



Center for Professional Development

Poetry Writing For Everyone

“Appreciating poetry is probably like appreciating anything else. It means having the generosity to let a thing be what it is, the patience to know it, a sense of the mystery in all living things, and a joy in a new experience.” - M.C. Richards

Poetry is a wonderful writing activity because it really has no rules. Therefore, many students feel “safe” engaging in this process. Poetry is just another way to record thoughts and save them, similar in some ways to journal writing. Many find the writing of poetry to be a therapeutic process as well. Like all writing, poetry “builds the brain” by creating new synapses that occur when thoughts are challenged. Looking for that “perfect” word, and translating images into writing, are some unique ways that the mind is stimulated during the poetry writing process.

The purpose of this class is to inspire students to write their own poetry. This class is open to both the experienced writer as well as the novice. Over the course of this class, students will:

- Read poems for discussion and inspiration
- Write their own poems
- Discover various forms of poetry, including Haiku, Sonnet, Cinquain, etc.
- Look at natural objects for inspiration
- Engage in writing activities that stimulate the mind and open possibilities
- Share their poems with the class
- Learn to give feedback to others

Dates: Mondays (8 week sessions)

- May 23rd – July 25th, 2011
(Campus Closed May 30th & July 4th)
- August 22nd – October 17th, 2011
(Campus Closed September 5th)

Time: 9am-10:30am

Cost: \$140 (Students will need a notebook, sketch pad, or laptop)

Textbook:

1. Pocket Thesaurus
2. Rhyming Dictionary (any brand)
(These can both be purchased at any local bookstore)

Location: Edison State College, Lee Campus, room to be announced

Instructor: Dr. Kathleen Butler-Lowrie

Seats are limited, so register today!

Advance registration and payment is required

For registration form and information, call 239-489-9235, email

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