



What Our Souls Long to Say

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Welcome to What Our Souls Long to Say!

Writing is a sacred tool for conveying our thoughts, ideas, and stories. We may write regularly. We may have a desire to start writing or to write with deeper intentionality. We may feel called to share our writing with a wider audience. For all of us, this writing retreat offers an opportunity to explore different styles of writing, receive gentle guidance, inspiration, and feedback.

From beginners to seasoned writers, we will journey together as we begin writing, reflecting, and perhaps even beginning a blog site, book, or project you have long desired to start. Surrounded by the beauty of nature and away from everyday life's busyness, we will write. No previous writing experience is necessary, just a willingness to listen deeply and express what stirs within us.

Come with an open heart and mind as we offer guidance, space, and tools to help write what our souls long to say.



Itinerary:

<p>Mealtimes: Breakfast - 7:30 - 8:30am Lunch - 12:00 - 1:00pm Dinner - 5:30 - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Sunday 3:00 pm - Check-in Begins 6:30 - 7:00pm - Ghost Ranch Orientation 7:15 - 8:30pm - Introductions and course overview</p>
<p>Monday Day 1: What is writing? Descriptive Styles We will explore different writing styles and techniques as we work on our writing projects. We will share ideas of how to write, edit, blog, and even publish your own writings. Descriptive Style: Using sensory details- sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell- to paint a picture for readers. This technique focuses on creating vivid imagery and sensory details that bring writing to life. This draws on one's imagination to envision scenes or concepts. Descriptive writing helps readers vividly experience a moment, place, or feeling rather than simply telling, it shows through imagery, emotion, and atmosphere. 9:00 - 12:00pm – Morning Session Afternoon - Write or enjoy Ghost Ranch - hiking, horses, shopping, museums, tours, etc.; Grace and Mark will be available for conversations 6:30 - 8:30pm – Evening Session</p>	<p>Tuesday Day 2: Narrative Styles Narrative writing tells a story as it weaves together plot, characterization, conflict, and resolution to engage readers emotionally and intellectually. The writer becomes a storyteller, guiding readers through a journey with a clear beginning, middle, and end. 9:00 - 12:00pm —Morning Session Afternoon - Write or enjoy Ghost Ranch - hiking, horses, shopping, museums, tours, etc.; Grace and Mark will be available for conversations 6:30-8:30 pm – Evening Session</p>
<p>Wednesday Day 3: Persuasive Styles Persuasive writing tries to influence readers' thoughts, beliefs, or actions through the power of reason, emotion, and credibility. It combines logical argument, emotional appeal, and practical authority to move readers toward a particular perspective or action. 9:00 - 12:00pm – Morning Session</p>	<p>Thursday Day 4: Storytelling Styles Storytelling is the social and cultural activity of sharing stories, sometimes with improvisation or embellishment. Every culture has its own narratives, which are shared as a means of entertainment, education, cultural preservation, or teaching moral values. 9:00 - 12:00pm – Morning Session 2:00-4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session</p>

GHOST RANCH



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<p>Friday Day 5: Conclusion We will write short stories, prayers, narratives and share them with each other. Wrap up, share, explore our ongoing writing projects, and support one another. 9:00 – 12:00pm – Morning Session 2:00-4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session Evening- Write or enjoy the evening at Ghost Ranch; Grace and Mark will be available for conversations</p>	<p>Saturday Day 6 We will gather one last time to say our goodbyes and wish each other well in our writing ventures. 8:30 to 9:30am – Final thoughts and farewells</p>