



Deep in the Heart Writers Retreat February 27-March 1, 2023 in Comfort, Texas at the historic Hotel Giles!

Meet other writers, learn about writing as a career or as a hobby, and work with mentors who can help you take your next step.

Register for the Retreat

Email Lynn (info@DiscoverTexasOnline.com) to get your name on the list. Because of the limited enrollment, it's important to let us know as soon as you can.

Standard Registration (\$375) is open from **Nov 19-Jan 31**

Late Registration (\$425) will be from **Feb 1-26** if there is space available

We encourage you to pay by check to:

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Your check will not be cashed until just before the retreat.

If you can't send a check, you can pay via PayPal (including credit card payments) or Zelle to info@DiscoverTexasOnline.com.

Reserve your Room

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Giles in Comfort **until Dec 27, 2022** for those who would like to stay on site. Each room in the historic hotel is unique. Register at the [Hotel Giles website](#). Be sure to check out the many discounts they offer to returning guests, seniors, teachers, military, etc.

You'll be able to check in on Monday, Feb 27 by 3:00 (or a bit earlier). Check-out is Wednesday, Mar 1 at 11:00 a.m.

Evening and morning events are planned each day, but you're welcome to stay off-site and drive in if you prefer.

Here's What We Have Planned for You...

Monday - After your arrival you'll have time to meet other guests, relax in your beautiful room, and explore the historic hotel and grounds before dinner. (We're working with local dining options to provide a variety of dietary options at a reasonable price.)

Workshop 1 - Getting to Know You

A mixer for sharing our writing experiences, future goals, and a projects we're currently excited about.

Tuesday - If you're staying at the Hotel Giles, you'll enjoy the wonderful breakfast they serve from 9:00-10:00.

Session 1 - Understanding Story Structure

Whether you're a "plotter" or a "pantser," there are a few key elements that can make writing easier and result in a satisfying story that leaves readers wanting more.

Workshop 2 - Speed Plotting

We'll learn and practice a fast-and-fun technique that you can use any time you feel stuck to generate almost endless ideas.

Lunch - A "charcuterie-style" box lunch. *Tres chique!*

Session 2 - Finding Your Writing Voice

How to find and "claim" great stories, then trust your intuition about how to tell them in your own unique style.

Session 3 - Beginning with "The End" in Mind

A discussion about finding your niche and developing natural marketing relationships as part of your writing process.

Dinner at the Diner - (What could be finer?)

We've been invited to join a traditional Pot-Luck Supper with Comfort locals. Perfect opportunity to hear and share stories!

If you'd like a Special Editing Session with Gail on Tuesday, please contact her for more information.

Wednesday - If you're staying at Hotel Giles, you'll enjoy another wonderful breakfast (9:00-10:00) before checking out.

Session 4 - Writing Windows into History

Learn how to use your background research data to create a window that invites readers to enter a new story world.

A Unique Experience Awaits You!

- We're keeping the group small--25 attendees or less--so we can get to know you personally and hear about the ideas in your head and the stories in your heart.

- While our sessions would help any writer, we'll focus on independent, small publisher, and self-publishing opportunities that don't require an agent or acquisitions editor.
- As independent (and traditional) writers and publishers ourselves, we have exciting writing opportunities that may interest some of you.

We'd love to have you with us!