



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, Nov 20, 7-8:30pm – Laurie Lambert

Open to All Genders

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.

Fall Term II – 8-Week Classes - \$249

Tuesdays, Oct 29-Dec 17, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider

Tuesdays, Oct 29-Dec 17, 6:30-9pm – Sally Schneider

Open to Women

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

Wednesdays, Dec 4-Feb 19, 7-9:30pm – Laurie Lambert

(Please note: There will be no class on Dec 25 and Jan 1.)

Open to All Genders

2020 Winter Writing Retreat

Finding Meaning As We Find Our Way

February 16-20, 2020 - \$525, or take advantage of our Early Bird Special and pay \$490 by Dec 1st

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.

Celebrating Our Struggles - \$190

Facilitator: Kelly Richey, Nov 2-Dec 7, 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 six-week class. We will focus on writing during and outside of class as we learn to locate the sacred in all that life brings. Class size is limited to 12, so enroll early! Open to Women

Let's Be Perfectly Queer – \$149

Facilitators: Hannah Simon Goldman and Janie Baer

Nov 5-Dec 10, 7-9:30pm and Dec 14, 4:30-6:30pm

Note: There is no class November 26th.

We will explore our own writing within the broader context of queer literature and engage with contemporary queer writers. Classes include writing time, the opportunity to share in large and small groups, and guidance in giving and receiving feedback. (We're using queer as an inclusive term for all those in the LGBTQIA+ community, aka: if you think you might belong here, you do!) Open to All Genders 18+

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+

Craft of Writing Classes

The Craft of Writing 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 also find our Craft of Writing classes instrumental in shaping their work.

Stories in Short Form - \$55

Facilitators: Tina Neyer and Annette Januzzi Wick

Nov 1st, 9am-12:30pm

This class will address shorter forms of story and how to revise your work to achieve that form. We will read well-known essayists and short story writers and discuss how their work is applicable to our own. We will look at the sources that make up the story, whether they come from memory, facts or anecdotes, and devise and offer strategies to achieve the desirable result. Open to: All Genders 18+

Community Programs and Events

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

Day of Giving Readings and Open Mic – FREE

Nov 7, 2:30 - 4:15pm and 6:30 – 8:15pm at WWf(a)C

An onsite companion event to our 25-hour Day of Giving Challenge / online fundraiser for Scholarships and Outreach.

Afternoon Reading: 2:30-4:15pm

Evening Reading: 6:30-8:15pm

Different sets of readers at each reading time. Scheduled readers followed by those who signed up for open mic.

Open Mic Call: Sign-ups begin 15 minutes prior to each Reading.

Sign up for only one time slot. Requesting readings that are

positive and upbeat or introspective and deep, yet avoid dark or specifically political topics. Maximum total reading time of 3 minutes. Readings will be videotaped and with permission, might be posted online. Visit our website for additional details!

Bagels with the Board Community Circle -- FREE

Facilitator: Pam Temple, Nov 2, 10-11:30am

- Who's on our Board of Trustees?
- What does it take to be a member of the Board of Trustees at Women Writing for (a) Change?
- How are decisions made to enhance and maintain our writing community?
- If I have an idea, how do I pass it on to someone?

These are great questions that we'd love to answer at our upcoming Bagels with the Board Community Circle. Meet many of our current Board members and share your questions as part of a free 90-minute writing circle. Enjoy bagels, fruit, coffee, and tea and learn more about how the Board supports our writing community. Seating is limited--registration recommended.

Writing Back the Sun: a Winter's Solstice Circle - \$20

Facilitator: Mary Dusing, Dec 20, 6-9pm

(Potluck 6-7pm, Circle 7-9pm)

Join us for an evening of drumming and writing as we gather in the liminal space between dark and light. We will celebrate both the still darkness of winter and invite the return of the sun into our world and our lives. Come early for the optional potluck designed to help us get to know one another. A few extra drums may be provided, but a drum is NOT required. So dust off your didgeridoos, rattles, your stompy feet, tambourines, your lap, gongs, singing bowls, and clapping hands and join the fun. Open to All Genders 18+

V-DAY 2020

WWf(a)C is soliciting original monologues, essays, poems, rants, comedy and other works from writers of all genders for our 8th annual V-Day event to be held the weekend of February 21st. Topics of interest include sexuality, gender-based violence, LGBTQ issues, feminism, harassment and much more. 800 word limit. Email your questions, ideas or completed pieces to llambert@womenwriting.org. Mail anonymous submissions to Laurie Lambert c/o WWf(a)C, 6906 Plainfield Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236. We provide readers if desired. **Deadline: December 1st.**

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!

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