

CROWVOICE

Creative Writing & Ecology Workshops

~Blood, Sweat & Typewriters~

Workshop Overview:

Blood, Sweat & Typewriters is a creative writing workshop for adults that covers aspects of both poetry and fiction. Participants consider the four aspects of the writer: the laborer who must work and struggle ceaselessly, the seeker who journeys beyond the ordinary to discover new worlds and ways of understanding, the craftsman who must hone his or her tools and practice their use, and the creator who gives birth to new and amazing creatures of paper and ink.

Workshop Description:

The workshop breaks the art of writing into four aspects of the writer: laborer, seeker, craftsman, and creator. Each aspect is discussed, examples from other writers are given, then guided writing activities are done to illustrate the concept. Writings are voluntarily read, discussed and critiqued, toward the goal of producing stronger, more concrete, more vibrant poems and short fiction pieces.

Some of the activities' objectives are to open blocks to imagination, cut through the mundane into the authentic, produce work that shuns cliché, and awaken a passion for creative engagement with language.

Participants will need journals and pens. All other materials will be provided.

Presenter:

Marc Beaudin is a writer, naturalist, and educator who has developed the CrowVoice series of programs. He has taught numerous workshops in creative writing, ecology, and an integration of these two for students of all ages in schools, libraries, nature centers, and arts collectives, as well as the Theodore Roethke House.

A former park ranger for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Nature Director for the Boy Scouts of America, he has been studying and teaching ecology, wilderness survival, and nature attunement for over 20 years.

He has taught creative and academic writing, and English language at Saginaw Valley State University; Kirtland College; El Instituto de Ingles Javier-McKeever in Chiapas, Mexico; and the Saginaw First Ward Community Center.

Cost and Contact Information:

- The workshop is designed to run approximately 3 hours; however, adjustments can be made to suit your group or the format of your event.
- Cost of the workshop is \$100 (plus travel expenses, if applicable).
- To schedule a workshop, send an E-mail to info@crowvoice.com.