



**OUR GUEST
SPEAKER:
*EILEEN
DREYER!***

NY Times Bestselling, Award-winning Eileen Dreyer and her evil twin Kathleen Korbel have, between them, published 38 novels and 9 short stories in romance, romantic-suspense, fantasy-romance, fantasy, medico-forensic suspense, and historical romantic adventure. Along the way she's picked up more than half dozen RT awards for excellence and enough Ritas to place her in the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame.

She is currently continuing her award-winning Drake's Rakes series about a group of gentleman spies in post-Waterloo Britain. The second trilogy of the series, The Last Chance Academy, will premier with an e-novella this summer.

A native of St. Louis, Dreyer is an inveterate traveler, sometimes gardener, and passionate baseball fan (Go, Cards!). She has also learned to love research...especially if she has to travel to do it.

THE SESSIONS:

HIS BRAIN/HER BRAIN: It isn't your imagination. He does think/perceive and problem-solve differently than you do, and there are biological reasons. Learn how to use these differences to your advantage in your writing and your daily life!

I'M EVIL TWINS. . .TWICE: Eileen admits to not being able to sit still for more than ten minutes so it is quite logical that she would find herself at home in multiple genres. She will discuss her genre-hopping experiences and how the fundamental story-telling process still remains the same.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

5-7:00 p.m. Registration
6:30-7:30 Dinner
7:30-8:00 Dessert - Chocolate Anyone?
8:00-9:00 Official Welcome & Ice Breaker
9:00 - ? Bed, relaxation, private critiques...

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

7-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:15 Welcome
9:15-10:30 **Eileen Dreyer - "His Brain/Her Brain"**
10:45-12:00 Mini-Session/Writing Session
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Book Sale & Author Signing
2:00-3:00 **Eileen Dreyer: "I'm Evil Twins. . . Twice"**
3:00-4:00 Writing Session
4:00-4:30 Champagne Celebration: Angel Award, First Sales, PRO Pin Recognition, Toot Your Own Horn
4:30-6:00 Book Basket Raffle, Silent & Live Auctions (proceeds benefit the YWCA Domestic Assault Program)
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-9:00 Muse Sessions or Time on your own

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00-9:30 Chapter Meeting
9:30-11:00 Romance/Biz Round Table with **Eileen Dreyer**
11:00-12:00 Retreat Wrap-Up
12:00 Adjournment

***All activities are slated to be held in the Main Lodge in the Dogwood Room. Meals will be held in the Evergreen Dining Room, also at the Main Lodge.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **Registration will be open through April 9, 2012.** You may make a minimum deposit of \$50 to hold your spot with the balance due by April 9. Final room arrangements are due by April 9th. Registrations for weekend or day only packages may be accepted after April 9th if space remains. Please contact retreat@midmichiganrwa.org to verify availability and pricing.
- **Published Author Critiques:** MMRWA's published writers are again offering one-on-one critiques for only \$15.00. For this amount, you will receive an in-depth critique of your first fifty pages and your synopsis, either in person at the Retreat, by phone or by mail. **Make arrangements early – last year we sold out!** Contact Dawn at members@midmichiganrwa.org or see our website for more information. **Deadline to register for critiques is March 20, 2012.**
- **Muse Sessions:** Bring your work in progress to share with other writers and get great feedback and suggestions for improvement. We suggest you focus on your main characters, your plot/timeline or your 5-page synopsis and/or query letter for a small group brainstorming session. Detailed information will be e-mailed with your pre-Retreat packet.
- **Desserts and goodies:** Bring your favorite dessert to share Friday night!
- **Book Basket Auction:** Bring your money (cash or checks only) for the book basket auction. There will also be tickets to win a blogsite/website design package; a Kindle Fire; handmade quilt; books; luggage; and a one-year membership to MMRWA.

Confirmation via email will be sent upon receipt of your registration. Directions and additional pre-Retreat information will be sent two weeks before Retreat. To reserve a space, you may send a *partial payment* but **full payment must be received by April 9**. One night stays can be arranged. **Please notify us if you require special room arrangements or have special dietary needs.** Questions? Contact Julie at retreat@midmichiganrwa.org or visit our website at www.midmichiganrwa.org.