



For over 20 years, WWf(a)C has provided a safe, non-competitive environment for individuals to develop their writing skills, cultivate their creativity, and strengthen their voices. Our writers, whether first-timers or the more experienced, find community, connection, and meaningful conversation within our circles. We encourage writing as a process of self-discovery and self-expression—a celebration of the individual voice. Our classes provide a unique setting in which

honoring each other's words and learning to give and receive constructive feedback enrich participants' lives.

Core Classes for Women

In our **core classes**, facilitators offer writing prompts and resources, and encourage participants to choose and develop their own subject matter. Classes allow for personal writing time, sharing in large and small groups, guidance in giving and receiving useful, positive feedback, and opportunities to read aloud to an audience.

Summer Term – 8-week courses - \$249

Tuesdays, June 3-July 22, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider

Wednesdays, June 4-July 23, 7-9:30pm – Diane Debevec

Thursdays, June 5-July 24, 10am-12:30pm – Phebe Beiser

Core Class Public Readarounds – Winter/Spring Terms

Listen to the words of the many women who take part in our 8 and 15-week Core Classes. Join us for readings, sharing of readback lines, refreshments, and community building! Open to Women only.

Monday PM Readaround - April 14, 7-9:30pm

Wednesday PM Readaround - April 16, 7-9:30pm

Tuesday AM Readaround - April 29, 10am-12:30pm

Thursday AM Readaround - May 1, 10am-12:30pm

Free Programs and Samplers

Core Class Free Sampler

Thursday, May 22, 11am-12:30pm – Phebe Beiser

Join us for a FREE Sampler, designed to introduce new participants to a sampling of our Core class before committing to an 8 or 15-week course. Join us now for FREE

Book Group: Fiction & Memoir for Writers – Free

Sunday, May 4 – 3-5pm, Facilitator: Laurie Lambert

Featured Selection: *Traveling with Pomegranates* by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor

The Book Group will follow the processes used at WWf(a)C, to offer an intentional circle using both writing and conversation to broaden and deepen our understanding of each book. We will explore the obvious and not-so-obvious places where we discover, or in some cases the characters themselves discover, the conscious-feminine. We will also discuss plot, structure, voice and narrative, and which of these enabled us on our journey with these characters and story.

Future dates: April 6, May 4, 2014.

Specialty Classes

Our **specialty classes** offer theme-based opportunities for writers and those wishing to explore other forms of creativity in addition to writing. Specialty Classes incorporate WWf(a)C circle practices into each session. Some adult classes are co-ed.

Maintain Your Writer's Shape - \$12 each or 4 for \$44

Facilitator: Laurie Lambert

Spring Term: Fridays, March 28-May 16, 10-11am

START ANY TIME! Join WWf(a)C on Friday mornings, for a focused, one-hour, facilitator-led writing circle to nourish or ignite your writing. Each session will incorporate the following practices of WWf(a)C: poem, prompt with fastwrites, cross-talk on writing, large group readaround. **Does not include small group time.*

Requirements: Women proficient in the practices of WWf(a)C.

Spring SoulCollage® Open Studio - \$25 each session

Facilitator: Sara Pranikoff

Fridays, April 11, May 9, and June 6, 10:30am-2:00pm

Let's explore through our card-making together what is present and emerging for us this spring. For those who have already taken a SoulCollage® class or have had some type of introduction to SoulCollage®. If you are new to the process, please contact me (Sara) at sara@artandwritingcircle.com to make arrangements for an introduction/ overview.

May 9: Opening, June 6: Blooming

Writing into Wellness: Spring Term - \$150

Facilitator: Karen Novak

Tuesdays, April 22-May 27, 1:30-4pm

Having faced a crisis, many of us find ourselves thinking "I should be stronger" or "I should be over it." Writing into Wellness is for the woman who has survived a life-altering challenge, either personally or as a caregiver. The theme for this session will be "Telling our Stories: Bring the Past into the Present."

Flying Pen Marathon - \$70

Facilitators: Marisa Becker and Karen Novak

Saturday, May 3, 10am-4pm (1-hour break for lunch)

Inspired by Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon, join us for this exhilarating full day of writing, including group and individual writing time, optional prompts to jump-start you, and opportunities to share our works. Women and men welcome.

