

Catherine Reid's Writing Workshop

For many of us, reading the work of such authors as Henry David Thoreau, Aldo Leopold, Mary Oliver or Kathleen Dean Moore gives us pleasure on many levels. We experience anew the author's sense of wonder or discovery; we bask in the crafting and lyrical use of language; and we learn how the "literature of place"—the scenes from our very backyards—can also offer insights into the human condition.

In this workshop, "**Writing the Nature of Our Lives**," we will explore a variety of creative writing exercises designed to heighten sensory perception and shape meaningful stories out of the landscapes that surround us. Depending on the collective interest, we may also cover ways to build narrative momentum, edit our own work, and integrate memoir and metaphor to generate layers of meaning. Bring notebook and writing utensils and enough warm clothes to spend some time outside in the wooded surroundings of Common Light Meetingplace at the convergence of Flat Creek and the Swannanoa River.

A naturalist and award-winning essayist, Catherine Reid's work has appeared in a variety of anthologies and literary journals. Bill McKibben praised her recent book *Coyote: Seeking the Hunter in Our Midst* as "beautifully written," while *The Boston Globe* described it as "more than a book about nature . . . a narrative about home and family, and about human attitudes toward the wild and unfamiliar." She is on the faculty at Warren Wilson College, with a specialty in creative nonfiction.



**Friday
March 7
5:30-8 p.m.**

**Saturday
March 8
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Writing the Nature of Our Lives – 2 day workshop
March 7, Friday 5:30-8pm – Beginning with a simple supper
March 8, Saturday 9am-3:30 pm – bring bag lunches

Fee: \$50, including the catered supper. Scholarships Available. Register by phone or email by March 5.

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