



For over 25 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.

FREE Core Class Samplers

FREE Samplers are designed to introduce new participants to the practices used in WWf(a)C Core Classes before committing to the course:

Wednesday (All Gender), February 26, 7-8:30pm – Laurie Lambert

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8pm – Sally Schneider

While Samplers are free, registration is required.

Core Classes

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.

Spring Term – 10-Week Classes -- \$309

Tuesdays, Mar 17-May 19, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider

Tuesdays, Mar 17-May 19, 6:30-9pm – Sally Schneider

Open to Women

Spring Term – 10-Week All Gender Class -- \$309

Wednesdays, Mar 11-May 13, 7-9:30pm – Laurie Lambert

2020 Winter Writing Retreat

Finding Meaning As We Find Our Way

February 16-20, 2020 - \$525

Facilitators: Diane Debevec and Karen Novak

As we move through the years, navigating our way by personal stars, a sense of meaning becomes more and more essential. Join us as we use Women Writing for (a) Change practices to explore methods for discovering what gives us meaning as individuals. At this retreat you will get lots of time to rest, write, read, and dream. Enjoy accommodations at the lovely Transfiguration Spirituality Center. Take this time with us to focus on who you are now and who you see yourself becoming. Open to Women

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 classes are for all genders.

2020 Foresight: Designing a Life You Love - \$55

Facilitator: Carol Walkner, Jan 18, 12:30-4:30pm

Establish a plan for extreme self-care physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually by delving into who you are, what you value in life, how you want to feel and putting it all together to create a working vision for a life that has less stress and more of YOU in it. Open to All Genders 18+

Let's Be Perfectly Queer - \$149 per series or \$273 for both Series 1 and 2

Facilitators: Hannah Simon Goldman and Janie Baer

Series 1: Jan 21-Feb 25, 7-9:30pm

Series 2: Mar 10-Apr 14, 7-9:30pm

We will continue our exploration of our own writing within the broader context of queer literature. We will read queer literary icons of our past, as well as engage with contemporary queer writers. Open to All Genders 18+. Questions? Attend the FREE Sampler January 14, 7-8:30pm.

Celebrating Our Struggles - \$190

Facilitator: Kelly Richey, Jan 25-Feb 29, 10am-12:30pm

Strengthen your spiritual core, explore the power of self-care, and discover a greater sense of purpose and self-worth during this class. We will focus on writing during and outside of class as we learn to locate the sacred in all that life brings. Open to women

SoulCollage® Saturday Workshop: Leap - \$55

Facilitator: Amy Sullivan, Feb 29, 12-5pm

On this Leap Day, we will consider how we might feel lighter, take a risk, or let go of what's weighing us down. Incorporating WWf(a)C circle traditions, this workshop will introduce participants to the SoulCollage® creative process and practice. Learn how to work with images and your own intuition to create collages of deep personal reflection and write about the experience. All materials included. No previous experience required. Open to Women and Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Participants 16+

Stronger Together: A Writing Circle for Chronic Conditions - \$245

Facilitators: Janie Baer and Karen Novak

Mar 1 & 15, Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, 2-5pm

Are you traveling in the company of chronic illness or pain? Join us as we, in community, explore various forms of writing as a means of sharing our stories. In this six-session class, we will try our hands at everything from fiction to poetry to memoir as we give voice to the challenges and unexpected gifts of living with a chronic condition. Open to Women 18+

YFLA 2020 – Young Feminist Leadership Academy

Facilitators: Liv Linn and Lisa Rocklin

The YFLA course helps young women and trans youth develop into strong leaders and doers through a combination of writing, reflections, and discussion, as well as group and individual projects. The four-month course is designed to support and inspire young people to reach for their full potential as feminist leaders in today's society. Please visit our website, womenwriting.org, for detailed information and application process.

Craft of Writing Classes

These classes provide participants the opportunity to further hone their writing voice through instructions and exercises on craft designed to strengthen the power of story within their work. Whether writing memoir, creative non-fiction, or fiction, participants will benefit from these focused classes. Poets and essayists also find our Craft of Writing classes instrumental in shaping their work.

The Art of An Op-Ed - \$35

Facilitator: Annette Januzzi Wick and Guest Artist Bonnie Jean Feldkamp, Mar 7, 1:30-4pm

What are the types of opinion pieces? How do I handle arguments from both sides, while expressing myself with facts and well-defined viewpoints? Learn about opinion pieces in general, and how to tie personal experience to current events to write powerful op-eds. Participants will be exposed to writing samples of op-ed pieces before and after publication and craft an op-ed piece of their own. Laptops encouraged. Open to All Genders 18+

Craft of Story Development: Spring Series 2020 - \$45 per class or \$150 for the 4-session pass

Guest Artist: Tina Neyer

Feb 22, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, 9am-12:30pm

This series delves into the components of story development, whether memoir, non-fiction or fiction. Topics include The Five Elements of a Compelling Story, Characterization, Scene Construction, and Seeing is Believing. Open to All Genders 18+

Write Around the Corner – Original Series

Designed several years ago, this series is an opportunity to visit various sites and exhibits around the Greater Cincinnati area, as an inspiration for fresh writing.

Finding the Hidden Treasures in Your Words - \$35

Facilitator: Annette Januzzi Wick, Feb 1, 10am-12:30pm

In our writing workshop, participants will explore the Lloyd Library's latest exhibit, *The Treasures of the Lloyd*, a deep dive into the archives of the Lloyd. Through prompts we will elicit memories and seek out the stories hidden beneath the written words. Why is writing important to preserving our memories? Why do we "write around" some topics and not directly into them? Can less actually mean more? **Held at the Lloyd Library, 900 Plum Street, Cincinnati, 45202.** Open to All Genders, 16+

Community Programs and Events

Offered by WWf(a)C, partner organizations, and friends of WWf(a)C.

V-DAY 2020 – Tickets now available!

Our 8th annual V-Day event will be held February 21 and 22, 7pm each evening (doors at 6:30 pm). Support our community members as they share poems, stories, rants and memories to celebrate our sexuality and enjoin us to fight harassment, abuse, and gender-based violence. Each evening will present a different series of readers and content. Join us for one or both of these remarkable performances! Tickets \$20 each night. All genders 18+ welcome. Held at WWf(a)C.

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 womenwriting.org or call 513-272-1171

Check out our website: womenwriting.org and follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/WWFAC for information about our programs, writing prompts, inspiration, discussions, and much more!