

Join Us on the Lake

Hemlock Harbor
Sunapee, New Hampshire



During your stay here, coax your characters to join you on the dock of this beautiful lakeside cottage on pristine Lake Sunapee.

The Plot Thickens Weekend Writing Retreat

Gather with us at Hemlock Harbor for a weekend of plotting.

Develop scenes, generate new pages, and learn what it really means to antagonize your protagonist.



Conflict and tension will be brewing in the Great Room of this writer's haven. Whether you are at the beginning stages of a story or in the throes of revision, you can expect a lot of dramatic action before the weekend is over.

Retreat Dates

October 15-17, 2010



Designed for writers at all levels who have the desire to push their plots forward.

Special Discount

For past *Words in Play* workshop participants. See registration form for details.



Retreat Schedule

Friday Evening

Welcome reception at 6 PM

Saturday

Morning and afternoon workshop sessions
Plenty of free time to write, consult with editors, or conspire

Sunday

Morning workshop session
Depart after lunch

Program Fee Includes:

- Lodging*
- Writing workshops
- Use of facilities
- Welcome reception
- All meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch)

**limited number of single rooms*

Writers are encouraged to bring:

- A hard copy of your manuscript (whether it's a rough draft, a few scenes, or just the germ of an idea)
- Your character list
- Your outline or scene list
- Curiosity and an open mind

Don't miss this great opportunity to sit by the lake and write.

To Plot or Not

Are your characters stuck on the page? Is there a dam in your narrative flow? What exactly is plot and how can you make sure yours thickens in a way that makes your readers want to keep reading?

The writing sessions will focus on:

- Cause and effect
- Dramatic action
- Conflict and tension
- Character emotional development
- Deeper meaning of story

Presenters

Deb McKew, founder of *Words in Play*, lives by the tenet that writing is fun. A journalist and teacher, she has led many workshops for writers of all ages, delighting in the creativity that she coaxes from her students. She hosts writing programs throughout the country and abroad. Visit her at www.wordsinplay.net or on Facebook.

Joni B. Cole is the author of *Toxic Feedback: Helping Writers Survive and Thrive*, which is "strongly recommended" by *Library Journal* for writers. She is also the creator of the acclaimed *This Day* series (visit www.thisdayinthelife.com). Her essays appear in literary magazines and in her newspaper column, "Life as I Know It." She is a frequent speaker and instructor at writing conferences around the country. Visit www.toxicfeedback.com for more information (also find Joni on [Facebook](#)).

Lucy Young, proprietor of Hemlock Harbor, will be our host. She welcomes you to her lovely lakeside retreat house where her father wrote more than 20 books. Maybe she'll let you work her player piano!

The Plot Thickens

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Registration Form

Please Print

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone # _____

Email _____

Yes, I want to thicken my plot with other writers on Lake Sunapee **October 15-17**

Weekend Rate — Two Nights All Inclusive

- \$425 (per person/double or triple occupancy - the bedrooms are large and comfortably furnished)
- \$495 (private room) **Limited availability, reserved on a first come, first served basis.*

Rate for Day Participants

- \$225 (includes all workshops, Friday Welcome Reception and Sat/Sunday lunches)

Special Discount - Save \$25

If you have participated in a past *Words in Play* workshop or retreat.

Yes, I would be interested in a private consultation with Joni Cole or Deb McKew

We are offering free half-hour sessions to be scheduled during the weekend event.

Reserve Your Space Now

Please return this form with your payment in full to:

Words in Play Writing Workshops
767 Jobs Creek Road, Sunapee, NH 03782