



# STAR ARTS NEWS

February 2023

## A Note from the Co-Chairs

The Star Arts Steering Committee is busy creating a robust conference for you! Our Workshops are being listed on the [stararts.org](http://stararts.org) website. Please keep checking the website for updates. We have volunteers stepping up to present the Morning, Afternoon and Evening Events that we all enjoy. We are also meeting with the other four conferences that will be sharing the island. We are grateful for everyone's hard work and dedication.

We are very happy to hear that people are getting registered and are coming to Star Arts with a roommate. By doubling up, we are able to grow our conference and reduce the number of people on our waitlist. Get registered! Bring a friend or ask for a roommate.

One great bit of news is that Rev. Bill Clark is "coming back" as Star Arts' honored guest. He has done so much for the Arts community and we missed him last year. Rev. Bill will be able to relax, visit, rock on the porch and coordinate with our Minister-of-the-Week. The MOW has not been announced yet. Stay tuned!

See you on the dock,  
Barbara O'Brien and Gail Carrigan  
Star Arts Chair and Co-Chair



Star Island sunset seen through a spider's web.  
Photo by Sally Armstrong

## Evening Chapel Leaders needed!



Our beloved stone Chapel during the day.

### *Evening Chapel Services*

Please set your creative minds to work on evening chapel services. We need you to bring us your poetry or stories or songs or uplifting writings to our chapel services. You will be sharing something special by candle light in the beautiful stone chapel, and we will all be there with you, supporting and appreciating you and your offerings. Let me know what inspires you! I need 3 people to lead, and an additional 3 to bring much shorter sharings to the Star Soup service that will be on Thursday evening.

Charlotte Norris

Please email Charlotte at [charlottexyz1234@gmail.com](mailto:charlottexyz1234@gmail.com)

Star Arts Retreat 2023  
Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>

To Register for Arts Go Here!  
(<https://starisland.org/program/arts/>)

# Workshop Leaders

## *Movement Workshop: Burlesque with Joe Williams*

In this safe and fun workshop, we will look at some of the history of burlesque, cheesecake, and beefcake in stage, film, and TV, even radio, and catch up on some of the Neo-Burlesque movement of our era. The Neo-Burlesque is known for its work in diversity of all types, age, size, gender, disability, skin color, and cultural background, and for renouncing stereotypes and cultural appropriation. As far as practical burlesque and burlesque theory goes, we will set aside the explicit, and instead explore the powers of concealment and revelation, of decoration, of mystery and transformation, and above all, the power of being seen. None of those require removing a single article of clothing, but we might discover a lot of fun in the slow removal of a single glove.

More about Joe Williams visit our website: <https://stararts.org/movement/>



Joe Williams (aka Willy Barnett) was movement workshop leader in 2010.

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## *Writing Workshop: Memoir Writing with Tom Daley*



Tom has led writing workshops since 2004.  
Photo submitted by Richard Waring

In this workshop, we will generate stories from our life experience through several unusual devices. One is to imagine someone (or even something) who is part of the story narrating the events, offering their perspective on our personal history. For instance, we might re-imagine a career as a teacher from the perspective of several students who studied with that teacher over time. The career of someone who worked in the medical field might be illuminated by the imagined memories, opinions, and reflections of that person's patients. The story of a woodworker might be told from the point of view of the woodworker's lathe. We will also consider life experience in a series of cascading concrete images of that life from the perspective of the person living it, in no chronological order, and with no commentary or opinion expressed.

More information about Tom Daley visit: <https://stararts.org/writing/>

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## Other Workshops June 2023

Not all workshops are finalized, but here are a few to look forward to this summer at Star Arts:

- Theater: Briny Chamber Theatre with Robin Fawcett (Info on the website: <https://stararts.org/theater/>)
- Visual Arts: Drawing and Painting with Soft Pastels with Wendy Soliday (<https://stararts.org/visual-arts/>)

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## Star Island Annual Fund 2023

It's never too early to donate to the Annual Fund! Star Island is a nonprofit organization. The money guests spend on the island accounts for less than 70% of the annual budget. Star relies on charitable support to make up the remainder. To donate visit: <https://starisland.org/donate> (Don't forget to credit Star Arts!)

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## Deadline for Next Newsletter!

The Deadline for the next Newsletter will be March 1<sup>st</sup>!

If you would like to include pictures, art, poetry and/or news please submit items to: [stararts.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:stararts.registrar@gmail.com) (Mary Ann Young and Anne Nowselski)

(Questions about Star Arts you can email us or call us at 781.520.3786)

