

# What they're saying about Cary

“You helped me find my voice.  
Writing for me is now a lot like  
running—I can choose when to start  
and when to stop and there isn't  
any need for angst in between—  
I can just do it!”

—SHANNON WEBER

“I generally avoid workshops  
because of the damage they can do to  
writers, with the critical sniping and  
demoralization. Cary's workshop, though,  
was nothing but helpful, quietly and  
subtly leading writers to do their best in  
an open, welcoming environment.”

—RANDY OSBORNE

“I have seldom in my career as a writer  
had a more rejuvenating and stimulating  
creative experience. Cary establishes  
an environment where work is respected  
and safe, positive sharing is the rule,  
and egos are left at the door. The food  
is good, too.”

—GIL SCHWARTZ



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Break barriers and find  
fresh insights in an  
Amherst Writers and Artists  
workshop led by acclaimed  
Salon.com columnist Cary  
Tennis. Unlock powerful  
creative ideas and unleash  
deep emotions in a safe,  
relaxed setting.

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weekly in San  
Francisco. Creative  
getaways occur  
several times a  
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“**Cary Tennis** has it all—he’s funny, he’s kind, he’s smart, he’s brave, and he’s very, very wise.”

—Pat Schneider, founder of the Amherst Writers and Artists method and author of nine books including *Writing Alone* and *With Others*.

**The Amherst Writers and Artists** workshop method helps people write. It helps all people. It doesn’t matter who you are. You might be a professional writer or somebody who has never written anything.

How does it work?

Personally, I would say it works by removing some of the fear and heartache that get in the way of writing. It replaces those things with hope and courage. Then we seem to write better and more easily, and can take in the thoughtful suggestions of others.

The method that gets these results comes from the book *Writing Alone and With Others* by Pat Schneider. Pat is a poet, memoirist, playwright and founder of Amherst Writers and Artists. I am a certified AWA workshop leader, trained by Pat. I use her method in all my workshops. I use it because it works. It’s that simple.

I could talk about how it works in more depth. But it is best experienced. If you are curious, please join us.

Call me at 415-308-5685, or e-mail me at [cary@carytennis.com](mailto:cary@carytennis.com). Drop in on a session to see how you like it.

The writer needs solitude and the writer needs community. **The Creative Getaway** on Tomales Bay offers both. Daily workshops using the Amherst Writers and Artists method unlock imaginative forces and stimulate creative thinking. Many free hours

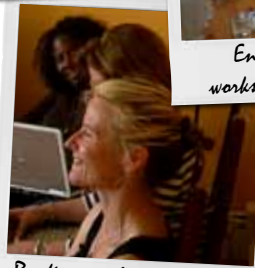
remain to wander alone and think and write. In the evenings after dinner we gather to read aloud from our works or the works of others, talk, play music, perform and have fun.



*Writing at the Cary Tennis Workshop*



*Enjoying workshop treats*



*Reading at the Cary Tennis Workshop*



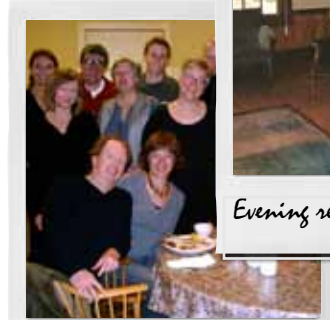
*Workshop treat: raspberry cheesecake*

**The San Francisco workshops** take place in the warmly painted living room of our 1920s Ocean Beach house, within sound and smell of the Pacific Ocean. Every workshop features Norma Tennis’s expertly baked pastries, cakes or cookies. We also serve fruit and vegetarian snacks, good cheeses, coffee and tea.

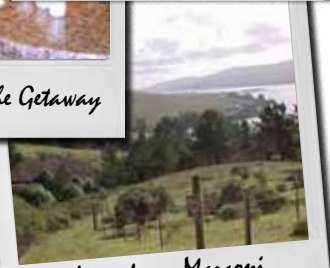
A red velvet curtain separates the living room, with its brick fireplace, many paintings and floor-to-ceiling bookcases, from the rest of the house. When participants are seated and that curtain is pulled, we enter a zone of radical creative freedom in which every voice is heard with open ears and open hearts.



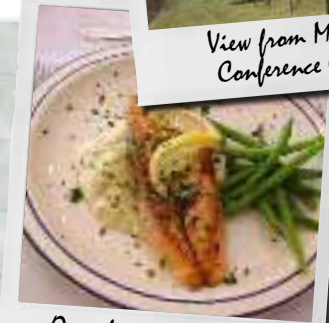
*Evening readings happen here!*



*After dinner at the Getaway*



*View from Marconi Conference Center*



*One of many delicious dinner selections.*