

Mary Amato

Spring 2015 Private Workshops

FOR ADULTS

Writing Song Lyrics for Adults

Sunday, April 26; 3-5:30 pm

We will learn how to brainstorm, create a chorus, and write verses by working on one collaborative song. Participants will then be able to take the strategies and tips that they learned (regarding hooks, rhythm, concrete imagery, rhyme, structure, and more) and apply it to their own songwriting. No musical experience necessary. Pure fun whether you have written songs before or have always wanted to give it a try. \$65.

The Moving Memoir

Tuesday, April 21; 1:00-3:00 pm and Thursday, May 21; 1:00-3:00 pm

We'll explore how, when, and where to use concrete writing to add emotion and drama to your memoir and/or journal writing. "Show, don't tell" is a golden rule of writing, and in this workshop you'll learn to develop your skill. Bring a 1-2 page entry to share aloud. Sign up for one session or both. \$55 per session.

Focus on Dialogue

Wednesday, May 27; 1:00-3:00 pm

Have you made use of dialogue in your memoir/journal writing? Are you writing a play, short story, or novel? We'll look at examples of effective dialogue from published work and then consider our own work. Bring a 2-3 page entry or scene in which you have used dialogue. \$55.

Plot Coach: Structuring your Story

One-on-one brainstorming session to teach tools for analyzing the plot of your short story, picture book, novel, or memoir. Bring synopsis and up to 10 pages to share aloud. Scheduled individually. \$150.

Writing/Critique Group Coach

Instruction and/or critique facilitation and modeling for your writing/critique group on a variety of themes. Scheduled individually. \$250 per session to be split amongst group members.

For Kids

Writing Song Lyrics for Kids Only

Sunday, April 19; 3:00-5:00 pm

We'll learn how to brainstorm, create a chorus, and write verses by writing one collaborative song. Students will then be able to take what they've learned and apply it to their own songwriting. Ages 8-12 only. \$50



All workshops take place in a private studio space in Silver Spring, MD. To register or request more info, please complete the registration form: <http://goo.gl/forms/YGmKvemKRS>