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Wríters' Workshop

Next Meeting December 16, 2022 <u>at 10:30</u>

at:

Lieu: The Reading Room L.I.E. premises
3, rue de Monthoux
Assignment: Year's End
Leader: Marlene

Discussions for our return to the Library's premises are ongoing and in the meantime we met at Frutties, Planet Charmilles. We ordered our tea and settled down in comfort for our meeting.

In attendance was **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zinat**.



Business:

Rose confirmed that the Reading Room will not be suitable due to the lack of furniture. Therefore, she approached the Library for approval to use the Children's Room. **Rose** submitted an official written request. We await their decision. In the interim we will continue to meet at Frutties.

The November meeting is hereby cancelled and will be replaced by a special meeting on the 16th of December at Frutties.

Marlene brought the e-mail she received from Paul St John Mackintosh to the group. We discussed his request for a book reading at the Library. She will contact him with the result.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our pieces on 'Autumn'.

Reading:

Rose read her piece entitled Thoughts on Autumn'. She reminisced on changes arriving with the new season, but not

called for. It is the time when a new school year begins, and everything when appears Though, strange. a new appreciation for the vibrant colours all around and different clothing, made it possible for us to accept it as a season full of promise.

Zinat followed with a statement that she found autumn lovely, but that each season has its glory. She quoted Syed Hossain Nasr, a philosopher, who said life is a journey, and nature, more so the seasons, remind us of the birth and death of that rhythm. He sees in autumn its majesty, that return for which he yearns, which he interprets as the spring of heavenly life. For him autumn is the spring of life divine, heralding the return to that life that never ends.

Marlene submitted three new poems and read two older ones. 'Summer's End' dealt with the change in nature during autumn and our emotional crossroads at that time of year. 'Life Changes' expressed how in the autumn of our life we are rich in knowledge and sensitivity as our bodies adapting change to foundation. 'Lost Love' tells the of a vouthful heartache which in the autumn of life was found again, rekindled, and coloured life with joy and rapture. The two older poems were from a year ago covering, despite the disruptive pandemic, the vibrant colours of autumn.



Future Dates & Assignments:

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for **2022**:

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Nov 18 CANCELLED

Dec 16 Year's End - Marlene