

Hemingway-Pfeiffer Summer Writers' Retreat

June 19-23, 2023



HEMINGWAY-PFEIFFER
MUSEUM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER
Piggott, Arkansas

The Hemingway-Pfeiffer Summer Writers' Retreat

The retreat offers adults the opportunity to work on personal creative writing, share their work, receive feedback, and interact with others interested in writing. Writers have the opportunity to work in the Barn-Studio where Ernest Hemingway wrote during visits to Piggott. Not all writers come with something in mind to write, but many do. The retreat is structured to be interactive, a time when friendships are formed, craft is honed, and creativity is enhanced.



This year's Hemingway-Pfeiffer Writer-in-Residence Matt Pitt will serve as mentor for the retreat. Raised in St. Louis, Matthew Pitt worked in Los Angeles on a sitcom. New York City as an editor, and Massachusetts

as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. These days he operates out Ft. Worth, as an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at TCU. Matt's third book, the novella **The Be Everything! Brothers**, is forthcoming late in 2023. National Book Award finalist Brandon Hobson recently selected his collections-in-progress, **Unusual Poisons**, for a 2023-24 Everett Southwest Literary Award. Matt's prior books are the story collections **These Are Our Demands** (Midwest Book Award Winner) and **Attention Please Now** (Autumn House Prize Winner). His stories have won numerous awards, are cited in several "Best of" anthologies, and appear in **Story**, **Michigan Quarterly Review**, **BOMB**, **Oxford American**, **Blackbird**, **Cincinnati Review**, **Conjunctions**, and **The Southern Review**.



The HP Educational Center

Daily sessions are held in the Educational Center adjacent to the Pfeiffer-Janes House. Participants may choose to write in the Educational Center, in the Barn-Studio, on the porches, on the patio, or on lawn areas. You may bring your own laptop computer or use one of the computer stations in the Educational Center.

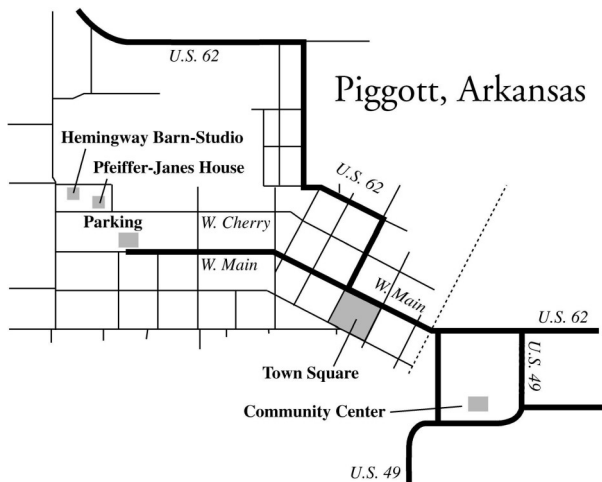
Tentative Retreat Schedule

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| 9-11am | Craft Talk/Group Discussions/Exercises |
| 11-Noon. | Individual Writing/Mentoring |
| Noon-1 pm: | Lunch provided on site |
| 1-2:00 pm | One-on-One Mentoring |
| 2:30-3:30 pm | Reading |

Teachers interested in in-service opportunities associated with the retreat should call the museum for information.

Excerpt from Ernest Hemingway's acceptance speech for the 1954 Nobel Prize—Literature:

"For each writer each book should be a new beginning where he tries again for something that is beyond attainment. He should always try for something that has never been done or that others have tried and failed. Then sometimes, he will succeed. How simple the writing of literature would be if it were only necessary to write in another way that which has been well written."



Piggott Lodging

The Inn at Piggott: 870-598-8888
 thedowntowninn.com

Open Roads Motel: 870-598-5941

The Manor at Whitaker Place B&B
 870-324-1418

Rose Dale Farm B&B: 870-634-7100

Be sure to mention you are attending the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Writers' Retreat.

*Amenities are also available in nearby

Local Attractions

The Matilda and Karl Pfeiffer Museum, a 1933 Tudor Revival-style home adjacent to the Hemingway Barn-Studio, features native botanical gardens, a world-class mineral collection and a Native American artifact collection.

Chalk Bluff Park, a Civil War site about 15 minutes north of Piggott at St. Francis, offers paved heritage trails through the wooded area at the St. Francis River.

Heritage Park, less than five minutes from HPMEC, features a fishing lake with paved walking trails, picnic areas and playgrounds.

Shop and Dine "On the Square." The downtown area is lined with shops featuring antiques, collectibles, and unique gifts, along with dining facilities.



**Ernest and Pauline Hemingway's Paris Wedding
 May 10, 1927**

The Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center in Piggott, Arkansas, is the former residence of Paul and Mary Pfeiffer, whose daughter Pauline was married to the great American writer Ernest Hemingway.

Pauline met Ernest and his first wife Hadley in 1925 at a party in Paris. Pauline had graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1918 and worked for the *Cleveland Press* and *Vanity Fair* in New York before accepting a job with the Paris bureau of *Vogue* magazine.

After their marriage on May 10, 1927, Pauline and Ernest remained in Paris for a time, settling later in Key West, FL. During their marriage, from 1927-1940, they were frequent visitors to Piggott, and the Pfeiffers converted their barn into a studio to give Hemingway privacy for writing. It was in this unlikely spot that he wrote portions of *A Farewell to Arms* and various short stories.

HPMEC offers Writers' Retreats for adults, Young Authors Workshops, an annual Student Art Exhibition, and other special events.

Tours are on the hour:
 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Saturday 1 to 3 p.m.

Hemingway-Pfeiffer Summer Writers' Retreat June 19-23, 2023 Registration Form

Registration is \$325 (or \$300 for museum members). Single-day registrations are not available. Full refund if canceled by June 1. Please register as soon as possible and make lodging reservations, as the retreat is limited to 14 participants.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Credit Card:

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Expiration Date: _____ CSC: _____

Signature of card holder:

Checks and money order payable to:
 HPMEC Writers' Retreat

Mail with completed Registration Form to:
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 Piggott, AR 72454

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