

Figure Eight Electives – Spring/Summer 2024

WORKSHOP:

Generative Writing - 5 Sessions

Looking to generate more writing ideas and keep your creative juices flowing? In these workshops I'll offer a 5-minute writing warmup and then a 20-25 minute prompt. We will tap into the spirit of playfulness, spontaneity and camaraderie. Everyone will have time to write and then time to share. You're welcome to follow the prompts or use the time to work on an independent piece of writing.

When: Tuesdays, 10:45am-12pm EST. 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18

Cost: \$155 total

CRAFT TALK:

Writing Un-Boringly

What's the difference between writing that grips and writing that disengages readers? In this talk, I'll explore my foundational idea that unity and variety are key to creating pieces that earn and hold readers' attention. I will use music, visual art, educational theory and psychology to illustrate what makes art dynamic and alive.

When: Friday July 12th, 4:30-5:45pm EST

Cost: \$45

SPECIAL EVENT:

How It Was Made

Interested in peeking behind the curtain? In this special Figure Eight event, guest speaker **Sue William Silverman** (author of *Acetylene Torch Songs*, *The Pat Boone Fan Club*, and other fabulous books) and I will talk about our own writing processes and craft. Each of us will present one of our own pieces and do a deep dive into the hard and beautiful process of how it was made. There will be time for questions and discussion at the end.

When: Friday June 14th, 4:30-6pm EST

Cost: \$65

To sign up for any of these offerings:

Email me at emilyw7@gmail.com and I'll send payment info.