

The Writescape Companion

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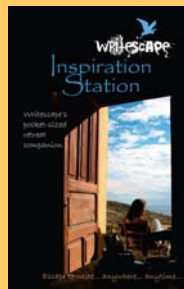
Spring has sprung and so has Writescape

The Writescape Team is as busy as the nesting birds so our monthly update will be two pages of short and sweet.

Gwynn, Ruth and Heather will soon escape with 16 writers at Elmhirst's Resort on April 16 to 18. By Sunday, as we overlook lovely Rice Lake and dine on the sumptuous Chef's buffet, our works-in-progress should be as full of superb words as we are from the spectacular brunch.

If you just discovered you have that weekend available and act fast, we may be able to find room for one or two more. Email info@writescape.ca.

You asked for it...



The *Inspiration Station* is the result of the fervent pleas of retreat participants: *How do I hold onto this wonderful retreat feeling?*

Our pocket-sized anywhere, anytime retreat book will be available soon to order online or purchase directly from any of the Writescape Team.

Nearly here:

April 16 – 18

Spring Thaw

Elmhirst's Resort, Keene

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### Coming soon:

**May 29**

#### Tasting the Page:

#### Beyond the 5 Senses

JP Fitzpatrick's, Whitby  
10 am – 4 pm

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June 19

Reason to Care

Exploring what motivates your characters and drives your story
JP Fitzpatrick's, Whitby
10 am – 4 pm

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**July 18**

#### Woods, Water & Words

A day of writing with Ruth and Gwynn at Glentula on Lake Seymour

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October 29 – 31

Turning Leaves Fall Retreat

Three days at a historic mansion. Registration opens on April 15.

COMING SOON: REGISTRATION FOR TURNING LEAVES

Something awesome this way comes...Sir William Mackenzie Inn. Three days of structured workshops combined with private writing time. PLUS a mystery guest facilitator.

All-inclusive writing retreat also includes meals, accommodations and workshop materials.

All this in a restored historic three-storey mansion less than an hour north of the GTA.

You won't believe who is coming to **Turning Leaves** fall retreat on October 29 to 31. A best-selling, award-winning author of 9 novels will lead the morning workshop.

And no, we aren't telling yet. Stay tuned for details.

Suspend Belief

Add strange elements to everyday settings. Pick an ordinary location: home, school, office, shopping mall.

Choose one unusual happening, such as turning out the lights just before a body is discovered in a store window.

Result? A mystery needing a solution.

Design your own book cover...

Admit it. You have fantasies about your book cover featured in the storefront of some trendy bookstore. So why not design it?

Use paper, pen, colour pencils and markers, cut out pictures from magazines, cut and paste from clip art, trace or stencil your vision for your book cover. Don't wait for the real thing: be inspired by your imagination!

Send us photos and let us post your designs online in our Inspiration section at www.writescape.ca.



Turning Leaves Fall Retreat

Writescape has found a breathtaking location for an autumn escape. **Turning Leaves** participants will have exclusive use of this charmingly restored 1800s mansion and its spectacular grounds. Romance, spirits, mystery and the power of time and place will inspire words, words and more words at **Sir William Mackenzie Inn** in Kirkfield.

Powerful workshop sessions, a best-selling author guest facilitator, wide selection of accommodations (deluxe, premium and regular/single, double or triple accommodation), and all meals and materials provided.

Register early to guarantee preferred room booking for **Turning Leaves ~ October 29 - 31, 2010**.



Experience a customized escape into the art and craft of writing with **Writescape**. From all-inclusive weekend retreats to one-day workshops, Writescape focuses on your needs as a writer. Let award-winning writers **Gwynn Scheltema** and **Ruth E. Walker** help you escape to write.

Writescape retreats are a gift of time – time to recharge your creativity and listen to your muse. **Writescape workshops** inspire and challenge you to explore your craft in ways you might never have imagined. Writers at all levels of experience find support and inspiration.

Escape to write ... with Writescape

Writescape Announcements

Contest deadline for autographed Giller books



Register for **Turning Leaves** to be entered in a draw for a complete collection of the Giller Prize shortlisted books, all signed by their authors:

The Disappeared by Kim Echlin; *The Golden Mean*, by Annabel Lyon; *The Winter Vault* by Anne Michael; *Fall* by Colin McAdam and *The Bishop's Man* by Linden MacIntyre

Deadline: June 30, 2010

Writescape Team news:

Ruth is reading poetry at the 7th annual **Wine, Words, Music & Arts** celebration in Dorset on April 23.

Gwynn has been travelling to Port Hope for author **Ted Staunton's Writing for Children workshop** adding to her know-how on resources for writers and the business of publishing.

Look for Gwynn as a facilitator at the **Ontario Writers' Conference** in Ajax on May 1st.

Writescape has a new book and new logo look

Writescape alumnus, Sue Reynolds of Piquant Press, is publishing our new book, the *Inspiration Station*, featured on page 1.

Sue also designed our new fabulous logo on the cover. Thanks to Sue and partner James Dewar for their awesome work on our new book!



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