

## Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual State Writers' Conference

June 8-10, 2007  
Cedar Lakes  
Conference Center  
Ripley, West Virginia

### More Workshops

Over fifty workshops, presentations and panel discussions are scheduled to suit the needs of poets and writers of all genres, all ages, and all experience levels.

Special workshops will also be available on Saturday for young people ages 8 – 18.

Additionally, each attendee will receive a WWW totebag full of writing publications, information, and surprises.

### More Presenters

Including such literary luminaries as...

**Lee Maynard** – Author of *Crum*.  
**Scott Hoffman** – Literary agent & cofounder of Folio Literary Group, will meet 1 on 1 with our members (requires pre-registration, see website).  
**Barbara Smith** – Renowned WV Poet.  
**Jean Battlo** – Award-winning playwright.  
**Robert W. Walker** – Author of 40 novels, will lead workshops in fantasy/scifi/horror.  
**Jim Minick** – On poetry and nonfiction.  
**Kirk Judd** – Charter member and poet.  
**Robert Tinnell** – Award-winning screenwriter and comic book scribe, will discuss both.  
**Belinda Anderson** – Author of *The Bingo Cheaters*, on Magical Realism in fiction.  
**Brad Barkley** – Author, on fiction story starters.  
**Pam Hanson** – Author of 19 romantic comedies published under the pen name Jennifer Drew.  
**Jimmy Carl Harris** – Writer and teacher will present workshops on the craft of fiction.  
**Michael Wayne Cable** – Vice president of Spotlight Publishing, on marketing & publishing.  
**Mary Lucille DeBerry** – growing garden poems.  
**Pam Cable** – Will lead a workshop for women writers and public speaking for writers.  
**Anna Egan Smucker** – Noted children's book author, will lead workshops on writing for youth.  
**Chris Freeburn** – On writing genre fiction.  
**Rob Merritt** – Will lead poetry workshops.  
**Sandy Tritt** – On the 7 Deadly Sins of Writing.  
**Karin Fuller** – Award-winning columnist for the Charleston Gazette on humor and mystery.  
**George Brosi** – Editor of *Appalachian Heritage* will discuss Appalachian writing.  
**Granny Sue Holstein** – on storytelling and Appalachian traditions.

The full list of presenters can be found on our website at <http://www.WWriters.org>.

### More Activities

#### SCENE OF THE CRIME PROCESSING

A state police officer will create a crime scene and go through the actual steps taken.

#### FIVE PEOPLE'S CHOICE SESSIONS

Bring your short poetry or prose to read aloud (four minute limit). Those present vote for the best. Winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

#### WRITER'S WALL

Bring one page of poetry or prose to post on the Writer's Wall. The author's name must NOT appear on the piece. Sign up on the sheet next to registration in Assembly Hall. Ballots will be distributed with the registration packet and winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

#### SILENT AUCTION

An eclectic mix of autographed books, writing magazines, gift certificates, White Elephants and much more will be sold to the highest bidder. All those donating an item will be in a special door prize drawing.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Friday night, poet and WWW charter member **Kirk Judd** will present music and poetry with musicians **Danny Arthur and Tim Bing**. Saturday night, a concert by **Pops Walker**, award-winning musician who is also responsible for the music on the recent audio adaptation of Lee Maynard's *Crum*. Bonfires will follow, weather permitting.

#### BOOKSTORE

Attendees may display books or CDs they've authored or published to sell at the bookstore.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

Where we introduce our workshop leaders, hold officer elections and conduct our annual membership business meeting, Friday at 1p.

#### AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday evening's awards banquet we will honor our charter members and announce the winners of our annual Writing Contest.

## Lodging

Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Early reservations are recommended. Hotel rooms (\$65/night @Holt Lodge), lodge rooms (\$45/night for Mountaineer Lodges, \$44 for Cedars, Lakes and Main) and dorm rooms (\$13.20 adult/\$11 youth) are available on the Cedar Lakes premises. Note that dorm rooms do not include linens, so bring your own twin sheets and towels. Reservations must be made directly with Cedar Lakes. [www.cedarlakes.com](http://www.cedarlakes.com)  
HC 88, Box 21, Ripley, WV 25271  
(304) 372-7860 [info@cedarlakes.com](mailto:info@cedarlakes.com)

Other lodging is available in nearby Ripley:

**Best Western McCoy's Inn & Conference Center**  
701 Main Street W, Ripley, WV 25271  
(304) 372-9122 or 800-288-9122

**Holiday Inn Express**  
One Hospitality Drive, Ripley, WV 25271  
304-273-5000 [holidayinnexpress@wvdsi.net](mailto:holidayinnexpress@wvdsi.net)

**Super 8 Motel – Ripley**  
102 Duke Drive, Ripley, WV 25271  
304-372-8880

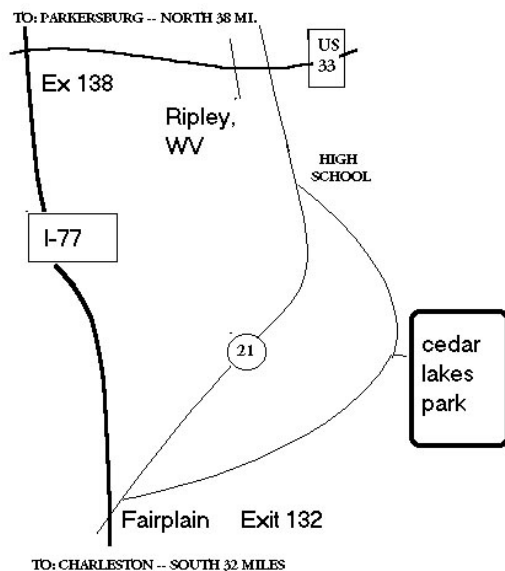
**77 Motor Inn**  
RR 3 Box 80, Ripley, WV 25271  
304-372-5949

## Costs

**All three days:** \$100 (\$85 members)  
**Fri/Sat or Sat/Sun only:** \$85 (\$70 members)  
**Friday only:** \$45  
**Saturday only:** \$55  
**Sunday only:** \$40  
**Students:** 50% off adult prices  
**WV Writers Membership:** \$20

## Getting There

Cedar Lakes is near Ripley, WV and is located off I-77 at the Ripley/Fairplain Exit #132, 38 miles north of Charleston, WV and 45 miles south of Parkersburg, WV. Follow the brown state park signs to Cedar Lakes.



## Registration

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. If you are pre-registered and your fees are pre-paid in full, you'll be able to pick up your registration packet through the "express lane." Checks or money orders should be made payable to WVW, Inc. Or send credit card payment via PayPal.com to [westvirginiawriters@gmail.com](mailto:westvirginiawriters@gmail.com)

The registration desk is located in Assembly Hall and will be open during the following hours:

Friday	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

## More Information

For the most up to date conference information, including our **conference brochure**, **workshop schedule**, **workshop descriptions**, **presenters' bios**, **conference registration form**, **Cedar Lakes' room and food registration form**, and everything else you might need to know, from how to get there to what to do once you're there, please visit our website at...

<http://www.WVWriters.org/conference.html>

No computer? You can request all of the above information by mail at...

**West Virginia Writers, Inc.**  
**906 18<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Vienna, WV 26105**

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