

Dear Women Writing for (a) Change Community,

Are you, like me, wondering where summer went? I had been waiting all spring for that Full Strawberry Moon in June, but before I could say “summer solstice”, June slipped through my fingers along with July. Evening ice creams and fireflies are now cycling towards shorter days and bonfire nights. This year spirals forward as all years do, marking time with rituals and moments.

This 25th anniversary year for WWf(a)C has been a joy! Plans for the year have been in the works since early 2015, and many individuals have helped to envision, plan and create a fitting way to celebrate this incredible organization. Several events honor our roots and remind us of how we arrived at this moment in time. They also express gratitude for Founder Mary Pierce Brosmer and for her vision and wisdom. More than anything, the goal is for this year to be one of abundance: to give back to the members of this generous community, by offering celebratory programs and events that are affordable or free!

The 25th Anniversary celebrations kicked off in January with a fascinating conversation between Mary Pierce Brosmer and Krista Ramsey, moderated by Annette Januzzi Wick. The Visiting Author Series has so far featured poets Alison Luterman and George Ella Lyon. Regular annual events have been extra-special this year: V-Day featured our own brave writers in “Monologues, Homegrown”; SWAN Day with Women's Way was a lively day of art and music; and our fifth Evening of Female Comics, hosted by Teri Foltz and Sandy Lingo, featured eleven writers from WWf(a)C classes. Meaningful Mondays: Women Poets in the Courtyard has so far featured twelve writers from our community this year.

And we're just getting started! Coming up this fall, I hope you will join in for the Abundance Circle on September 10th, a Day of Giving the last week of September, our 25th Anniversary Party on October 29th, and one more visiting author, local novelist Leah Stewart, on November 4-5th, Meaningful Mondays starts up again in September, and October will feature a special presentation in conjunction with the 2016 Books by the Banks book festival!

This community continues to thrive and grow with careful intention. I want to thank each and every one of you for paying attention, and for participating, spreading the word, volunteering and simply enjoying what we do at Women Writing for (a) Change.

We are fortunate indeed to be part of this vibrant, caring and abundant community.

With Gratitude,

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