Handwork as a Spiritual Practice: Creating a God's Eye Weaving - \$35

Facilitators: Sara Pranikoff and Karen Kurak

Sunday, May 4, 1-4pm

Discover how the simple practice of creating a personal God's Eye Weaving can bring a sense of wholeness and centeredness to your being and how by bringing this coherence into the form of a beautiful object you can reflect this quality back into your life and into the world.

Specialty Classes (continued)

Finding the Path Back to YOU: A Mini-Retreat from your Busy Life - \$35

Facilitator: Dawn Koch

Saturday, May 17, 1-4pm

Overwhelmed, overworked, and in need of a break from your life? Take a time-out to reconnect with who you are. Through writing exercises, discussion, and small/large group sharing, participants will be guided along a path back to themselves! Refreshments, soft music, tantalizing scents, mandalas, and opportunities to stretch your tired body await you at this relaxing mini-retreat.

Birth Stories: A Ritual of Telling - \$35

Facilitators: Diane Debevec and Peg Conway

Sunday, May 18, 1-4pm

Everyone has a birth story -- your own, your child's or an endeavor you bring forth. Our culture speaks of birth as medical event rather than rite of passage and metaphor. This workshop, open to all interested women, will invite sharing of the many-faceted meanings of birth in our lives.

Poetry in Motion: Creative Flow Yoga - \$30

Facilitators: Marisa Becker and Lauren Lichtenstein

Saturday, May 31, 10:30am-1:00pm

What happens when you pair the practices of yoga and Women Writing for (a) Change? Poetry in motion! Tap into your creative energy and capture it on the page in this integrated offering, led by certified & experienced yoga teacher Lauren Lichtenstein of yogahOMe and Women Writing's Marisa Becker. No prior experience with yoga or writing required -- come as you are! Please bring your own yoga mat, blanket, or towel.

Community Programs and Events- offered by WWf(a)C, partner organizations, and friends of WWf(a)C.

How to Publish Your Work: A Workshop on Traditional Publishing, Self-Publishing, and Everything in Between

Facilitator: Kelsey Swindler of Orange Frazer Press

Saturday, May 17, 10am-12pm, FREE!

Join this open and collaborative workshop on book publishing, with time devoted to overviews of traditional and alternative publishing routes, questions, and conversation. Whether you are still crafting your memoir in your mind, scribbling poems on dinner napkins, or have a two-hundred-page manuscript waiting on your bedside table, you will leave with the knowledge and resources to approach any publishing scenario with confidence.

Classes for Young Women

YW programs are open to girls and teens in grades 4-12. Classes and camps use the art of writing and other arts to enhance self-esteem and build skills in creative self-expression. Programs are designed to help strengthen girls' authentic voices, develop their ability to speak out through writing and direct interaction, and deepen their belief in their own creative intelligence.

Young Women's Summer Camps - \$269

Girls (grades 4-6) – July 14-18, 9am-4pm

Facilitator: Avery Smith

Theme: Our True Nature

Teens (grades 7-9) – June 16-20, 9am-4pm

Facilitator: Avery Smith and Meg Stentz

Theme: Writing Strong, Writing Bold

Young Women (grades 10-12) – June 23-27, 9am-4pm

Facilitator: Andrea Nichols and Mindy Flask

Theme: Becoming Our Own Heroes

Retreats

Summer Writing Retreat - \$690 early bird special if paid by 5/1

Facilitators: Katherine Meyer and Diane Debevec

August 3-8, 2014

Join Women Writing for (a) Change facilitators Katherine Meyer and Diane Debevec for a spacious week of writing, rest and renewal in lovely Glendale, Ohio. Our week will follow a pattern of structured and free time, alone and together, with mornings for individual writing, afternoons for small groups and evenings for large group activities and readings.

*****SPECIAL EVENT*****

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING OF FEMALE COMICS!

Tuesday, July 29 at Go Bananas! Comedy Club

Organized once again by writer and comic Teri Foltz, this high-energy benefit for WWf(a)C is an evening of non-stop laughter and fun! Join us for the return of some of your favorite female comics, in addition to fresh new faces and talents. Don't miss the fun!

Our mission is to nurture and celebrate the individual voice by facilitating supportive writing circles and by encouraging people to craft more conscious lives through the art of writing and the practices of community. For more information about our programs or our organization, visit www.womenwriting.org or call 513-272-1171

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