



## **KERSTING TO LEAD WRITING MEMOIR WORKSHOP AT ARTS ON THE LAKE**

The third in Arts on the Lake's 2013 Community Workshops will be "Writing Memoir" led by Tom Kersting on Sunday, April 14, 3 – 5 pm at the Lake Carmel Arts Center, 640 Route 52, in Kent.

"These two-hour Sunday workshops are opportunities to practice an art form with other members of the community with similar interests," said AotL's Executive Director James Shearwood.

"Everyone has a story to tell," said Kersting. "The workshop will explore strategies for getting started, compare ways of structuring a memoir and participants will begin writing a short piece of their own memoir."

Regardless of age, adds Kersting, "no one else has lived your life, had your own experiences, or seen them from your unique perspective."

Whether a student trying to find meaning in a particular moment or a senior citizen wishing to record aspects of the past for children or grandchildren, the workshop is open to all.

"Writing Memoir" is an outgrowth of the First Wednesday Writers Group that meets monthly at Arts on the Lake of which Kent resident Kersting is the moderator.

Working on his own memoir about growing up in The Bronx in the 1950s and '60s, Kersting with a B.A. and M.A. in English taught high school English for 40 years and was an adjunct in several area colleges. His blog is at [www.thomasdkersting.com](http://www.thomasdkersting.com).

The workshop registration fee is \$5 for the general public and \$2 for students and AotL members.

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Reservations for the workshop may be made online at [www.artsonthelake.org](http://www.artsonthelake.org) or by phone to (845)-228-2685.

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