Naming the Nameless:
A Writing Retreat for Marginalized Voices

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The power of sharing space with others who seek refuge to explore the authentic self on & off the page is pivotal. This writing retreat creates a space for marginalized voices: writers who wish to BE themselves fully.

Retreat Dates: May 27-May 30, 2022
Location: The Lazy L Bed & Breakfast at Willow Creek
16061 Willow Creek Road
Lewes, DE 19958

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This opportunity is designed to reflect the Division's core values of diversity, equity, inclusion and innovation.

Application: *Naming the Nameless: A Writing Retreat for Marginalized Voices*

Name:

Home Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Invitations to self-identify. Indicate N/A for questions you feel do not apply or you do not wish to answer.

1. How do you identify your gender?

2. Do you self-identify as a person of color?

3. What is your cultural or ethnic affiliation?

4. Do you self-identify as a member of the LGBTQ community?

5. Do you have physical restrictions and/or special needs?

6. Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions or requirements?

7. Are you a military veteran or currently serving in the military?

Invitation to tell us about you and your creative practice:

8. Why do you wish to attend this retreat for marginalized voices at this time in your life?

9. What topics or activities inspire your creative process?

10. What kind of writing do you like to do?

11. How do you envision engaging with & contributing to this community of voices?

12. Insert writing sample here [any genre, including visual narrative]. Add pages as necessary. Your sample may be one to three (no more than 3) pages, 12 pt. font. For prose: double-space. Poems may be single-spaced. No more than one poem per page. Hybrid media: spacing, as needed.

13. Include your bio, no more than one page long, double-spaced, 12 pt. font.

Please email your application as a PDF attachment to writingretreat2022@gmail.com
Application must be received by February 4, 2022 midnight eastern time.
You will be notified of acceptance by February 25, 2022. Must submit non-refundable fee of $100 to hold your spot, once accepted, by March 12, 2022.

To apply you must be age 21 or older; you must be a Delaware resident; you cannot currently be enrolled in a degree seeking program.

If accepted, your award covers: Writing Retreat full tuition, books and supplies.

Award *does not cover* the cost of your three-night stay at the Lazy L Bed and Breakfast at Willow Creek. Three nights plus 11% occupancy tax will run between $665 -- $832*. Full breakfast provided. All day coffee, tea.

*If you are invited to participate, you may want to consider applying for a Delaware Division of the Arts Opportunity Grant by April 3, to offset the cost of accommodations for three nights.

We would like participants to be present from Friday afternoon, May 27th (check-in time is between 2 and 4 pm) through Monday morning, May 30th (check out at 11 am). If you cannot stay for the full 4-day program Friday through Monday, please apply another time.

Our full-day schedule Saturday and Sunday will include morning writing exercises, afternoon performance and voice workshop, opportunities to share our stories and wisdom, optional gentle morning yoga, and free time to write, swim or explore. We will gather to share and write together also on Friday evening and Monday morning. Other activities TBA. Lunch & dinners TBA.

Dogs are welcomed at the Lazy L (extra $30 fee per stay). The workshop leaders welcome your well-behaved pets.

The writing retreat leaders will follow the Delaware.gov Covid-19 recommendations. The Lazy L's covid precautions are linked at their homepage.

We request that our participants show proof of vaccination against Covid-19. We want everyone to feel comfortable, respected and safe.

"Give name to the nameless so it can be thought. The farthest horizons of our hopes and fears are cobbled by our poems, carved from the rock experiences of our daily lives."

–Audre Lorde, "Poetry is Not a Luxury."

Thank you for applying. –JoAnn and Traci