

The 2009 NWOCW Retreat was a fantastic success, according to the rating sheets everyone filled out. What made it so great? From the minute I entered my comfortable private room with private bath and looked out the window at the trees and lake, I expected the best - and got it. It was great to be with Christian friends who understand the problems, joys and disappointments of writing and dealing with editors.



The presentations covered a range of writing and marketing techniques. All were helpful and informative while the devotions really brought us closer to the Lord we serve and to each other. The "teasing" from comments on Russian poetry to having the same subject for the critiquing kept us laughing - and eating all those snacks. Did anyone else feel full for 2 days?? Of course the meals helped! Next year though, let more of us help in the kitchen.

Free time on Friday afternoon gave us a chance to stroll the grounds, rest, or talk individually with the others. Personally, I got to "know" people who had been just names and faces before.

So kudos to the planners for finding the perfect spot for a wonderful weekend, and planning a fun and informative program. I know we're all glad we are already signed up at Lial for next year! It's already marked on my calendar and I hope on everyone else's, too

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