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The Writer's Way is writing to reclaim voice and words and the power they have to change our lives.

The Writer's Way is a path found through writing stories, poetry, journals and essays. All that is required is the willingness to listen deeply and give words to what comes, and the curiosity to see what comes next.

Melinda Burns, M.A., is a writer and psychotherapist in Guelph, Ontario, and a SoulCollage® facilitator. She has been leading groups in writing and creative process for over 20 years. Her stories have won first prize in the Toronto Star Short Story contest in 2001 and the Elora Writers' Festival writing competition in 2008, and her poems, fiction and essays have appeared widely in print. Her passion for writing flows into her work, inspiring and encouraging the creative spirit in each person.

On-Line Writing Groups

In these days of social distancing, on-line writers groups provide three things writers need: prompts to get started, deadlines, and a group of writers to inspire you and receive your work. In these groups you'll receive a prompt and an example every week. Respond with your own writing of one page or less. The responses of the group will be gathered and appear in your in-box the following week.



Fall Writers Group

This group will receive a prompt and an example every Wednesday. The response, inspired by the prompt, can be in any form—poem, story, reflection. Responses are collated and sent out to everyone on the following Tuesday. With “**Plus mentoring**”, you'll receive more detailed feedback on what's working and what could bring the writing out more.

September 30 – October 27, 2020
\$40 +HST
(for “Plus mentoring”, add \$20 +HST)

Flash Fiction Writers Group

This is a group for fiction writers to receive a new prompt and example every Friday. Respond with a one-page or less flash fiction piece, or use the prompt to begin a longer story. The one-page responses will be gathered and sent out the following Thursday. With “**Plus mentoring**”, you'll receive more detailed feedback on what's intriguing in the story and what might develop it further.

October 9 – November 5, 2020
\$40 +HST
(for “Plus mentoring”, add \$20 +HST)

Coming soon...

Late Fall Writers Group

November 11 – December 8, 2020

Memoir Writers Group

November 20 – December 17, 2020

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Mentoring Program

Writing on our own can be the hardest thing—to recognize what's good in our work, to know how to change what isn't working, to keep going to completion. This one-on-one program is for people engaged in writing fiction, memoir, or poetry who would like help with focusing, editing, and completion.

September to December, 2020
4 sessions / \$375 +HST
(single sessions/ \$100+HST)



Over the years I have enrolled in several workshops led by Melinda. I keep coming back because she is able to cultivate the talents in both experienced and beginning writers. In one-on-one mentoring sessions, Melinda has an innate talent for fostering creativity and confidence. She helped me fine-tune a narrative and take it in a new direction that led to it being short-listed for the 2018 CBC Creative Non-Fiction Prize.

--Anastasia McEwen

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- groups
- workshops
- retreats
- mentoring

"The mere act of writing anything is a help. It seems to speed one on one's way."

--Katherine Mansfield

with Melinda Burns, MA



*Fall Writers
Group
on-line ~
Sept. 30- Oct. 27, 2020
\$40 +HST*

For this on-line group, you will receive a prompt every Wednesday with an example. Respond with a poem, story, or non-fiction piece, one page or less, inspired by the prompt. The responses from the group will appear in your in-box on the following Tuesday. For more detailed feedback on your work, choose "Plus mentoring" and add \$20+HST.

*To register, e-mail Melinda Burns
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