



# Writing in the Dark 2010

## FLASHES IN THE DARK—THE ART OF FLASH FICTION

Treat your Muse to an all day retreat designed to help you generate new material, gather ideas for future projects, and rejuvenate your writing process. You will be treated to a continental breakfast, and lunch, and a stimulating day of discussion, writing, and camaraderie, all in the beautiful setting of Four Winds Foundation (<http://www.alaskafourwinds.org>).

Bring your creative self, your journal or notebook, books you find inspiring to share, and information on literary opportunities or writing events.

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2010 <9AM - 4PM>**

### Featured Speaker: David Marusek



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Legend has it that Ernest Hemingway once bet a group of fellow writers that he could write a complete short story, with beginning, middle, and end, using just six words. He won the bet.

Flash fiction is the art of the very, very short story, 1000 words or less. It's a form custom-made for the digital age, great for reading on your phone, as a Tweet, or during a coffee break. For the creative writer, flash fiction offers the chance to sharpen narrative skills in brief but complete bursts of fiction. And the form has become so popular that opportunities abound for publication online, in magazines, and as part of writing contests.

David Marusek is a long-time Fairbanks resident. His fiction has appeared in Playboy, Nature, MIT Technology Review, and Asimov's, and has been translated into nine foreign languages. According to Publisher's Weekly, "Marusek's writing is ferociously smart, simultaneously horrific and funny, as he forces readers to stretch their imaginations and sympathies." Marusek loves writing flash fiction between his novel projects and has published three of them in a national magazine.

So, what was Hemingway's six-word story? Come to this year's Writing in the Dark and find out!

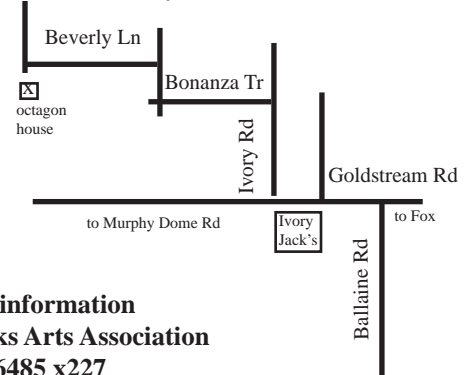
### Agenda:

- 8:45 Registration & Breakfast
- 9:30 Introductions
- 9:45 David Marusek
- 11:00 Write
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 David Marusek
- 1:30 Write
- 2:30 Small group breakout/sharing
- 3:30 Participant reading

### Where: Four Winds Foundation

(Formerly Moose Mountain Bed & Breakfast)

2861 Beverly Lane (1st left on Beverly)



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**\$30 for Early Registration. Registration must be postmarked or delivered to the Bear Gallery, Pioneer Park, Monday February 1st to receive this rate.**

**\$35 after February 1st or at the door.**

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