

Join Donna Hanelin & Heather Hutcheson for Creative Writing in Oaxaca, Mexico ♦ July 20 - 30, 2011

We will be offering *What's in a Place?* a writing workshop in the city of Oaxaca (waHAKa) for poets and writers of all levels. *What's in a Place?* is



a combination of classes with onsite writing, group feedback, and private time to write and to

explore the city. July is a perfect month in Oaxaca with days in the 80s and cool at night and the surrounding mountains green from summer showers.

Donna & Heather

Donna taught creative writing and performed her poetry and prose for twenty years in the Sacramento area. Since 1997, she has been leading writing retreats in Mexico. She is the author of *And I You* and is presently working on *You Jump to Water*, a handmade book of poetry. Donna now lives and writes in the city of Oaxaca.

Heather is a tenured Professor of English at Cosumnes River College. She edits the *Cosumnes River Journal*, hosts a reading series, and organizes an annual memoir conference. A former journalist for *The Desert Sentinel* and *The Atascadero News*—and contributor to numerous publications—Heather is a nationally-published award-winning writer.

Both women are devoted to the art of writing as well as of teaching. ***What's in a Place?* is limited to ten participants** to leave time and space to address individual concerns and interests.

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www.creativewritingclasses.us

What's in a Place?

Everything! Nothing! Where do you live? What does this mean for the stories you write? When you leap into your story or poem, where are you? How do you find your place? And when you get there, what's in the place? Is there room for the reader in your place?

We'll write and revise, paying attention to how we bring the outside into our work—and how we take the inner feelings out of our selves. How much do we want of inner and outer life? Living in a foreign place is the best way to clear the slate, to see place without the usual attachments and to re-experience the vital needs and workings of the imagination.

We'll be meeting during the Guelaguetza, the regional dances of the state of Oaxaca, a time when the city is yet more festive than usual, the finest clothes and crafts are on display and music, dancers and fireworks fill the streets. There are sixteen indigenous groups in the state of Oaxaca, each with their own traditions, clothing, and language (each with many dialects)—during the Guelaguetza you will have a chance to sample some of this remarkable and rich diversity.

Registration and Payment Information

\$625 Fee includes the workshop and materials, private consultation with Donna or Heather, dinners July 20 & July 29, orientation tour of the city, writing excursions to the ruins of Monte Alban and *La Encantada* (an orchid garden), and Guelaguetza (regional dances) in an outlying village. Fee does not include airfare, lodging or meals except as listed.

To reserve your place today, please complete the application and mail with \$50 deposit payable to: Heather Hutcheson
8401 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823

Or use Paypal to pay by credit card. Contact Heather for more information. You will receive email confirmation of your participation.

Early fee of \$625 (less deposit) is due by May 14. After May 14, the fee is \$700 (less deposit). 50% refunds will be granted after June 1.

Dates

Wednesday, July 20 is Arrival Day; classes begin on the morning of July 21. Friday, July 30 is Departure Day; final meeting is in the evening of July 29.

Retreat Host/Lodging

Casa Panchita, a lovely, tranquil b&b guesthouse just north of the central historical district, is our host for *What's in a Place?* The Casa has six art-filled bedrooms, verandahs, a swimming pool, beautiful grounds with a view of the mountains and an excellent cook. We will fill the Casa on a first come, first served basis, double occupancy preferred. Rates at Casa Panchita include a full breakfast. US\$500 per person for all ten nights, double occupancy. US\$250 additional for single occupancy. If you need a roommate, tell us. You may also book your own accommodations in the city of Oaxaca. To reserve your room at Casa Panchita, please contact Donna as soon as possible.



Application

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email	
What do you write?	<input type="checkbox"/> fiction <input type="checkbox"/> poetry <input type="checkbox"/> journals <input type="checkbox"/> creative non-fiction/memoir Please check all that apply
Goals/desires for this workshop Use additional sheet as needed	
Questions/Comments	

Emergency Contact Information

Name	
Relationship	
Phone	
Alternate Phone	
Allergies/Conditions	

US citizens need USA Passport valid (for at least six months from arrival date) for travel to and from Mexico. No vaccinations or health certification necessary.

I am an independent traveler and will carry whatever travel insurance I deem necessary.

Signature: _____

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