



Creative Wordshops

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What's on Aug 2020

Zoom
Storyshops
mini-retreats
Writesops
Conversations

Zoom – winter 2020 offerings

Days of social distancing can also be days of **self-nearing, self-nourishing**
Wherever you are in the world... you can be part of a 'virtual' group or
enjoy one-on-one mentoring

The **online support is alive and well** - The Rough Writing Road Journal
course, Poetry, Fiction, Writing your Spiritual Journey, Downtime with Dori,
one-on-one mentoring and mini-wordshops

Zoom meet and teach - mini workshops

*Hi Dorian, am already addicted to your zingy zoom and would like to join you
for the next 'word chops'...and find strength and joy
in the river of your unfolding. (Silja)*

I invite you to these 2 zoom workshops: (see below for themes). Folks respond positively. They connect, enjoy the company and experience, and in no time are writing away.

Cost: R320 per workshop of 3+ hours 09.30 -12.45 SA time
A discount if you subscribe to both workshops = R300 x 2

I create a space that is safe, supportive and encouraging

These workshops are for those who wish to:

- ✚ learn and practice the craft of writing
- ✚ breathe life into words and let words breathe life into them
- ✚ explore their creativity and imagination
- ✚ find their voice
- ✚ find support and good company
- ✚ connect to readers

Please email me if you want to be part of this experience. Mention which workshop/s. I'll explain how to prepare for the session and send you the zoom link to click on.

Beginner writers welcome. We re-experience beginner's mind. No pressure to share.
You can be a silent listener if you are more comfortable with that.

Here are the 2 workshop offerings



1. Zen Pen: A Journaling, Writing, Being & Meditation Retreat (this includes those who registered for the postponed 18 July Emoyeni Retreat Wordshop or would like to register and donate to Emoyeni)

Sun 9 Aug 09.30 -12.45

A journal entry- like a song, or sketch, or photograph - breaks up the habitual and lifts away the film that forms over the eye, the finger, the tongue, the heart. A journal entry ought to be a love letter to the world. (Anthony Doerr, All the Light We Cannot See)

In this retreat we explore the connection between journaling, creative writing and meditation. We celebrate our daily (journal' comes from Old French, 'day') encounter with ourselves through words and silence. As we journey along the river of our lives, we write with the ear, eye, tongue and heart.

2. Babushka Dolls and you: A Zoom Writing Wordshop

Sun 23 Aug 2020 09.30 – 12.40ish R320 pp (12 max)

Writing embodies layers of meaning. Poet Stanley Kunitz invites is to live in the layers not in the litter.

Russian Babushka (crone) wooden dolls (stacking or nesting dolls), are rich in symbolism. They teach us much about living and writing. As a theme for this zoom wordshop they act as a guiding aesthetic presence. The dolls connect us like the *do-ray-me-far* music scale to inner and outer harmonies as we unpack the different layers in a life-life or a fiction-life story.

Dating from the 1890s, the dolls combine the crafts of wood carving and folk painting. Join us to see what these peasant crones can teach us.

This wordshop will help you:



- ✚ learn and practice the craft of writing
- ✚ reflect on and connect to possibilities
- ✚ explore symbols and archetypes
- ✚ life a larger life
- ✚ be entranced by the power of stories
- ✚ open to your creativity and imagination
- ✚ find support and good company
- ✚ find your voice

Babushka inspired other sets of dolls. Inside a Pushkin (he wrote Russian fairy tales, love stories and ballads) nesting doll are other famous Russian authors - Mikhail Lermontov, Leo Tolstoy, Nikolay Gogol & Ivan Turgenev.

How the zoom works - step by step

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The morning unfolds through 5 sessions - around 180-190 minutes if)

1. I facilitate the workshop, setting up the experience (40 minutes)
2. Then we go offline and you respond to as prompt (30 minutes)
3. We all go back into zoom **using the same link** and share (40 mins)
4. Then we go offline again and you write a story (30 minutes)
5. We go back into zoom **using the same link** and share the writing (40 mins)

There is no pressure to share. You can be a silent listener if you are more comfortable with that. We are after all in beginner's mind.

Dorian helps you call in the symbols, metaphors, rhythms of your life, like wild children, and bring them home. More than teaching how to write, he shows how to live. (Susan Mann, novelist)

And ongoing monthly meetings...



3. Magic Carpet Writing Group R690 (6 sessions)

Next **Zoom** Wed 26 Aug 15.00 - 17.30

Need to be part of a fun-loving supportive thinking/being group of aspirant writers?

... we meet in an art studio. Writing exercises, conversation, energy, soup and wine. Beginners are welcome... make writing friends

Our 2020 theme? – **Once upon a life..... Fairy tales – ancient, modern and us**