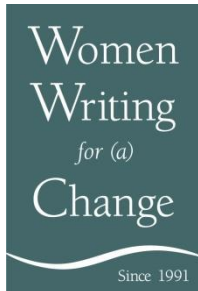


Women Writing for (a) Change® Programs

Winter 2020
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For over 28 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 (via Zoom)

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

Saturday, December 12, 10-11:30am – Sally Schneider
(Open to Women)

Wednesday, December 16, 7-8:30pm – Laurie Lambert
(Open to All Genders)

Wednesday, January 6, 7-8:30pm – Diane Debevec
(Open to Women and Non-Binary Adults)

Thursday, January 7, 10-11:30am – Elizabeth Mannion
(Open to Women)

FREE Zoom Virtual Learning Sessions

Have you recently registered for one of our classes or thinking of registering, but just not sure how Zoom works? Lisa Rocklin is facilitating upcoming Learning Sessions! Learn how to easily navigate the Zoom platform for the purpose of writing and sharing in community! Registration required. Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the session. Open to All Genders 18+.

Monday, January 4, 10-10:45am – Lisa Rocklin

Monday, January 4, 2-2:45pm – Lisa Rocklin

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.

Winter Term – 10-Week Classes - \$309 (via Zoom)

Tuesdays, Jan 5-Mar 9, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider
(Open to Women)

Wednesdays, Jan 6-Mar 10, 7-9:30pm – Laurie Lambert
(Open to All Genders)

NEW!! Saturdays, Jan 9-Mar 13, 10am-12:30p – Sally Schneider
(Open to Women)

Winter Term – 14-Week Classes - \$445 (via Zoom)

Wednesdays, Jan 20-Apr 28, 7-9:30pm – Diane Debevec
(Open to Women and Non-Binary Adults. Please note there will be no class on March 24th.)

Thursdays, Jan 21-Apr 29, 10am-12:30pm – Elizabeth Mannion
(Open to Women. Please note there will be no class on March 4th.)

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.

Visioning Your Best Life: A Virtual Vision Board Workshop (via Zoom) - \$45

Facilitator: Carol Walkner, 2-part workshop Jan 10 (Noon-2:30pm) & Jan 31 (Noon-2pm)

How might YOU take better care of yourself in 2021? The old adage of put YOUR mask on first is really true right now. Take care of YOU so you can take care of the rest of your life -- whatever that includes. Creating a vision collage/dream board can help you clarify, focus on your truest desires, manifest the life you want, and turn the New Year's intentions into reality. Women Writing for (a) Change circle practices will be incorporated for both sessions. Participants will receive descriptive handouts and brainstorming exercises. Participants will be asked to collect their own images (from the internet or magazines, calendars, drawings, photos, etc.) and have scissors, markers, colored pencils and/or crayons, as well as poster board or a notebook, for their vision board/book. Participants are encouraged to include a photo of themselves to add to the project. Open to All Genders 16+.

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Celebrating Our Struggles - \$190 (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Kelly Richey, Jan 23-Feb 27, 10am-12:30pm

Strengthen your spiritual core while exploring the power of self-care. This six-week class invites you on a journey to a greater sense of purpose and self-worth. Using Women Writing for (a) Change® practices we will focus on writing both during and outside of class as a means of discovery and affirmation of who we, as individuals, truly are. Join us as we learn to locate the sacred in all that life brings. Open to Women. **Questions? We have a FREE Sampler for this class on Saturday, January 9th, 10:30am - Noon.**

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.

Deep Craft – Shaping Scenes (via Zoom) - \$275

Facilitator: Karen Novak & Guest Artist Tina Neyer

Jan 23-Mar 13, 9-11:30am

In this eight-week series, we will dive deep into the basics of scene craft, with particular focus on Focal Point, Tension, Negotiation, and Images. In learning scene construction, participants will also learn aspects of a good story, such as Point of View, Themes vs. Motifs, Pacing, Conflict, Tension, Show & Tell, Descriptive Language, and Narrative Exposition vs. Scene Construction. These classes are intended for those already at work on large scale writing projects from memoirs to novels, as well as those just setting out on a project. Open to All Genders 18+.

A FREE Sampler for this class is on January 16, 10-11:30am – registration required.

Reading Our Way to Stronger Writing (via Zoom) - \$99

Facilitator: Karen Novak, Feb 21-Mar 28, 2-4:30pm

The fastest, most powerful means of improving our writing of narrative is through reading the work of others to ask, "How did the writer do that?" In this six-week series, we will use Women Writing for (a) Change practices to study story elements in two novels, **The Lake of Dreams** by Kim Edwards and **The Secret Scripture** by Sebastian Barry. In looking at these works, we will write and discuss matters of characterization, point of view, setting, detail, dialogue, pacing, etc. in terms of how these arise organically from the depths of the story itself. Open to Women and Non-binary Writers 16+. **A FREE Sampler for this class is on February 7, 2-3pm – registration required.**

Classes for Young People

Open to youth, teens, young women, and trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth 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 participants' authentic voices, develop their ability to speak out through writing and direct interaction, and deepen their belief in their own creative intelligence.

4-6 Grades: Trusting Our Voices “Come As You Can” classes \$25 per class (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Hannah Simon Goldman, 1:30-3pm ET, Dec 20

Come As You Can and register for individual classes based on your schedule! In each session, we'll explore different ways to listen to and harness the power of our inner voices. We'll think about what we believe in and how we can use our voices to make change.

Open to Writers of All Genders in Grades 4-6

7-9 Grades: Life Now “Come As You Can” classes \$25 per class (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Pam Temple, 1:30-3pm ET, Dec 20

Come As You Can and register for individual classes based on your schedule! 2020 may prove to have the most plot twists ever. Using WWf(a)C circle practices, we will explore these topics to support your personal navigation on this bumpy ride: Dealing with Crisis; Self-Care Strategies; Staying Energized/Focused in Unfocused Times; Activism & Avoiding Burnout; Building and maintaining healthy relationships with friends and family; Grieving - It's OK to not be OK; Holidays - How to hold on to family/traditions/joy in virtual times. **Open to Writers of All Genders in Grades 7-9**

10-12 Grades: Navigating New Worlds “Come As You Can” classes \$25 per class (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Liv Linn, 1:30-3pm ET, Dec 20

Come As You Can and register for individual classes based on your schedule! As racial justice uprisings and a global pandemic collide with the start of a virtual school year, it's easy to feel like the world is ending. And maybe it is, and maybe new worlds are emerging from all these shifts. Join us to explore these new worlds through the ideas of activists we admire, like emergent strategy, (thanks, adrienne maree brown), pod-building (thanks, Mia Mingus), and somatics and consent (thanks, many teachers and our own bodies!). **Open to Young Women & TGNC Youth in Grades 10-12**

Our Winter/Spring Session begins January 24 and runs through April 25. Registration is now open for FREE Virtual Samplers on January 10, “7 classes for the price of 6” Bundles, and “Come As You Can” individual classes on Jan 24 and Feb 7. Please visit our website for specific times, tuition prices and class descriptions.

Community Programs and Events

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

VDAY 2021: RAISE THE VIBRATION

Call for submissions

The WWf(a)C Ninth Annual VDAY will be a virtual one-night-only event on Saturday, February 20th. We are soliciting original non-fiction essays, poems, and humor, reflecting the lived experience of the author, from writers of all genders. Anonymous submission of sensitive material is encouraged. 800 word limit. Twenty pieces will be selected. 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 will provide readers if desired. **Deadline for submissions: December 15th.**

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!