

**24th ANNUAL LOMP
BLIZZARD WRITER'S POETRY RETREAT**
near Rochester, Minnesota

REQUIRED: **EVERYONE MUST SHOW YOU ARE VACCINATED AND HAVE HAD A BOOSTER SHOT FOR COVID** more than two weeks prior to the retreat. In addition, you must show a negative COVID test three days or less before the retreat. We will not be wearing masks over the weekend, so these precautions are necessary.

WHEN: 4th weekend of January. Come **Thursday, January 26th**. Check in time at afternoon. Let Sue know when you will arrive. Pizza dinner for those arriving. The Retreat will continue through **Sunday, January 29, 2023**. Single day participations welcome as well.

WHERE: Luxury Log Cabin: **Whispering Oaks Retreat**, near Rochester, Minnesota. Note, we have limited overnight space: *Priority will be given to those members who are first to pay and reserve a spot.* You may have a roommate in your assigned room. There are other motels/hotels in the Rochester vicinity.

WHO: **You!** This retreat is for all LOMP Members who are interested in poetry. (Not a member? You can join LOMP by paying dues before the retreat. Go to: <https://www.mnpoets.org/membership/>)

COST: \$60.00 total for **overnight** retreaters for the entire weekend. \$20.00 per day or \$45.00 for entire weekend **for those who are NOT staying overnight**. **Two Scholarships, based on need, will be given. Apply for a scholarship as you register.** Register by mailing to Sue (address below) and pay for the weekend in advance. Priority given to first registrants and when we have reached our limits, we will close registration. **NO REFUNDS**, if you have to cancel, contact Sue regarding allowing someone on the wait list to reimburse you and take your place.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE RETREAT: **1.** Each participant will bring some food/beverages to share. If you have food allergies or intolerances, be prepared to bring what you need. **2.** You will be assigned to a breakfast, lunch or dinner crew to assist with food preparation. Let Sue Chambers know if you are a morning person or a night owl, or if you have a preference for a certain crew. Being on a meal crew does not mean you have to plan the whole meal. There will be cleanup crews as well after each meal. **3.** Bring a poetry program that is at least half an hour in length. The program can be anything that tickles your fancy--a physical activity that will stimulate writing; a writing workshop; a favorite author; a new form; a lecture; a special taped program that you want to lead a discussion on...the possibilities are endless. Joint programs are also permissible. We have access to projectors, microphones, flip charts and other equipment. **4.** Bring plenty of your own poems for read-arounds.

To register, pay online at www.mnpoets.com

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