



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:

Monday, Dec 16, 11am-12:30pm – Phebe Beiser
(Open to Women)

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.

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

Winter Term – 8-Week Class -- \$249
Tuesdays, Jan 7-Mar 3, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider
Tuesdays, Jan 7-Mar 3, 6:30-9pm – Sally Schneider
Open to Women; See Bundle Options below!

Bundle and Save! Register for the 8-Week Winter Term and the 10-Week Spring Term -- \$525
Tuesdays, Jan 7-May 19, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider
Tuesdays, Jan 7-May 19, 6:30-9pm – Sally Schneider
Open to Women

Winter Term – 14-Week Class -- \$445
Wednesdays, Jan 8-Apr 15, 7-9:30pm – Diane Debevec
Open to Women and Non-Binary Adults

Thursdays, Jan 9-Apr 16, 10am-12:30pm – Phebe Beiser
Open to Women

Please Note: 8- and 14-Week terms will not have classes the week of February 16th

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

FREE Public Readarounds

Join us in celebrating the words of our writers! Please arrive 10 minutes before starting time, and stay to enjoy refreshments afterwards. **Registration not required. Drop in for any or all!**
Open to women unless otherwise noted. All readarounds will be held in our upstairs space.

Tues, Dec 10 (8-Week Core Class) – 10am-12:30pm

Tues, Dec 10 (8-Week Core Class) – 6:30-9pm

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.

Where Does It Hurt? Writing Through the Reality of Chronic Illness - \$50 per class or purchase the 4-class series for \$175

Facilitators: Janie Baer and Karen Novak

Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5, 2-5pm

What is your experience of living with chronic pain or illness? How would you best give that experience voice? We will focus on writing as a means of coping with the physical challenges of living with a chronic illness or pain. To support our writing we will offer art projects, readings, and small group time. Open to Women 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+

Out of Old Boxes: Pondering Paradigms in Our Evolving Culture - \$120

Facilitators: Mary Pierce Brosmer and Karen Novak

Jan 12 & 26, 2-5pm

Why does everything feel like it's falling into runaway chaos? In this two-session class we will write, read, and discuss the history of human experience that leads to and through what we know as a "paradigm shift." The focus will be on understanding when things changed and how we as individuals and communities live with big changes. Open to All Genders 16+

Classes for Youth

YW programs are open to women, girls, and trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth, unless noted as All Gender, in grades 4-12 and Young Adults. 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.

Winter Break Writing Circles for Youth - \$35 per class

Grades 4-6 (All Gender), Dec 27, 10am-12:30pm – Pam Temple

Grades 7-9, Dec 28, 10am-12:30pm – Pam Temple

Grades 10+Young Adults, Dec 29, 12-2:30pm – Lisa Rocklin

You don't have to wait until summer to experience our writing circles for young people! Join us over Winter Break, whether it's your first visit or you've lost count! Each class will include age-appropriate poetry and prompts; individual writing time; shared conversation; some crafting; invitation to share your writing; snacks and drinks; and a welcoming community. Our youth programs are open to girls and trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth, unless noted as All Gender.

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

(Water & light snacks will be provided)

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.

Diane Debevec Day!

In gratitude and appreciation of Diane's eight years as Executive Director of Women Writing for (a) Change, please join us at WWf(a)C for Diane Debevec Day! Saturday, January 11, Open House 2-5pm; Brief Remarks 3pm. There will be a box for any cards you may wish to bring for Diane. **Reserved tickets required. Please reserve your free tickets by January 6th.** Details at our website.

V-DAY 2020

Our 8th annual V-Day event will be held February 21 and 22. Readings on the topics of sexuality, gender-based violence, LGBTQ issues, feminism, harassment and much more. Details and registration available soon!

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+

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!