

## A boutique gathering by local writers — for local writers.

- WHEN? Saturday, November 16: 9AM-3PM
- WHERE? Manteo Resort, Kelowna, B.C.
- WHO should come? Writers of any genre, age, and stage in the Kelowna area are welcome.
- WHY? We (the local Word Guild members) want to encourage our fellow writers by providing quality teaching, a chance to ask writing questions, delicious food, and a space to connect in a gorgeous venue!
- WHAT is on the agenda? Presentations from award-winning authors & international speakers (keep reading for details), Q&A with published panelists, bookish giveaways, & more! All this for...

**ONLY \$50** (thanks to our sponsor!\*)
BUT there are only 50 seats, so book yours now:





Early Christmas shopping... signed books by local authors will be available to \_peruse & purchase!

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(Read on for more details about our presenters...)

## Keynote Presenters for fiction, non-fiction, & writing for children:



**Blossom Turner** is an award-winning novelist, a free-lance writer, and a newspaper columnist. All six of her published books have either been a finalist or a winner in the Canadian Christian Word Guild Awards. Her latest was a finalist for the ACFW Carol Award. Read more: www.blossomturner.com



A published, award-winning Christian author & certified writing coach, **Laura Thomas** writes heartwarming encouragement for your soul—especially in her numerous romantic suspense novels, as well as teen fiction, marriage, & children's books. Read more: www.laurathomasauthor.com



Heidi McLaughlin is the author of several books, Bible Studies and hundreds of articles and anthologies. Heidi uses her written material to speak, teach and encourage women around the world.

Read more: www.heartconnection.ca



**Karen Autio** is an award-winning Kelowna children's author of 11 picture books, chapter books, and novels, both contemporary and historical. Karen is also a freelance editor of fiction and nonfiction and a sensitivity reader for disability awareness. Read more: www.karenautio.com

## **Memoir Panelists:**



**Karen Barnstable** is an educator with a master's degree in teaching and learning, and author of her memoir Seeking Silver and children's book Winston Wonders. She offers her online course "Writing a Memoir" at U of V and UBC.

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After a colorful life spanning four continents and 16 cities, **M ari lyn Kriete** moved to Kelowna, took a deep breath, and started writing. Her award-winning memoirs, Paradise Road and The Box Must be Empty, tell part of that story.

Read more: www.marilynkriete.com



Jane Catherine Rozek is an award-winning literary novelist for her Spirit Quest series and a narrative non-fiction author featured in ForeWord Reviews. She loves to travel to foreign destinations for grand adventures with her laptop in hand. Read more: www.JaneCatherineRozek.com

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We look forward to seeing you soon!