

Writing to Remember (Purple)

Finding and using our voices in personal writing

Course #	20SWRP
Format:	Seminar
Moderator(s):	Francie Borden, Cynthia Suopis
Date and Time:	Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 10 weeks, starting Feb. 26, 2020
Location:	Rockridge Retirement Community Library, Northampton
Maximum number of participants:	10
Auditors accepted:	No

Purpose: This seminar provides motivations and support for personal writing whether for preserving personal and family legacies, exploring one's memories, or seeking wider audience for one's writing

Description: The purple writing seminar is designed to meet the needs and desires of its participants from acoustics and comfort to encouragement and critical feedback. The system of emailing our writing prior to reading it assures that those who are hard of hearing or have other issues have an opportunity to get and give the most from these shared experiences. Participants choose the content style format and genre of their writing and direct the specific kind of feedback they desire.

Role of participants: Each participant will prepare and read several pieces of original work and offer constructive feedback to others as requested. Participants are encouraged to voice preferences and present new ideas for the conduct of the seminar and the pursuit of writing.

Resources: There are no required readings, but innumerable articles and books about personal writing abound. Seminar members are encouraged to share their favorites with each other.

About the Moderators: Francie has participated in Writing to Remember seminars since joining 5CLIR and has found each one to be unique, fun, and rewarding. Cynthia is a retired faculty member of UMass Amherst and has a background in journalism and teaching writing to undergraduates.