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PORTLAND

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Hi Friend,

Here at Write Around Portland, April showers--and Portland's rare but welcome moments of sun--bring....

- hundreds of amazing, unique and powerful stories and poems submitted by workshop participants for our [upcoming book](#)
- great dinner at [Bernie's Southern Bistro](#) on April 21 --with 15% donated to fund free writing workshops
- [Saturday WRITE!](#) - a day of free writing workshops around town--and you're invited.

Of course, we're excited about the May flowers, too. I'll check back with you next month to report on those.

Robyn

Robyn Steely
Executive Director

P.S. [Featured writer Pat Kiser](#) (below) considers herself privileged for finding Write Around Portland. I feel the same about getting to know her!

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community.

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Dine Around for Write Around

On Thursday, April 21st, [Bernie's Southern Bistro](#) is donating 15% of their proceeds to Write Around Portland!

If supporting Write Around Portland isn't enough, Bernie's romantic southern cuisine will send you home happy.

Bernie's Southern Bistro,
2904 NE Alberta

Dinner: 4-10pm
Happy Hour: 4-6pm

Dinner reservations recommended.
Call 503.282.9864.



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Featured writer inspired, inspiring

Pat Kiser (left) went to 10 different schools as a child growing up in Oregon. The first book she got was from a book mobile, and she picked the biggest one, even though she couldn't read it yet.

She credits [JOIN](#), which supports the efforts of homeless individuals and families to transition out of homelessness into permanent housing with connecting her to Write Around Portland and [Portland Police Officer Pickett](#) for connecting her to JOIN.

Write Around Portland *"has helped me speak to people, to tell them that they can do stuff they may not think they can do,"* Pat told us.

Pat participated in our workshop in partnership with the Portland Art Museum as part of their Object Stories exhibit. [You can read her writing and an interview and watch a video online.](#)

Saturday WRITE!

You're invited to free writing workshops on Saturday, April 30

[Join Write Around Portland on Saturday, April 30 for a two-hour free creative writing workshop.](#) Journals, pens and light snacks will be provided. Open to adults and teens, except where noted.*

One workshop per person and pre-registration is required. To register: Call 503.796.9224 or [email](#) with your name, phone number and the workshop location you would like to attend. Workshops are ADA-accessible. Call 503.796.9224 if you need specific accommodations.

Saturday WRITE! workshop locations:

1. **Dexter McCarty Middle School** 10am-Noon

*Open to adults and youth, grade 6 or higher

2. East Portland Community Center 2-4pm

3. Mercy Corps Action Center 10am-Noon

4. Eastminster Presbyterian Church 10am-Noon

5. Café au Play 10am-Noon

[Addresses and public transportation options are listed on our website.](#)

Saturday WRITE! is made possible with support from the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust.

(prompt)

Looking for a one-of-a-kind generative writing experience?

"If you're in a rut, Prompt will get you out. If you're lacking confidence in your writing, it will build you up. And if you don't think you have a unique voice, it will prove you wrong!"

That's what a participant in our [Prompt community writing workshop](#) at Powell's City of Books told us. Now is your chance to experience our acclaimed workshop model *and* support the communities we traditionally serve.

Date: Ten Wednesdays, May 11- July 13

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Powell's City of Books
1005 W. Burnside, downtown Portland

Cost: \$285 - Payment plans available. Cost includes free parking, snacks and access to the "Bowels of Powell's."

Workshop facilitator: Thomas Cordova

Registration required. Call Beth at 503.796.9224.

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