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Begin a Writer's Journey this Year

HANCOCK – The Finlandia University English Department invites the public to a series of free writing seminars beginning January 15.

The weekly seminars, collectively titled, “The Writer’s Journey” will take place Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 at the Chapel of St. Matthew, Hancock.

In an encouraging and intellectually challenging environment, “The Writer’s Journey” seminar-goers will interact with professional writers about literature and the world of ideas.

Poets, fiction and non-fiction writers, and journalists will share their work and discuss the writing process, literary craft, and publishing.

Following an introductory seminar January 15, on January 22 popular local fiction author Lauri Anderson will discuss, “The Birth of Heikki Heikkinen.”

Other writers include Katie Alvord, author of “Divorce Your Car,” on January 29, and on February 2, Suzanne Strempek Shea, author of “Sundays in America: Writing about a Yearlong Road Trip in Search of Christian Faith.”

Also in February, Rekha Ambardar, author of “His Harbor Girl” and “Maid to Order,” among other novels, will discuss popular fiction February 5. On February 12 Lake Linden High School English and history teacher Earl Brogan will speak about poetry. Visit www.finlandia.edu for a complete list of seminar presenters.

The Writer’s Journey may also be taken for academic credit. Students may register for the Spring 2009 one-credit class, English 203, until January 20. Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

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