

Writing For Personal Pleasure or Publication

Instructor: Graeme Decarie

Tuesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

6 classes October 11th, 2011

Last day: November 15th, 2011.

Maximum: 12 people

Location: Wesley Memorial United Church

Storm Policy: No classes when schools are closed in Moncton

Course outline: Learn to write fiction, opinion pieces, and personal life stories for children and grandchildren, poetry, letters to the editor, anything.

NOTE: This course relies heavily on class participation.

The class will open with discussion of what each participant wants to do, and why. What is wanted might be fiction, opinion pieces, and personal life stories for children and grandchildren, poetry, letters to the editor, anything. Later classes will be largely reading, listening to, and discussing each other's work. (I shall lay samples of my own writing out for criticism, too.) From time to time, I shall insert a brief talk to discuss the nature of problems and of successes that the students are having. This process is essential to learn how to write effectively. The sample for each week need not be long. It can be as little as a paragraph or, in the early stages, an outline of a larger piece. But we can learn only by writing, then discussing it as a group. There must be some writing, however little, for each class.

Instructor Bio: Retired History Professor. Writer and Broadcaster on radio, TV, print. Has written opinion, fiction, true stories, history.

Some people are very sensitive to perfumes and other scents. Please respect a scent free environment by not using scented products. Thank you.

A note to seniors about class attendance and absenteeism....

As you know, our instructors are all volunteers, who work very hard at putting courses together. Your cooperation is appreciated in letting them know if you are unable to attend any of the classes as most instructors plan weekly classes that are appropriate to the number of registered students in the course. If circumstances change between registration and the first class, or if you decide to withdraw after the first or second class, please email tscordinator@nbnet.nb.ca or call 364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place. Sometimes, seniors have travel plans or medical appointments made in advance. It would help instructors to know this at registration, if possible, so that class material may be adjusted accordingly. Illness, as well as other unanticipated and unavoidable conflicts can occur. If you are able, please let your instructor know as soon as possible if you will miss a class.

Thank you!