

Writing Workshop in the Woods with Jennifer Browdy and Tes Reed

Local author and professor Jennifer Browdy teams up with wilderness educator Tes Reed to offer a special daylong writing workshop, "Honoring Our Plant and Animal Teachers." The workshop will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Friday, September 15 in the beautiful forest around Tes Reed's home in New Marlborough, with a rain date of September 18. The cost is \$150. Register at JenniferBrowdy.com/events.

Plants and animals—whether mythic, wild, pets, or in the dream/spirit world—have much to teach us about living fully and well. For this day of generative writing, we'll immerse ourselves in the outdoors, communing with Berkshire trees, ferns, fungi and other plants as well as with the animals, birds and butterflies of the forest, seeking the kind of mythic communication that the natural world always offers to humans, when we pay attention.

Through carefully designed writing prompts, guided visualization, group activities and plenty of quiet time for writing and meditation, we'll explore our relationship with our plant and animal teachers, coming away refreshed and creatively enlivened.

Jennifer Browdy is a professor of literature and media arts at Bard College/Simon's Rock and the online global Open Society University Network, focusing on purposeful memoir and media arts for social and environmental justice. Her award-winning books include a memoir, *What I Forgot...And Why I Remembered*, which tells the story of her midlife reconnection with the natural world she loved passionately as a child, and two writers' guides, *Purposeful Memoir as a Quest for a Thriving Future* and *The Elemental Journey of Purposeful Memoir*. The publisher of Green Fire Press and the co-founder of the online writers' community Birth Your Truest Story, Jennifer offers author coaching and manuscript review as well as in-person and online writing workshops. Find out more at JenniferBrowdy.com.

Tes Reed grew up on an old colonial farm in the Berkshire village of New Marlborough, MA. Raised to explore, learn from, and cherish the natural world, her love affair with the wild is still going strong after more than 50 years. She and her husband Paul raised their children at her family farm, enjoying homeschooling, traveling, and living on and off the land. Trained as a Citizen Tracker through Keeping Track in Vermont, Tes has trained and worked as a wilderness educator at Flying Deer Nature Center in East Chatham, NY, where she has co-directed the girls' Rites of Passage program for the last 14 years. She offers nature-based wilderness programs to children and adults, and currently serves on the board of directors for the New Marlborough Land Trust. She also teaches aqua aerobic classes at Berkshire South Regional Community Center. Find out more at TesReed.com.