

## Contact Us

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[www.conference.kbs.msu.edu](http://www.conference.kbs.msu.edu)

### Why This Writing Conference Is Unique

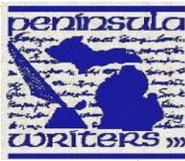
One of the things that makes this and other Peninsula Writers retreat/conferences special is that we not only talk about writing. Conference participants actually have time to compose and share what they have created in small writing groups every day. It is the reason we have gathered since 1984.

### About Us

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

### About Small Groups and Read-Around

If you are at a PW Retreat, you will be participating in a small group and read-around. The small writing group is one of the central premises of a Peninsula Writers. The first audience is the writer. The next audience is the small group. Small group is designed so that writers not only share their writing, but get feedback and give feedback. Finally, there is read-around where the author finds a larger audience. In Peninsula Writers, all steps are necessary parts of the writing process.



Peninsula Writers  
c/o SJBTS  
P.O. Box 1  
St. Johns, MI 48879

## PRE-CONFERENCE DAY OPTION

Check in time will be Weds., Feb. 11 at 3:00 P.M., dinner at 6:00 P.M. There will be an added room/board charge of \$135. **Circle the Weds. option** on the registration form.

### RETREAT INFORMATION

DATES: 3:00 P.M., Thursday, **February 12** through 10:30 A.M. Sunday, **February 15** with optional pre-conference day on Wednesday, **February 11**.

PLACE: **MSU W.K. KELLOGG MANOR, HICKORY CORNERS, MI**

PURPOSE: Writers' Conference and Retreat for Writers and Educators

**PW will provide a printer for retreat participants. (Must be in the Manor house to use; there is WiFi at the Manor, but the printer does not connect to their network.)**

### **Amount Due by 12/12/25**

\_\_\_ \$535 Thurs. arrival

(\$40 conference fee + \$495 room/board)

\_\_\_ \$670 Weds. Arrival

(\$40 conference fee + \$630 room/board)

\_\_\_ **Non-member add \$50 PW Dues**

**(PRICES LISTED ARE FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY)**

***PW will not find you a roommate.***

***However, you may arrange your own roommate.***

***If you do, contact Cerise for room pricing on double occupancy.***



# PENINSULA WRITERS Winter RETREAT 2026

## (Come in from the Cold)

## February 12--15

OPTIONAL pre-conference day

Weds. 2/11

**At the MSU W.K. Kellogg Manor, Hickory  
Corners, MI**

Featuring a Q and A with award-winning  
Author

***Bonnie Jo Campbell***

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station,  
Historical Landmark

The Kellogg manor is the former estate of the cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg, so it's a great, old house with lots of nooks and crannies to set up a work station. The manor will provide all our meals ([vegetarians](#), [gluten-free](#), you, too. *Just let us know before hand*), Beverages (not just coffee), and access to all outdoor activities. They will also provide wine and beer for our social gatherings. (Hard liquor must stay in the apartments)

# PENINSULA WRITERS RETREAT AT KELLOGG MANOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PW Member? Yes No (\$50 non-refundable membership fee)

Arriving: Wednesday Thursday

Special Dietary needs- \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total enclosed: (Includes conference fee) \_\_\_\_\_ THURSDAY ARRIVAL \$535 room/board/conference fee (single occupancy)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday arrival \$670 room/board/conference fee (single occupancy) \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 PW membership (non-members)

*Registration, room payment, and all additional fees due by Friday, Dec. 12, 2025. No refunds after Dec. 12th. Space limited.*

Send registration to: PW 2026 Winter Conference, c/o SJBTS, P.O. Box 1, St. Johns, MI 48879. Make checks payable to Peninsula Writers.

WE ARE UNABLE TO DO PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARDS. Send inquiries to: [cerisefuhrman@att.net](mailto:cerisefuhrman@att.net)

REMINDER: 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.

## Schedule of events (subject to change) **ALL MEALS IN THE MANOR HOUSE**

### Thursday, Feb. 12

3:00 PM Registration  
5:00 PM **SOCIAL GATHERING** Manor Living Room  
6:00 PM **PW welcome dinner**  
7:15 PM Introductions, large group meeting  
Living Room  
8:00 PM Manor closes  
EVENING Personal Writing time.

### Friday, February 13

7:30 AM Breakfast, Personal writing time.  
NOON Lunch  
1:00 PM Small group meetings  
4:00 PM **Workshop: *Paralogism:***  
***The Art of Subtle Sophistry* Angela Sweet**  
5:00 PM **SOCIAL GATHERING** Manor Living Room  
6:00 PM Dinner  
8:00 PM Manor closes  
EVENING Personal Writing time.

### Saturday, February 14

7:30 AM Breakfast, Personal writing time.  
NOON Lunch  
1:00 PM Small group meetings  
2:15 PM Large group meeting Living Room  
3:00 PM **Q and A with Bonnie Jo Campbell**  
4:30 PM Read around (1) Living Room  
6:00 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Read around (2) Living Room  
8:00 PM Manor closes  
EVENING Personal writing time

### Sunday, Feb. 15

Early Personal writing time  
7:30 AM Breakfast /large group meeting  
10:30 AM Check out.

## 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; if you cannot attend, that housing cost still has to be covered. It is the policy of Peninsula Writers 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.**

## **PW WORKSHOPS**

***The Winter Conference will be offering a two one-hour workshops designed to improve your writing. Attendance at these workshops is optional.***

## About our Friday speaker **Angela Sweet**



Angela received her Master's in Secondary Education from Aquinas College, and her PhD in Clinical and Educational Psychology from Walden University. She has been on the faculty of St. Patrick's School in Portland, Michigan; the Benjamin Franklin International School in Barcelona, Spain; English Department Chair at Grand Haven Public ; Adjunct Professor at Muskegon Community College; on-line faculty at Capella University; and the psychology faculty at Culver Academy in Culver, Indiana.

Most notably, when she held a volunteer position at her children's elementary school, she was promoted from Popcorn Bagger to Popcorn Machine Manager. Ultimately, she achieved the highest rank awarded in the field, Popcorn Leader.

A long time Peninsula Writer, Angela serves on the PW Board of Directors. She lives in Grand Haven, Michigan.

## About our Saturday speaker **Bonnie Jo Campbell**

*"Campbell's an American voice—two parts healthy fear, one part awe, one part irony, one part realism."*  
—Los Angeles Times



Bonnie Jo Campbell is the author of the National Bestselling novel *Once Upon a River* (Norton, 2011). Her first novel, *Q Road*, delves into the lives of a rural community where development pressures are bringing unwelcome change in the character of the land. Campbell's critically-acclaimed short fiction collection *American Salvage* (Wayne State University Press, 2009) was finalist for the National Book Award and the National Book Critic's Circle Award.. She is also the author of *Women and Other Animals*, which won the AWP prize for short fiction; and the collection *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters*. Her story "The Smallest Man in the World" was awarded a Pushcart Prize and her story "The Inventor, 1972" was awarded the 2009 Eudora Welty Prize from Southern Review. She is a 2011 Guggenheim Fellow and recipient of the Mark Twain Award from the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature. Her most recent novel, *The Waters*, (W. W. Norton January, 2024), a national best seller, was also one of the *Washington Post's* 50 Best Books of 2024, one of *Oprah's* "Most Immersive Books of 2024", a *Today Show* #ReadWithJenna Book Club Selection, and a Michigan Notable Book winner.

Bonnie Jo Campbell lives with her husband and donkeys and chickens in rural Michigan.