

Taylor's Professional Writers' Conference 2024

July 26-27, General Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, July 26			
Registration 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Rupp Atrium		
Welcome and Introductory Keynote 1:00 – 1:50	Chasing Success <i>Lynn Austin</i> (Mitchell Theatre)		
Session 1 2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	10 Years, 40 Titles, 6 Secrets to Success <i>Glenys Nellist</i> Rupp 205 (will be repeated in Session 8)	SEO Basics <i>Grant Patterson</i> Rupp 104	How to Write a Novel <i>PeggySue Wells</i> Rupp 203
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Free social media tech help. Sign up for a 30-minute slot at the registration table. (Meetings in Rupp 222)		
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Free shoulder massage. Sign up for 10-minute slot at registration table. (In bookstore area)		
Session 2 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	Practical Creativity <i>Ann Byle</i> Rupp 205	How to Build a Website with SEO in Mind <i>Grant Patterson</i> Rupp 104	How to Create a Memorable Fantasy or Sci-Fi World <i>Josiah DeGraaf</i> Rupp 203
Roundtables 4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Get Serious About Your Goals with a New Style of Writing Group <i>Writer Chick Society (Donna Cronk, Janet Leonard, Cathy Shouse, Susan Sparks)</i> Rupp 205	Finding Success as a Self-Published Author <i>Sherwood DeVisser</i> Rupp 104	Why Write Fantasy for the Adult Market? <i>Josiah DeGraaf</i> Rupp 203
Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Hodson Dining Commons		
Group gatherings 7:00 – 7:50 p.m.	Find Your Tribe <i>Group 1 – Historical Fiction</i> with Lynn Austen and Susie Finkbeiner (Rupp 205) <i>Group 2 – Mystery & Suspense</i> with Jori Hanna and Rachael Phillips (Rupp 104) <i>Group 3 – Short Form Writing (news, articles, blogs)</i> with Janet Hart Leonard (Mitchell theatre landing, upstairs) <i>Group 4 – Children's Writing</i> with Glenys Nellist (Rupp 222) <i>Group 5 – Fantasy</i> with Josiah DeGraaf (Rupp 203)		
Faculty Book Signing 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Rupp Atrium – Bookstore Open		
Open mic readings 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Mitchell Theatre		
Night Owl for High Schoolers 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	Join with staff for fun games and activities. Staff will give instructions about where to meet.		

SATURDAY, July 27			
Breakfast 7:45-8:45	Hodson Dining Commons		
Keynote 9:00 – 9:50	Mermaids, Unicorns, and Christian Writers <i>Jim Watkins</i> (Mitchell Theatre)		
10:00 – 12:00 noon	Free social media tech help. Sign up for a 30-minute slot at the registration table.		
Session 3 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Make Money Writing for Specialty Markets <i>Lin Johnson</i> Rupp 104	Build Strong: Creating an Outline for Your Nonfiction Book <i>Ann Byle</i> Rupp 205	Point of View <i>PeggySue Wells</i> Rupp 203
11:00 – 1:00	Free headshot photos. Sign up for a 5-minute slot at the registration table.		
Session 4 11:00 – 11:50 p.m.	Bible Journeys: Teaching the Bible Like a Tour Guide <i>Sharla Fritz</i> Rupp 205	The First Verb: A Life-Changing Theology of Creativity <i>Colleen Warren</i> Rupp 203	Research for Novel Writers <i>Susie Finkbeiner</i> Rupp 104
Lunch 12:00-12:45	Hodson Dining Commons		
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Free social media tech help. Sign up for a 30-minute slot at the registration table.		
Session 5 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	Telling a Story that People Want to Read <i>Janet Hart Leonard</i> Rupp 205	Writing Personal Experience Articles <i>Lin Johnson</i> Rupp 104	But I'm Not Funny! Helps to Up the Humor Level in Your Writing <i>Rachael Phillips</i> Rupp 203
Session 6 2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Editorial Budgeting: Which Edits Are Worth the Cost? <i>Tim Pietz</i> Rupp 203	Finding Your Way to Being a Newspaper Columnist <i>Janet Hart Leonard</i> Rupp 205	Authentic Characterization in Historical Fiction <i>Susie Finkbeiner</i> Rupp 104
Session 7 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	7 Things I Wish I Had Known When I Started Speaking <i>Sharla Fritz</i> Rupp 205	Fiction Proposal Pitfalls: Common Reasons Publishers Turn Authors Down <i>Tim Pietz</i> Rupp 203	Becoming Sherlock and Watson: How to Compose a Mystery or Thriller <i>Jori Hanna</i> Rupp 104
Session 8 4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	10 Years, 40 Titles, 6 Secrets to Success <i>Glenys Nellist</i> Rupp 205	Writing Naturally: Nature Writing as Wonder and Worship <i>Colleen Warren</i> Rupp 104	Writing the Cozy Mystery <i>Rachael Phillips</i> Rupp 203
Closing Session 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Counting the Cost of Being a Writer <i>Lynn Austin</i> (Mitchell Theatre)		

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