

One woman's perspective

Finding Women Writing for (a) Change in Grand Junction was a true gift from the universe. I have been in the class for three semesters (and counting). To me, WWfaC is a circle of trust and safety, a womb of creativity that enables us all to birth our story into the world and reclaim or create a new life and voice. By listening to each other and by writing our authentic truths, we shine a light into the dark corners of our lives and find the monsters not so scary after all. Because of Ann and WWfaC in Grand Junction, I have new clarity in my writing and have been able to make real progress on a book that I've had in my head for seven years. Thanks to WWfaC, that book is out of my head and on paper!

Comments

"All of our stories are Creation stories and the finding of them, the telling of them keeps Creation created, keeps it fed and coming constantly alive."

"The ritual and quiet of WWf(a)C is to serve your muse, ease your mind, free your spirit, and keep you and your writing safe."

"It's as if we hold each other in the way the dark sky holds the light of the stars."

"This is a sacred place in a world where sacred is scarce."

About the facilitator

Ann Leadbetter is licensed by *WWf(a)C/Cincinnati* to bring the concepts and methods of this 16-year-old independent feminist creative writing center to Colorado. She began facilitating the Grand Junction program in 2004. Ann is a teacher of writing at Mesa State College and has been active in *WWf(a)C* programs since 1996. Her writing has been published in *Under the Sun*, *Life Learning*, *Home Education Magazine*, and *Teaching with Joy*.

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"WWf(a)C is about more than writing. I t's about building community and a safe space for women to listen and be heard. I t's about crafting a more conscious way of living."

www.womenwritingcolorado.com

Women Writing for (a) Change

Women Writing for (a) Change Grand Junction offers classes, workshops and retreats that provide a safe and supportive place for women who want to explore their writing voice in whatever way they choose: journaling, poetry, essay, fiction, or drama. WWf(a)C participants practice respectful listening and careful feedback to create a non-competitive and non-judgmental atmosphere in which creativity can blossom.

All experiences at WWf(a)C are for new and experienced writers seeking a community in which to discover or deepen their voices, and for those in need of new sources of creative inspiration in their lives. In times of transition or in peaceful times, WWf(a)C is for those wanting to explore writing as a spiritual or healing practice, or as a tool of social change.



Careful Guidelines

Will be provided to encourage

- ~ Respectful listening
- ~ Presumption of goodwill
- ~ Confidentiality
- ~ Bringing the conscious feminine into women's lives

For additional information:

aleadbetter@womenwriting.org or
www.womenwritingcolorado.com.

Classes are Planned to provide

Time, space, and skilled facilitation to:

- ~ Create a supportive and welcoming atmosphere
- ~ Provide respectful and helpful feedback on writing in large and small groups
- ~ Discuss readings of essays, stories, articles and poems
- ~ Identify internal and external systems which silence women's voices
- ~ Encourage an ongoing writing practice and use of writing genres

Current Offerings

Fall 2009

Wednesday mornings 9:00—11:30

Aug. 26—Dec. 9, 2009

875 Bunting Ave. Grand Junction, CO

\$375

Project Class: For women who have an ongoing work they would like to bring to completion. Every other week.

Wednesday. Aug. 26—Dec. 7 (8 classes)

6:00—8:30PM~~~\$240

SAMPLER CLASSES: Saturdays, August 22, and Nov. 14 -10:00am-12:00pm – **FREE**.

875 Bunting Ave. Email or call to reserve a space. 970-260-2965

Read-Around with Guests: Wed. Nov. 4
7:00—9:00pm. First Christian Church 1326 N.
1st Street

Summer Retreat: July 9-11, 2010 in Marble, CO \$280 includes double room, 6 meals, and facilitation. \$195 for dorm-style room.

www.beaverlakeretreat.com

Please speak with facilitator about scholarships and payment options. LIMIT 16 PER CLASS.

CLASSES ARE APPROVED FOR DISTRICT 51

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

How did you hear about WWf(a)C? _____

Name and address of friends who might like to receive a brochure: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Name: _____

Address _____

FALL 2009

Wednesday Morning

Wednesday Project Class

__SUMMER RETREAT 2010

PAYMENT: Snip and enclose a \$50 non-refundable deposit to complete registration.

Mail to:

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Balance of tuition due on or before first class meeting.

Signature: _____