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Story Circle Network Presents:
Using the Muses – a Writing From Life workshop
Sat., May 15 – Sun., May 16



Description: Come join us in South Austin for a two-day workshop designed to inspire you and stir up your creative juices. "Using the Muses" will give participants a chance to learn from the muses of music, poetry, art, and history and use these ideas to write and share with others.

Dates/Times: Sat. 8:30 – 5:00 and Sun. 8:45 – 11:30

Location: Texas School for the Deaf
1102 S. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78704

Cost: \$100 for SCN Members and \$135 for non-members (includes 1-year membership). Saturday's lunch and snacks for both days included in the fee.

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Tentative Agenda:

- Saturday
 - 8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and Registration
 - 9:00 – 9:30 Overview, Ground Rules, Housekeeping
 - 9:30 – 11:00 **Session I – Euterpe**
 - The muse of poetry comes to visit and expand our minds and hearts with her work. Participants will practice using poetry to create narrative lifewriting as well as selections from memoir to create poetry.
 - 11:00 – 12:30 **Session II – Polymnia**
 - The muse of music comes to call and share ways that music helps us tell the story of our lives. A variety of musical styles and periods will be used to evoke memory and emotion in writing.
 - 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
 - Lunch will be provided on-site with the workshop fee. Those with special dietary needs should contact the conference coordinator ahead of time to make special arrangements.
 - 1:30 – 3:00 **Session III – Clio**
 - This all-too-forgotten muse will come to illuminate the important place of history, through spoken-word, photos, and art, as an inspiration for the lifewriter.
 - 3:00 – 3:15 Break
 - 3:15 – 4:45 **Session IV – Thalia and Melpomene**
 - These sister muses are perhaps better known as “Comedy and Tragedy”. As all lives contain sprinklings of both, these muses will be invoked to help us to see things in a new light and to appreciate the value in exploring a variety of experiences in our lifewriting.
 - 4:45 – 5:00 Check-in and Wrap-up for the day
 - A list of local restaurants and enjoyable shopping experiences will be shared. Those who wish may join at a nearby restaurant (TBA) for refreshments and/or dinner.
- Sunday
 - 8:45 – 9:00 Coffee and refreshments
 - 9:00 – 10:30 **Session V – Calliope**
 - Often considered the most respected of the muses, Calliope will show participants some techniques for tapping into her eloquence and fluidity after they return home.
 - 10:30 – 11:00 Final Sharing Session
 - 11:00 – 11:30 Last Thoughts and Evaluations



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