEETING: Plan to attend the annual WWW Business meeting Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:50 to 11:50. A quorum of members is required, so this meeting is **mandatory** for members. Nothing else is scheduled during this time.

SPECIAL GUESTS

2018 Texas Poet Laureate Carol Coffee Reposa is scheduled as guest poet for the WILLA Finalist Luncheon and is planning a poetry session for the conference. **Spur Award-winning author and inductee of the Texas Institute of Letters Ann Weisgarber** is scheduled as the keynote speaker at the WILLA Banquet on Saturday night.

SPECIAL TOURS (ADD-ON FEES):

THE ALAMO: Thursday, meet at 3:40 pm in hotel lobby for a short walk to this historic mission. The Alamo was founded in the 18th century as a Roman Catholic mission and fortress compound, and today is part of the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site. \$20.

BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM: Friday, meet at 9:40 am in hotel lobby for a short walk to this world-class museum. A docent-led tour will include art and artifacts from over five centuries, from the Spanish conquest to the present day, \$10. The tour ends around 11:30 am. Lunch is on your own. See information on the many Riverwalk restaurants, or walk back to the hotel for lunch at Las Canarias. Make sure you are back at the hotel for the **1:00 pm opening** of the conference in the Veremendi Room.

WORLD HERITAGE MISSIONS TOUR: Sunday, meet at 9:45 am in the hotel lobby to board a bus for a guided tour of the other four frontier missions built by Franciscan missionaries in the 18th century along the San Antonio River basin. The bus will drop attendees back at the hotel at 12:45 pm. \$50.

REGISTRATION REFUND DEADLINE: September 11, 2019 (No refunds after this date for any reason. No meal changes after October 1. No guaranteed room rate after September 11, 2019. There is a \$20 processing fee on all refunds.) All registrations must be submitted by September 11.

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, or serving as a moderator.

A trifold brochure with educational sessions and times will be mailed to members and will be uploaded on the website in May.

Address Conference questions to Conference Chair Cynthia Massey at cmassey2@satx.rr.com or call 210-241-8330.