

Quoddy Writing Retreat

Lubec, Maine

Five Days: July 26 - 31, 2026

Next summer give yourself a treat. Refresh. Write. Connect with like-minded writers. Rediscover what drew you to teaching in the first place. We invite you to join us this summer for a unique experience in Lubec, Maine.

Retreat Leaders &



Ralph Fletcher



Georgia Heard

A Time to Write &

Writing has a unique way of putting us in touch with what's important in our lives. We (Georgia and Ralph) are there for you. We're committed to you and your writing. We will do whatever we can to stretch you, to help you grow into the writer you want to be.

Cobscook Institute will be headquarters for this 4 1/2-day retreat. Cobscook is located in Trescott, very close to Lubec, the easternmost town in the United States. There you'll be able to experience the countless pleasures of Downeast Maine, a place few people ever see, one that features rugged coasts, unspoiled nature, stunning scenery and harbors. All that plus the freshest lobster you can get!

[Cobscook Institute](#) is a vibrant learning center. Each day we'll meet at Cobscook for breakfast and lunch. The Quoddy Writing Retreat will focus on personal writing. Bring a piece of writing for poetry, a picture book, memoir, a middle grade novel, adult fiction, or an article for a professional journal. Or come with an idea for some writing you'd like to work on. Each morning Ralph and Georgia will give practical tips on the craft or writing. After 75 minutes of writing you'll get into a small response group where you can get supportive feedback for your writing. Participants will also have individual conferences with Georgia and Ralph.

Morning Schedule

7:00 - 8:00 am	Yoga with JoAnn (optional)
8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00	Craft talk with Georgia and Ralph
10:00 - 11:15	Writing time and individual conferences
11:15 - 12:15	Response groups
12:15	Lunch

Afternoon Schedule

Afternoons are left open to spend as you wish. This is personal time to wander, explore, write, hang out with others, or have a beer at Cohills in downtown Lubec. We'll suggest local outings for those who wish to participate.

COST: \$1,095. This amount covers all breakfasts, all lunches, two wine-and-cheese receptions, a lobster dinner, and one other dinner. **NOTE:** The retreat fee does not include lodging or other dinners. Although we encourage participants to stay at the Cobscook Institute, we don't require that you do so. There are a number of inns, a motel, and Air BnB options.

Other Information §

The Quoddy Retreat for Teacher Renewal will focus on writing, but it won't be all serious work. There will be plenty of time for sightseeing, nature walks, and exploring deserted beaches. It's often said that *you can't take a bad picture in Lubec*, so don't forget your camera!

Bring your passport, too. Campobello Island (New Brunswick, Canada) is barely twenty minutes away from downtown Lubec. We'll have the opportunity to visit the cottage where President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his family spent many happy years. Participants can sign up for "Tea with Eleanor."

Next summer give yourself a treat: The Quoddy Retreat for Teacher Renewal. Refresh. Write. Connect with other writers. Rediscover what drew you to teaching in the first place. Lubec Maine is the first town on the east coast of the US to receive the sun's rays. Come bask with us in that fresh new light.

**All writers (including working and retired teachers)
and writing enthusiasts are welcome!**

Ralph Fletcher & Georgia Heard

Registration and Payment §

Cost of the 5-day retreat is \$1,095. A \$300 deposit will secure your spot at the retreat. This amount is refundable, minus \$20 processing fee, by December 31, 2025. After that date this amount will be 50% refundable until February 15, 2026. Balance should be paid in full by March 1, 2026.

If you'd like to pay by Venmo, shoot me an email and I'll send you my business Venmo handle. You can also mail a check made out to me (Ralph Fletcher). Mail to: Ralph Fletcher, 6 Caverno Drive, Lee NH 03861.

Feel free to contact Ralph Fletcher with any questions: figpudding@gmail.com



“I left this retreat carrying so many beautiful gifts—priceless bits of writerly wisdom from Ralph and Georgia, the quiet renewal that only time spent in nature can bring, and a piece of writing I’m truly proud of thanks to the thoughtful guidance of my feedback group. But what I treasure most is the new circle of incredible people who will forever hold a place in my heart, for there is nothing like writing and witnessing each other’s stories to bond a group of people.”

—Dana Clark, 8th grade teacher New Jersey