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## Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting\*\*\* March 15, 2024

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Poetry

Leader: Marlene

Still with a bite in the air of the wintery weather, though with the promise of warmer times ahead, we met at Planet Charmilles, as the Reading Room in the Library was not available to us. We ordered our tea and settled down in comfort for our meeting. Our meetings will be held at Fruitties until further notice.

In attendance was **Rose**, (leader) and **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zinat**. We welcomed a guest interested in joining our group, **Carolyn Marti**. **Françoise** unfortunately broke her ankle and **Carol** had a previous engagement. They passed on their apologies. **Kartik** resigned from the group due to work obligations.



### Business:

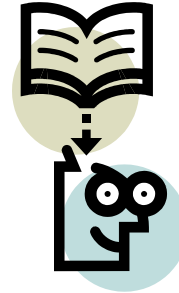
**Rose** reminded everyone about the Spring Book Sale which will be held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Library.

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

**Zinat** began with reading a very moving essay on the topic of friendship. A bond between people can be formed irrespective of boundaries, cultures, language, or religion. A good example is where soldiers find friendship amongst the most unlikely fellows. We have a surge of love and warmth when we see friends. We wish them only the best, sometimes they are even closer than family.

**Rose** followed with *A Kind Word*. At the night classes she took, a casual greeting to a fellow classmate over the years opened the door to ask if she could help when the young girl chokingly and with puffy, red-rimmed eyes said her father was ill and in hospital. Through the years they became friends and over Dickinson's works and their latest talk on *Great Expectations* their friendship grew. With no gain, the bond was pure friendship.

**Marlene** followed with *Friendship Through the Years*. Her piece opened with a poem dedicated to two friends, Jeanne Ivaldi, and Mary Guerry whom she met at the Writers' Workshop at the AIWC in 2000. Their friendship grew and deepened through writing and putting together three anthologies. Throughout the years the bond became stronger, and she thanked them for the valuable contribution they made to developing her writing skills and their true friendship. Their warm presence is still felt around her.



### **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 **2023**:

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Mar 15: Poetry - Marlene

Apr 19: Open

May 17: Childhood Memories -  
Françoise

Jun 21: Nature - Carole

Jul 19 : Paranormal – Marlene

Aug 16: Pets & Other Animals -  
Zinat

Sep 20: Seasons - Carole

Oct 18: Open

Nov 15: Paintings – Françoise

Dec 15 A Biography - Françoise