

Washington Romance Writers 2011 Annual Retreat – In the Company of Writers

Carradoc Hall Holiday Inn

Leesburg, Virginia

Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1, 2011

Appeal for Goodie Bag Goodies

The WRW Retreat, one of the earliest romance-focused writer conferences in the country, has a well-deserved reputation for consistently providing top-notch programming as well as first-rate fun. The Retreat has become a cherished annual tradition for romance writers from the Washington DC area as well as across the country. Typical attendees range from beginners to best-selling authors. Among the Guest Speakers confirmed so far for this year are:

Authors: *Lori Wild, Roxanne Rustan; Rita Winner: Kristan Higgins; NYT Bestseller: Sherrilyn Kenyon*

Agents: *Elaine English of The Elaine P. English Literary Agency; Amy Boggs of Donald Maass Literary Agency; Jenny Bent of The Bent Agency; Sara Megibow of Nelson Literary Agency*

Editors: *Angela James of Carina Press; Kreyren Gerlach of Harlequin; Deb Werksman of Sourcebooks; Shauna Summers of Bantam Books*

The Retreat customarily offers attendees a goodie bag full of books, magazines, and promotional materials geared to writers or used in the creation or promotion of their books. These items are contributed by authors, publishers, agents, editors, publicists, printers, or anyone who wants to promote their products or services to romance writers. Or do a little bragging. (We won't tell.)

Please consider contributing to this year's goodie bag. We would welcome whatever you would like to donate. In the past, authors have sent copies of their books and promotional efforts to share with their peers; publishers have provided books, magazines, and submission guidelines; specialty printers have supplied print samples and rate cards—your imagination is the limit! Well, that, and a bag no bigger than a breadbox....

Your generosity will be appreciated by every attendee, acknowledged in a special handout provided to all at conference check-in, and mentioned from the podium whenever possible.

Quantity Needed: There will be approximately 125 writers, editors and agents attending the retreat. If you choose to contribute, any quantity of items will be gratefully accepted.

Deadline: Send materials at your convenience, but please plan their arrival no later than:
Monday, April 18, 2011

Send to: WRW Retreat Bags
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