

September, 2013

Dear Women Writing for (a) Change Community,



Sitting with my morning coffee and laptop, windows thrown wide to this 60 degree morning air, it hardly feels like early September. This summer seems to be apologizing for the 2012 heat wave. I accept the apology and bask in these perfect days. At 6906 Plainfield Road, we've enjoyed the summer months as a time to re-group, get organized, and do some deep cleaning.

Have you seen our new sign? If you haven't noticed, we have a beautiful new sign prominently displayed on the Montgomery Road side of the building. It was partially funded by a federal grant through the City of Silverton. We're also hard at work on a new website, gifted to us by NetCrafters.

We had a bustling summer! Our summer camps for girls, teens and young women surged to overflowing for the first time in several years, thanks to the hard work and vision of Andrea Nichols, our Young Women's Program Director. We are offering fabulous fall classes for girls and teens, and they are already starting to fill.

Our building was rocking and singing along with the three fabulous musical events of our summer concert series offered in conjunction with Women's Way. We also laughed to the humor of An Evening of Female Comics, once again a successful benefit organized by Tuesday morning writer, Teri Foltz. We filled the house to overflowing with an overwhelming response to a publishing workshop presented by Orange Frazer Press.

On a more reflective note, the summer retreat led by Mary Ann Jansen provided a time for writing and contemplation to a grateful group of participants. The Conscious Feminine Leadership Academy (CFLA) was attended by nine women, and graduation is scheduled for November. Several CFLA practicums are open to community participation: watch for more information on our website and in our e-newsletter, as well as flyers around the school.

Turning toward fall, we are excited to share some new offerings including classes in fiction, health consciousness, and a drop-in writing class titled *Maintain Your Writer's Shape*. Returning classes, in addition to our Core Classes for women, include Soul Collage, So You Want to Write Fiction, and the NaNoWriMo novel writing group. We enthusiastically welcome those of you taking a class for the first time, and happily say, "Welcome back!" to all of you who are returning.

Please mark your calendars and join us for *A Taste of Wine and Art*, on October 19th, at the Greenwich House Gallery in O'Bryonville. I hope to see you there for this festive evening of community and fun for the benefit of Women Writing for (a) Change!

Wishing everyone a wonderful autumn season,
~ *Diane*