

Writing to Remember (Purple)

Finding and using our voices in personal writing

Course #	21FWRP
Format:	Seminar
Moderators:	Francie Borden Finnegan Alford-Cooper
Date and Time:	Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 PM 10 weeks, starting 9/29/2021
Location:	ONLINE
Maximum number of participants:	12
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 group welcomes work designed for personal satisfaction, passing on family memories and history, and for publication. Each writer emails their piece in advance of the seminar at which it will be read in order to enhance the readers' enjoyment and provide time for reflection. The participants' feedback is further enhanced by hearing it read in the author's voice during our meeting time. 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. Finnegan is a retired Sociology/Anthropology professor who recently moved from Florida to Amherst with her husband and six cats.