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Three-Day Writer's Retreat Offers Opportunity to "Write More, Write Better, and Be Happier" at Upscale, New Hampshire Inn

For writers and aspiring writers of fiction and creative nonfiction, this unique retreat, set in New Hampshire's upscale Highland Lake Inn in Andover, NH mixes private time to write with workshops that offer insights into craft, quality feedback, and personal support. Led by author and teacher Joni B. Cole, the retreat is aptly titled: **How to Write More, Write Better, and Be Happier**, "...because what writer isn't happier when feeling productive and confident," says Cole, a seasoned workshop leader.

The retreat will be offered at two times: **Sunday through Tuesday, August 21 -23 and September 18 -20, 2011**. The cost is \$530 per person, double occupancy; \$705 single occupancy, and includes workshops and individual consultations, lodging, and meals. Participation in this retreat is purposely small (maximum of six writers) to assure personal attention and space. Pre-registration is required. <http://www.jonibcole.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Retreat-Registration.pdf>

Cole has taught or offered talks at writing conferences from Harvard Medical School's Continuing Education Program, to The New Hampshire Writer's Project, to the Erma Bombeck Humor Writers' Workshop at the University of Dayton. She is the author of the *Toxic Feedback: Helping Writers Survive and Thrive* ("I can't imagine a better guide to [writing's] rewards and perils than this fine book," *American Book Review*), and is the creator of the "This Day" series, including *Water Cooler Diaries: Women across America Share Their Day at Work* ("both fascinating and eye-opening," *Publisher's Weekly*). Cole's creative nonfiction has been nominated for a 2011 Pushcart Prize, and will be featured in her new fall book, *Another Bad-Dog Book: Tales of Life, Love, and Neurotic Human Behavior*. Cole also co-founded the Writer's Center of White River Junction, Vermont.

The retreat is set in the historic Highland Lake Inn www.highlandlakeinn.com, a warm and welcoming bed and breakfast inn that provides an enchanting escape. Originally built in 1767, and enlarged in the early 1800s, this meticulously restored inn offers 10 spacious and well appointed guest rooms with private baths. Owners Pecco and Gail Beaufays cater to travelers from throughout the United States and Europe. "Personalized touches are what we're all about," says Pecco, who has 30 years experience in the European and American luxury and hotel and restaurant industry. "Our goal is to combine luxury and distinctive amenities within a friendly and comfortable farmhouse setting."

The retreat begins on Sunday at 5 p.m. with a casual meet-and-greet, followed by dinner and a brief workshop session to allow participants to gather and share work. The following days include morning and afternoon workshops, as well as private time to create and consult with Cole. The workshop ends on Tuesday at 2 p.m. ***