

The Village Writers' Club

presents a day with ...



Laura Parker Castoro

“How to Create and Sustain a Compelling Story”

**Saturday, March 28, 2009, Coronado Community Center
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas**

This one-day workshop is for anyone who would like to focus on the craft of writing. Both new and experienced writers are welcome. Pre-registration is \$30 (workshop only). Lunch will be available for \$10.00. Registrations will be accepted at the door if space permits; however there will be no guarantee of lunch for late registrants.

Saturday, March 28, 2009

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	11:45 – 1:00	Lunch Break
9:00 – 10:15	Character Development	1:00 – 2:00	Critique Session
10:15 – 10:30	Break	2:00 – 2:15	Break
10:30 – 11:45	Plots and Subplots	2:15 – 3:00	Editing and Revisions

About Laura: Laura has thirty-eight published books in print in such genres as contemporary romance, westerns, sagas, and romantic suspense. Her latest novel will be available in May 2009. She is past president of the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow in Eureka Springs, AR. She is on the Board of the Pine Bluff Symphony and was named recipient of the Arkansas Writers Hall of Fame Award for 2005. Laura is much in demand as a mentor for emerging writers. We are thrilled to have her as our workshop leader.

Complete details about Laura are available at: <http://www.lauracastoro.com>

DEADLINE

Registrations with checks must be postmarked by March 13, 2009

Manuscript Critiques: Pre-registered participants are invited to submit one short story, memoir, or piece of creative nonfiction for possible critique by the presenter during the afternoon session. One month prior to the workshop, five submissions will be drawn at random. Those manuscripts will be emailed, without author info, to Laura Castoro. The five selections will also be emailed to all pre-registered participants for review prior to the workshop. Authors' names will not be revealed on the selected manuscripts. **The deadline for emailing manuscripts is February 27, 2009.**

Manuscript submission guidelines

Any pre-registered participant is eligible to submit a manuscript. No submission fee is required. Send your short story, memoir, or piece of creative nonfiction, 1,500-word limit, as a Word Document or PDF file attached to an email. No mailed manuscripts, please.

Use standard manuscript format, double-spaced. On page 1, top left, list your name, address, phone number, and email address. On top right, indicate number of words in the manuscript.

Email manuscript to: Madelyn F. Young, Manuscript Coordinator: rdymfy@suddenlink.net

Registration forms can be printed on-line at www.beejaysez.com

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REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: State/Province: _____ **Postal/Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ (please include area code)

Email: _____

WORKSHOP TITLE: How to Create and Sustain a Compelling Story

WORKSHOP FEES (Fees per attendee):

- \$30.00 for workshop** **\$10.00 for lunch** **\$25.00 Student for workshop**
(by Invitation)

Registration and checks must be postmarked by March 13, 2009

NOTE: Registrations will be accepted at the door if space permits for \$35.00; however there will be no guarantee of lunch for late registrants.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Manuscripts: If you are emailing a manuscript for possible critique, please see the included instructions.

Cancellations and Refunds: Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$5.00 administrative fee, if cancellation is received in writing no later than 2 days prior to workshop. After that date, registration fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be processed after the workshop.

PAYMENT METHOD

Make checks payable to: **The Village Writers' Club**

There will be a \$20.00 fee charged on checks returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

Please mail completed registration form with payment to:

The Village Writers' Club c/o Sharon Bowen, 18 LaPalabra Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Registration form, brochure and a map are also available for print online:

<http://www.beejaysez.com>

Facilities and Lunch Coordinator: Jerry Davis: (501) 915-0708

Registration Coordinator: Sharon Bowen (501) 922-3576

Manuscript Coordinator: Madelyn Young (501) 922-5702