

2010 GUIDELINES FORMAL MANUSCRIPT CRITIQUE

Conference attendees may pay an **additional fee of \$30** to receive a formal, one-on-one critique of a manuscript or set of poems by a conference faculty member or another published author.

1. Send a complete manuscript, of **10 pages in length maximum**, of a short story or nonfiction article. For poetry, send up to **10 pages max** of one or several poems. Novel, send up to **10 pages max** of a completed chapter or chapters, and a **one page** synopsis.
2. Manuscripts (Mss) must be **typed and properly formatted** to be critiqued (double spacing, Times Roman or Courier 12 pt. font, one inch margins).
3. You must **indicate the genre** of your mss (novel, short fiction, children's literature, poetry, or nonfiction) **on the registration form**. The genre must also be indicated **on the Mss** along with your name and contact information.
4. Mail Mss **with** completed **Conference Registration Form** and **include payment** for critique as part of the total payment.
5. **Postmarked Deadline for submission of Mss for formal critique is June 10**, because Mss need to be sent to the reviewer to be critiqued in time for the conference. The reviewer will make detailed notes on the Mss and share them privately, in a one-on-one 12-minute meeting, with you the author.
6. **Only a limited number of Formal Manuscript Critique slots** are available and are selected on a first-come first-serve basis. Slot fill quickly, **so Register Early!**
7. **Mss submitted that are not critiqued** will be returned to the author at the conference with the critique fee refunded.

NOTE: Conference attendees interested in receiving an **informal, peer reviewed critique** of their work may bring several copies of their Mss to the conference and distribute them among other interested participants, who will read your work. The interested participants will then meet informally at some time on Saturday afternoon of the conference, in small groups, to exchange comments and make suggestions on each other's works. The **Informal Peer Reviewed critiques are free** and provide an **excellent opportunity to enhance and strengthen a written piece**.