

2018 Retreat Schedule

Thursday, March 15

| Time | Event | Location |
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| 1:00 PM | Check-in | Francis Place |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner | Guest Dining Rm |
| 7:00 PM | Meet and Greet | Bonzal Room |

Friday, March 16

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast | Guest Dining Rm |
| 9:00 AM | Workshop: Write a Book Opening Like a Pro Heather Webb - In this workshop, learn what makes an opening grabby—or trite—and how to win the agent or editor's eye for which you're vying (Not to mention readers!). We'll look at first lines, clichés, prologues, and techniques for making opening pages both appealing and original, by examining samples of the greats. | Mt. Cedar Room |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch | Guest Dining Rm |
| 1:00 PM | Workshop: Publishing 101 Sandra Bond The publishing industry is complex, and this workshop will give you a solid foundation of information as you begin your journey to becoming a published author. The session will cover: how the industry works; how fiction is sold; how nonfiction is sold; what agents do, if you need one, and how to find one; what editors/publishers do; how long it will take for your book to sell to a publisher; how long before it comes out as a published book once it's sold; what an advance is; when you receive royalty payments; does self-publishing help you to attract an agent and/or a traditional publisher; what you can do to help sell your book. PUBLISHING 101 truly is for those who know very little about the publishing industry—those writers just beginning to pursue their dream. | Mt. Cedar Room |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner | Guest Dining Rm |
| 7:00 PM | Publishing AMA (ask me anything) Sandra Bond | Bonzal Room |

Saturday, March 17

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast | Guest Dining Rm |
| 9:00 AM | Writing Time or Round Table Critiques with Sandra Bond, Heather Webb, and Corinne O'Flynn | Mt. Cedar |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch | Guest Dining Rm |
| 1:00 PM | Writing Time | |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner | Guest Dining Rm |
| 7:00 PM | Author Readings | Bonzal Room |

Sunday, March 18

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast | Guest Dining Rm |
| 9:00 AM | Workshop: Bringing Characters to Life Heather Webb - In this session, we will begin by examining memorable characters written by expert writers and what makes them work--or not work. We will also explore tools to guide us as we create our own. Finally, we will delve deeply into the minds and hearts of our own protagonists through guided prompts in a hands-on activity. | Mt. Cedar |
| 1:00 PM | Check Out Time | |

We ask kindly that all attendees be courteous and refrain from talking in the common room during quiet writing time.