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# LIBRARY IN ENGLISH

## Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting March 20, 2026

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Seasons

Leader: Marlene

With the hope that the worst of the winter storms will now be only a memory, we met at Frutties for our meeting as the Reading Room of the Library is not available to us at present.

Those in attendance were **Rose** (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Françoise** and **Zinat**. We received apologies from **Mer** and **Carolyn**.



### Business:

**Rose** brought the upcoming book sale of the Library to the attention of the group which is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to share our submissions for the Open assignment.

### Reading:

**Zinat** began with an inspirational piece, asking when the moment was when taken a decision changed the course of her life. Was it because of overwhelming situations or because staying in the moment, the miracle happened and the eternal beauty of God's creation became known. These moments which might occur again and again are not gone but become part of you.

**Marlene** read an extract from a work in progress. The reassurance of surroundings made Paul appreciate his life at present. With the difficulties everyone endured during the COVID pandemic, the enforced isolation, restrictions, long term effects of the virus, and the loss of loved ones he felt blessed to have emerged unharmed. The face of Geneva had also changed forever and though his life has altered in ways he never expected, he now knew what mattered

**Françoise** related how her husband's inert body during and after the heart operation he underwent, forced her to see that she was part of the process. She was not just an onlooker, but part of the life-saving process. Now, with him back home and recuperating, life is coming back to normal and hope is in the air. She appreciates the support and help of others and that hope is still alive. Hope, that is what matters.

**Rose** read 'The Keepsake'. At the age of eight, Melanie and Zoe exchanged tokens before they parted. Many years later at an airport the two, now adults, bumped into each other and recognition came immediately and confirmed by the broaches each wore. From that day on they kept in contact and supported each other through the difficulties which followed with

bereavement and life changes, but the broaches reminded them of things that mattered.

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The schedule and topics for 2025 is as listed below. Any changes will be advised before the due date.

**The list of dates, topics, and leaders will be sent to all under separate cover.**

**Mar 20:** Seasons - Marlene  
**Apr 17:** Open – Carolyn  
**May 15:** Birth- Rose  
**Jun 19:** Poetry - Marlene  
**Jul 17:** Secrets and Lies in History -Zinat  
**Aug 21:** Loss - Carolyn  
**Sep 18:** Crime - Marlene  
**Oct 16:** Book Review - Rose  
**Nov 20:** Memories – Marlene  
**Dec 11:** Open - Marlene