

# “DANCING WITH A PEN”

A Writers' Workshop for Students in Grades 7-12

**Tues., June 28, 2011 – Fri., July 1, 2011 - 8:30AM – 12:30PM**

**Frelinghuysen Middle School  
Morristown, NJ**

**\$275 (Includes workshops, materials,  
refreshments)**

Once again, the Morris School District Community School is pleased to offer this outstanding opportunity to students for whom writing is one of life's outstanding passions. "Dancing With a Pen" brings students, mentors and professional writers together to share in the creative writing experience. The students will participate in four days of workshops and activities aimed at stimulating the skills, creativity, enjoyment and satisfaction that they receive from writing as well as provide an opportunity to plant the seeds for future writing projects. The Workshop will feature presentations and workshops with:

**Novelist**

**Maryann McFadden**

Maryann McFadden is the author of two very popular novels, *The Richest Season* and *So Happy Together*. While raising her children, she spent ten years working as a freelance writer and then left writing for almost ten years to pursue a successful career as one of Northwest New Jersey's top realtors. She went back to school for a Master's Degree in Writing; *The Richest Season* began as her thesis project. Her articles have appeared in WORKING WOMAN, RUNNER'S GAZETTE, WOMEN'S SPORTS & FITNESS and many other magazines. She has just completed her third novel, which features some of her own writing journey.

**Mystery/Fantasy Fiction:**

**Laura Anne Gilman**

Laura Anne Gilman is the author of the Cosa Nostradamus books for Luna (the "Retrievers" and "Paranormal Scene Investigations" series), and the Vineart War trilogy (FLESH AND FIRE and WEIGHT OF STONE, with SHATTERED VINE forthcoming October 2011). *Flesh and Fire* was nominated for the Nebula Award for Best Novel, and listed by Library Journal as one of their "Best Books of 2009," while HARD MAGIC (PSI#1) was named by NPR as one of the most "transporting" fantasy novels of 2010. She also writes short fiction in a number of genres, and has sold a number of paranormal romances under the name Anna Leonard. A former executive editor at the New American Library (NAL), Laura Anne is an amateur chef, oenophile, and cat-servant. She lives in New York City, where she also runs d.y.m.k. productions.

**Poet:**

**BJ Ward**

BJ Ward is a recipient of the Pushcart Prize for poetry and two Distinguished Artist Fellowships from the NJ State Council on the Arts. He has published three full books of poetry, *Landing in New Jersey With Soft Hands*, *17 Love Poems With No Despair*, *Gravediggers Birthday*. His poem "For the Children of the World Trade Center Victims," is cast in bronze and featured at **Grounds for Sculpture**, an outdoor sculpture museum in New Jersey.

**WRITER'S WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

<b>8:00AM – 8:30AM</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30AM – 9:10AM</b>	<b>Presentation by featured writer</b>
<b>9:15AM – 12:30PM</b>	<b>Small group writing workshops</b>

**Fri., July 1 – The program will be extended until 1:30PM so that participants may have an opportunity to share writings/experiences.**

**Enrollment is limited to 25 students per genre.**

**\* The mentors/small group facilitators for this program are published authors and teachers who possess a passion for teaching writing.**