



# Master Classes & Workshops

January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

3:00-5:00 PM

Mabee Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

The Writers' Festival at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas, will host two master classes with **Myra McLarey** and **Kelly Cherry**. The master classes meet each afternoon of the festival from 3:00-5:00, providing six hours of workshops and instruction by these acclaimed writers and teachers. The master classes will be limited to 10-12 members (although others will be permitted to observe). These special classes are offered at no extra cost to participants, but participants are expected to pay full registration for the Festival (\$175). Limited scholarships are available.

To apply for Myra's prose workshop, you should submit a brief biography and a representative piece of writing not longer than 2500 words, plus the specific piece that you would like to work on during the class. Members in the class will receive a copy of your work as part of the workshop.

To apply for Kelly's poetry workshop, you should submit a brief biography and two fairly representative pieces of your poetry, plus the specific poem you would like to work on during the class. Members in the class will receive a copy of your work as part of the workshop.

## Prose Workshop

led by **Myra McLarey**

**Myra McLarey** was raised in the bottomlands of southwest Arkansas. Her books include *Moncrief, My Journey to the NBA* (co-authored with Sidney Moncrief) and *When You Take a Pig to a Party*, (co-authored with her daughter, Kristina). Her novel, *The Road to Eden's Ridge* (co-authored with Linda Weeks under the pen name of M.L. Rose) was optioned by MGM, and her critically acclaimed novel, *Water from the Well*, was a finalist for the Lillian Smith Award. She won the James Conway teaching and other awards during her years at Harvard, where she taught writing from 1991-2000. She is an associate faculty member of Bard College's Institute for Writing and Thinking and is the chair of the English Department at Ensworth High School, a new school in Nashville, TN. She is now working on a novel that returns to Sugars Spring, Arkansas.

## Poetry Workshop

led by **Kelly Cherry**

**Kelly Cherry** is Professor Emerita at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. At UW-Madison she was Eudora Welty Professor of English and Evjue-Bascom Professor in the Humanities. She retired in 1999 and in retirement continues to hold those titles while also holding named chairs and distinguished writer positions at the Univ. of Alabama Huntsville, Colgate Univ., Mercer Univ., Atlantic Center for the Arts, and Hollins Univ. She has published seventeen books of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, eight chapbooks, and translations of two classical plays. Her short fiction has been reprinted in *Best American Short Stories*, *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards*, *The Pushcart Prize*, and *New Stories from the South*, and has won three PEN/Syndicated Fiction Awards. In 2000 her collection *The Society of Friends: Stories*, received the Dictionary of Literary Biography Award for the best volume of short stories published in 1999. She was the first recipient of the Hanes Poetry Prize for a body of work from the Fellowship of Southern Writers and her collection *Hazard and Prospect: New and Selected Poems* was a finalist for The Poets' Prize. Recently invited to serve as an Elector of The Poets' Corner at The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine for a term of five years, she also recently received a Rockefeller Foundation grant to work on a poetry manuscript in progress. New this year are *The Retreats of Thought: Poems* and *Girl in a Library: On Women Writers and the Writing Life*.

To register for The Writers' Festival, to request information, or to apply for the master classes, please contact Audell Shelburne by email at [ashelburne@umhb.edu](mailto:ashelburne@umhb.edu) or by phone at 254-295-4561. You may mail proposals for readings and workshops, or your application materials for the Master Classes before October 30, 2009, to The Writers' Festival • UMHB Box 8008 • Belton, TX 76513.