

Memory & Metaphor in the Forest

An Afternoon of Writing, Healing & Transformation



Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
1 - 6pm (Eastern)
Chelsea, MI (new home of Wellspring)
Cost: \$150 (USD)

(Address will be sent after registration & payment)

In This Workshop We Will:

- write together, creating mind & body maps of places within us that need to be healed.
- pick a scene, and an object within it,
 & cluster them on the page, locating them in our bodies.
- walk across the wetlands walkway& out to the forest.
- hand our scene & object over to the forest and ask for its metaphors in return.
- bring back the metaphors we are given and allow them to illuminate & transform our writing.
- read our writing aloud to each other
 & experience the healing that occurs
 in our sacred circle.
- benefit from the increase in our imaginations and creative power.
- create innovative pieces of writing that can be revised for possible publication.



"A good metaphor, like a bolt of lightning, provides a sudden flash of insight, a glimpse of illuminated ground on which experiments can be made."

-- James Geary

Derived from the Greek roots *meta* (over, across, or beyond) and *phor* (to carry), the literal meaning of metaphor is *to carry across*.