



## Why This Writing Conference Is Unique

One of the things that makes Peninsula Writers retreats/conferences special is that we do not just talk about writing---we write. Conference participants actually have time to compose and share what they have created in small writing groups every day. It is the reason we have gathered since 1984.

## About Us

Peninsula Writers is a non-profit organization supporting writers and writing. Incorporated in 1984, PW was founded by a group of teachers who believed that the best way to teach writing was to be a writer. Over the years, Peninsula Writers' role has enlarged to encompass any writer from any walk of life. Much has changed since 1984, but the commitment to writing and the process involved, to the encouragement of writing, has not changed. We continue to celebrate writers and writing.

## Contact Us

Peninsula Writers can be found at:

[www.peninsulawriters.org](http://www.peninsulawriters.org)

[www.facebook.com/PeninsulaWriters/](https://www.facebook.com/PeninsulaWriters/)

<https://www.instagram.com/peninsulawritersmi/>

For questions about the retreat, contact:

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For information about PW Scholarships, go to our website, or contact Robyn Ford:

[inkspot77@comcast.net](mailto:inkspot77@comcast.net)

To view the resort and cottages, go to:

<https://villaglencottages.com/>

## PW WORKSHOPS

**The Glen Lake Conference** will be offering two one-hour workshops designed to improve your writing. (topics TBA)



In memory of founding members Shirley Neitzel, Jerry Harris, and David Van Heest.

If you would like to acquire your own housing, check the Glen Arbor Chamber of Commerce for housing. <https://www.visitglenarbor.com/>



## ***THE LAKE BECKONS!***

## **PENINSULA WRITERS 2023 GLEN LAKE CONFERENCE AND RETREAT SEPT. 9-16, 2023**

### RETREAT INFORMATION

**DATES:** 3:30 PM SATURDAY SEPT. 9 THROUGH 10:00 AM SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

**PLACE:** VILLA GLEN ON BEAUTIFUL GLEN LAKE NEAR GLEN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

**PURPOSE:** WRITERS' CONFERENCE AND RETREAT FOR WRITERS AND EDUCATORS

**OPTION OF THREE GRADUATE SEMESTER CREDITS FROM AQUINAS COLLEGE**

## Conference Schedule (Subject to change)

### **Saturday, Sept. 9**

**3:30-5:00** Arrivals

**5:30** Small group leaders meeting\* (Rec Room)

**6:00** Mentor meeting\* (Rec Room)

**6:20** New members, first time attendees meeting (Rec Room)

**6:30** Welcome Dinner /Introductions (Behind Cottage 5; Rec Room for inclement weather) Meet with Small Groups

### **Sunday, Sept. 10**

**1:00** Small Writing Groups

**5:00** Dinner at Joe's Friendly Tavern \*

### **Monday, Sept. 11**

**1:00** Small Writing Groups

**2:30-3:30** Workshop (TBA)

**3:45-4:45** Workshop (TBA)

### **Tuesday, Sept. 12**

**1:00ish** Small Writing Groups

**3:00—4:00** Ekphrastic event at Glen Arbor Art Center

### **Wednesday, Sept. 13**

**1:00** Small Writing Groups

**2:30** Large group meeting (Cottage #5)

### **Thursday, Sept. 14**

**12:00-1:00ish** Lunch on the Lawn \*

**1:00** Small Writing Groups

**7:30** Read-Around: Part 1 (Cottage #5)

### **Friday, Sept. 15**

**1:00** Small Writing Groups

**5:30** Read-Around: Part 2 followed by Closing Night Pot Luck (Cottage #5)

### **Saturday, Sept. 16**

**8:30 –10:00** Goodbyes/Group departs

## **Other Fun or Useful Things (optional)**

5:00 from Monday---Thursday —Happy Hour at Cottage 5

Create a genre-based group (poetry, fantasy, CNF, literary fiction or whatever)

Get a new-to-you read at the used book sale in the rec room

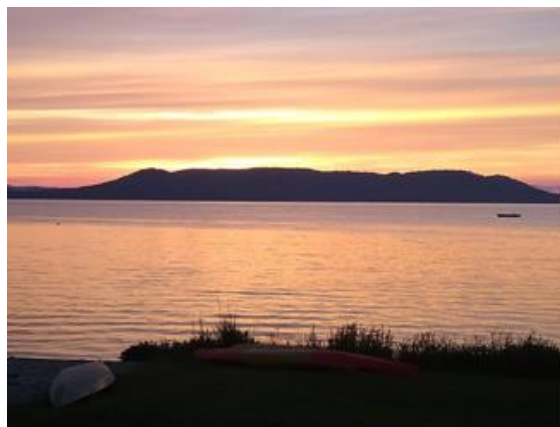
See the sunset at Empire Beach or visit Sleeping Bear Dunes

Go out to breakfast

Go shopping in Glen Arbor

**Personal time has been built into the schedule. If there is interest in additional specialty small writing group meetings, sign-up sheets will be posted.**

