

A Feast of Language

Videoconference Writing Workshop for beginner writers

All Welcome!

Tuesday, April 23rd 2013

9:30am Central (10:30am Eastern)

With Marilyn Dumont, author of *A Really Good Brown Girl*, *green girl dreams Mountains* and *Stray Dog Moccasins*.

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Writing for many is about the love of language, whether your language is English, Anishnaabe, French, Cree, Finnish, Inuktitut or any other wonderful language. Even texting, hip hop and street slang are a part of language.

In this workshop you're invited to explore the different types of language that you use – texting a friend, scribbling words to a song, composing a cover letter for a job, or recording a line of conversation or from a speech given by a community leader, or something your parent or child said, something your ancestor said, or a line from a song or prayer from any language.

So, in the workshop we'll be looking at lines that “speak to you,” words that you are drawn to. The beauty of this exercise is creating a *feast of language* which reflects time, place and personality. For example, collect slang greetings from English, Anishnaabe, Oji-Cree or perhaps translate a common expression from any language to English or vice versa.

From this workshop, you will create a piece of poetry or prose. You might surprise yourself by what you come up with!

If you like, you can keep a little notebook of these lines you collect before the workshop.

Contact Lyle Johnson at K-Net to register (lylejohnson@knet.ca)

This workshop is sponsored by the Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop and K-Net.

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