

NORTH OF 45 RETREAT FOR WRITERS

At Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn on Big Manistique Lake, Curtis, MI, May 13-16, 2010



Sponsored by: **Erickson Center for the Arts** and open to writers of any style.

"The greatest obstacle that stands in the way for most people who love to write, is the difficulty in finding uninterrupted time to sit down with their thoughts and put them on paper." said Ann Rowland, the Director of **North of 45 Retreat for Writers**.

We're inviting writers from northern Michigan and beyond to spend a weekend in a peaceful setting, to write as much, or as little as they choose, to gain some nugget of knowledge that they can use over and over, and connect with others who share their passion.

At 7:00 on Saturday night, May 15, the public is invited to a presentation at the Erickson Center for the Arts in Curtis, where the North of 45 staff will read from their work.



Steve Amick is the author of "The Lake, the River & the Other Lake" and "Nothing But a Smile." He lives in Michigan with his wife and young son, dividing his time between his hometown and a family cottage on a famously clear lake along the northern edge of the Lower Peninsula.

Amy Speace was born in Baltimore and raised in small-town PA. After moving to New York, she ran her own theater company, taught Shakespeare in the New York City school system and taught herself to play guitar. Giving up her hard-won acting career to become a full-time musician, she now appears on Judy Collins' Wildflower label. Amy makes her home in Nashville TN.



Jeffery L. Schatzer is a children's author whose stories provide readers with positive messages and themes. His picture books include *The Bird in Santa's Beard*, *The Bump on Santa's Noggin'* and *The Runaway Garden*, which has won several national book awards. He resides in Northern MI.



Shelley St. Ange Sheldon is a U.P. native who describes herself as "a mirth monger." She is a writing consultant with the Third Coast Writing Project and an adjunct professor at Kirtland Community College and North Central Michigan College. She lives in the Tip of the Mitt, at Creative Haven Farms with dairy and pack goats, lots of chickens, and a magical husband.

Ann Rowland lives "north of 45" in a retired church that she and her husband are renovating. As a freelance writer, musician, and gardener, her days are spent "humming, playing in the dirt, and making up stuff." She is also the Director of Johnathan Rand's Author Quest, a camp for young writers.

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