

Workshop Directors



Debora M. Coty
Author



Ruth C. Ellinger
Author



The Dining Room



Main Conference Room

Schedule

Florida Inspirational Writers Retreat
October 8, 2011

- 8:00: Registration
- 8:30: Welcome ~ *Debora Coty*
- 8:45: Keynote Address ~ "Revving Up"
(Setting Goals)
~ *Dianne Robertson*
- 9:45: Break
- 10:00: "Editing Styles for Your Particular Genre"
~ *Adele Brinkley*
- 11:15: AM Workshop Tracks
Track #1: "Making Money with Words"
~ *Nancy Christie*
Track #2: "Winning Pitch"
(Pitching your work to agents and editors)
~ *Debora Coty*
- 12:30: Lunch (Provided)
- 1:30: "What is in Your Hand?"
~ *Ruth Ellinger*
- 2:15: "10 Things Every Writer Should Know"
~ *Debora Coty*
- 3:15: Break
- 3:30: PM Workshop Tracks
Track #1: "Writing Right: the Do's and Don'ts"
~ *Adele Brinkley*
Track #2: "Marketing Your Published Work"
(Tools for Finding Readers)
~ *J. David Knepper*
- 4:45: Wrap-Up ~ *Ruth Ellinger*
- 5:00: Bookstore and Author Signing



*Do not despise these small beginnings,
for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin!*
~ *Zechariah 4:10*

Faculty



Diane E. Robertson
Keynote Speaker

Diane has been writing professionally since 1991 and has published 100+ stories and articles, including most recently *Adventures in Writing*. In 2005 she became Associate Editor for *Venice Gulf Coast Living Magazine*. Since 2006 she has taught writing classes at local colleges and senior centers in SW Florida. She also edits and ghostwrites for private clients, speaks to writers' groups, and presents workshops. www.freelancewritingbydiane.com.



Adele Brinkley
Faculty

Adele, a professional editor with her own editing service, *With Pen in Hand*, has been an English teacher for thirty years. Her experience includes magazine feature writer (18 years), columnist (15 years), and master's degree courses in journalism. Adele edits dissertations for masters and doctoral candidates, query letters, business proposals, biographies, autobiographies, novels, short stories, and children's stories, as well as speeches for principals, professors, and politicians.



Nancy Christie
Faculty

Nancy is the author of the inspirational book, *The Gifts of Change*, and a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She writes for magazines, websites, corporations, agencies and non-profit organizations. Her fiction and essays have appeared in *The Wanderings*, *The Chaffin Journal*, *Tai Chi*, *Experience Life* and *Woman's Day* and she is currently completing her second novel. www.nancychristie.com.



J. David Knepper
Faculty

David's work experience includes WFLA Television, The Tampa Tribune, The Ledger (Lakeland, FL) and various radio stations. He is published nationally in insurance industry trade magazines and in *Today's Christian Preacher*. He also edited and published a small magazine in Brandon.