**Scholarship recipients are *REQUIRED* to attend *ALL SESSIONS* except *optional events* (\*)**



## **Housing Fee Due in Full if You Cancel**

**Once you commit to a retreat/ conference, you are responsible for paying your housing fee in full, even if you are unable to attend the conference.**

Once you have reserved your space, if you are unable to attend the conference for any reason, **you are still responsible for paying your full share of the housing expense** if you or PW are unable to find someone else to take your place. When housing is reserved, PW guarantees that rental to the provider and the housing costs are divided among you and your roommates; if you cannot attend, that housing cost still has to be covered. In an effort to keep our conferences as affordable as possible, it is the policy of Peninsula Writers not to pass this expense to other members sharing that room/cottage, but to collect the funds from the original registrant if a replacement registrant cannot be found. This policy holds true for those receiving scholarship funds for housing. If you have received a scholarship, but are unable to attend the conference, your scholarship will be voided. If a replacement registrant cannot be found, **you will be responsible for the full portion of your housing costs.**

**PENINSULA WRITERS RETREAT AT VILLA GLEN Sept. 9—16, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PW Member? Yes No (\$50 non-refundable membership fee due with registration)  
Must be a current member to attend the conference.**

**Amount due with registration = \$670.00 (\$720 new members) (\$70.00 registration fee; \$600.00 housing deposit; plus \$50 membership dues**

**Aquinas Credit: \$631 per graduate credit hour TUITION FEE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
Yes (\$1893 due at registration) No**

Roommate(s) preference \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Preference \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CIRCLE APPLICABLE CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Difficulty climbing stairs. Unable / unwilling to share cottage with opposite gender.**

**Request private bedroom. PLEASE NOTE: If space is available in your cottage, you may request a private room. However, a single room CANNOT BE GUARANTEED!**

**I am applying for PW Scholarship assistance. (PLEASE NOTE: Scholarship Deadline for all materials is May 26, 2023. Applications / instructions available on website @ [www.peninsulawriters.com](http://www.peninsulawriters.com) Mail to: ROBYN FORD, 1404 Yarrow Dr, Holt, MI 48842.)**

**Other:**

**Registration due by Friday, June 2. No refunds after June 2nd. Space limited. We will try to accommodate all participants, but specific accommodations cannot be guaranteed! First-registered, first-reserved**

**Wish to split up your deposit? First payment of \$350 due June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Second payment of \$330 (\$380 new members) due June 16. (\$10 handling fee added for this service)**

**Your final BALANCE OWED will be billed via email, and is due by July. 14th.**

**A map, directions, and more details about the retreat will be e-mailed to participants.**

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration and fees to: PW 2023 Glen Lake Conference, c/o SJBTS, P.O. Box 1, St. Johns, MI 48879. Make checks payable to Peninsula Writers. Please Note: No fees or dues will be collected at the conference.**

**ABOUT THE COTTAGES & PRICING:**

Pricing / cost below is based on per person & full cottage rates. Depending on how many people stay in one cottage, the individual rate is established accordingly (suggested minimums & maximum occupancies are indicated below); however, the full cottage rate must be paid, regardless of number of people renting a cottage. We will try to honor specific cottage requests, **but space is limited**; participants will be matched to openings until capacity is reached on the Villa Glen campus. You will receive cottage assignment confirmation by July 7th. Conference organizers will contact you personally if any changes arise after that date.

**BED AVAILABILITY** is included below, to help participants determine their cottage preference. Cleaning fees have been included in the cottage price.

**KEY K= King Q = Queen T=Twin (Loft: Must be able to climb a ladder) ALL COTTAGES HAVE WIFI**

- #1 2 bedrooms/ 1 bath/ 2 story 1 Q + 1 twin+ 1 full (in loft, ladder very steep) (2= \$935 each; 3= \$625 each)
- #4 2 bedroom/1 bath/ 2 story ; 1 Q + 1 Full (+ 1 Q in loft reached by spiral staircase) (2 = \$1035 each; 3 = \$690 each)
- #5 3 bedrooms/2 baths/2 stories: 1 Q, 2 T (down), 2 Q up (3= \$895 each, 4= \$672 each)  
**RESERVED: CONFERENCE CENTER**
- #7 2 Bedroom (up) /2 bath/2 story 1 Q, 1Q+1T (2=\$1290 each; 3= \$860 each)
- #8 2 Bedrooms (up)/ 1 bath/2 story 1 Q, 3 T. (2=\$1288 each; 3=\$860 each; 4=\$644 (but crowded---not much room to work)
- #10 3 Bedroom (up)/2 Bath/2 story 1K (or 2 T), 2T, 2 T (trundle) (3= \$1364 each, 4= \$1023 each)

After your registration is received, and when cottage assignments are completed, you will receive an email indicating your cottage assignment, roommates, and balance due in advance of the conference.

**If you make your own housing arrangements, please indicate that on your registration form and pay the registration fee and dues (if applicable).**