



We invite you to participate in a Free Poetry Workshop...

Writing Narrative Poetry

Discussion & Workshop with Ryan G. Van Cleave

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009

5:30 - 7pm

FREE

Art Center Sarasota

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On the simplest level, narrative poems are works of poetry that use a story as one of their main ways to convey meaning. These poems can be of any length or level of complexity. While many narrative poems are large in scope (*Gilgamesh*, *The Iliad*, Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*, and *Canterbury Tales*, to name just a few), this discussion will focus primarily on short narrative poems—no more than a page or two in length.

Feel free to bring a poem or two of your own for a free workshop critique (we'll make copies on the spot—you only need to bring one). If we don't have time to get group feedback on all poems, the instructor will make arrangements to give feedback outside of the workshop.

About the workshop leader:

Dr. Ryan G. Van Cleave was the 2007-08 Jenny McKean Moore Writer-in-Washington at George Washington University. The author of 14 books and hundreds of short stories, poems, articles, essays and interviews, he has taught writing and literature at Clemson University, Eckerd College, Florida State University, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as at prisons, community centers, and urban at-risk youth facilities.

Ryan lives in Sarasota where he works as a freelance writer, editor and consultant. He serves as Director of C&R Press, a non-profit literary organization that sponsors these free community workshops and publishes many first-time authors.

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