

Introduction to Memoir Writing with Marilyn Lerch

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Tuesdays, 10:00-noon in Lafford Space, 16 Lorne St, Sackville

8 weeks starting on October 11, 2011

Maximum There is no maximum.

Storm Policy: No classes when schools are closed in Sackville

Introduction to Memoir Writing is open to anyone who has ever wished to write a memoir as well as to those who are in the process of writing one. Carefully chosen writing exercises will stir the creative juices of memory. There will be small group and large circle interaction as participants look back on their lives, sharing much laughter and possibly a few tears. At the end of eight weeks, participants will have a grasp of the many possibilities for memoir writing, explore some of the questions that inevitably come up when one uses one's life as material, and become acquainted with helpful writing techniques.

NOTE: Please bring a large notebook or binder to the course

Instructor Bio:

Born in 1936 in East Chicago, Indiana, Marilyn Lerch has earned degrees from Indiana University and the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, taught high school English in Gary, Indiana, and Washington, D.C., and worked in many coalitions for gay rights and peace with justice. She moved to Sackville in 1996, and formed the Sackville Writers Group and Roving Poets. Lerch has taught creative writing at Westmoreland, Springhill and Dorchester prisons, and has taught Memoir Writing for the the Tantramar Senior College with great success for several years. Students from her first course are still meeting each month to share their writing with each other. Marilyn is a member of the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick (WFNB), where she served as president from 2006 to 2010. She has three published collections of poetry: ,Lambs & Llamas, Ewes & Me, 2001, Moon Loves Its Light, 2004, and Witness and Resist, 2008. She also co-edited *Breaking the Word Barrier: Stories of Adults Learning to Read*, 2009.

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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 tsccordinator@nbnet.nb.ca or call 364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place.

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Thank you!