

25th ANNUAL LOMP BLIZZARD WRITER'S POETRY RETREAT

near Rochester, Minnesota

REQUIRED: *Please test for COVID* three days or less before the retreat. We will not be wearing masks over the weekend, so these precautions are necessary.

WHEN: 4th weekend of January. Come **Thursday, January 25th.**

Let Sue know when you will arrive. Pizza dinner for those arriving. The Retreat will continue through **Sunday, January 28, 2024.** Single day participations welcome as well.

WHERE: Luxury Log Cabin: **Whispering Oaks Retreat,** near Rochester, Minnesota.

Note, we have limited overnight space: *Priority will be given to those members who are first to pay and reserve a spot.* You may have a roommate in your assigned room. There are other motels/hotels in the Rochester vicinity. NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE COUPLES ROOM, the rest have multiple beds. This is a rural setting, and winter roads are highly possible. We recommend staying overnight to avoid ending up in the ditch.

WHO: **You!** This retreat is for all LOMP Members who are interested in poetry. **(Not a member? You can join LOMP by paying dues before the retreat. Go to: <https://www.mnpoets.org/membership/>)**

COST: \$70.00 total for **overnight** retreaters for the entire weekend. \$25.00 per day or \$50.00 for the entire weekend **for those who are NOT staying overnight.** **Two Scholarships, based on need, will be given.**

Apply for a scholarship as you register.

Register by mailing your name, when you are arriving and any other requests regarding rooms to Sue (address below). Paying on LOMP website for the weekend in advance. Priority given to first paid registrants. **NO REFUNDS**, if you have to cancel, contact Sue regarding allowing someone on the wait list to reimburse you and take your place.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE RETREAT:

1. Each participant will bring some food/beverages to share. If you have food allergies or intolerances, be prepared to bring what you need.
2. You will be assigned to a breakfast, lunch or dinner crew to assist with food preparation. Let Sue Chambers know if you are a morning person or a night owl, or if you have a preference for a certain crew. Being on a meal crew does not mean you have to plan the whole meal. There will be cleanup crews as well after each meal.
3. Bring a poetry program that is at least half an hour in length. The program can be anything that tickles your fancy--a physical activity that will stimulate writing; a writing workshop; a favorite author; a new form; a lecture; a special taped program that you want to lead a discussion on...the possibilities are endless. Joint programs are also permissible. We have access to projectors, microphones, flip charts and other equipment.
4. Bring plenty of your own poems for read-arounds.

Questions? Contact Sue Chambers: schambersmediator@yahoo.com

