

What Is a Writers Salon?

A tradition of gathering, a practice of telling the truth.

You have a story worth telling. The Multicultural Women Writers Salon was built to help you tell it.

The salon has deep roots. In early modern France, social and intellectual gatherings among women drove the cultural development of an entire country. Our Multicultural Women Writers Salon draws on that tradition — bringing women of color together in a healing, nurturing environment where they can reflect on who they are, where they come from, and what legacy in storytelling they want to leave behind.

In communities across the globe, women are the connectors — to family, to culture, to the stories that make a community whole. We honor that role by creating a space where those stories get written down, professionally published, and placed in the permanent record.

Why This Matters Now

The frameworks that once protected the fair treatment and full participation of all people are under active attack. Cultural erasure is accelerating. Women of color face the greatest barriers to getting their writing published, regardless of medium.

And when stories disappear — when a generation does not write things down — cultures lose something that cannot be recovered. Elders pass away. Memories blur. The specific texture of a life: the food, the language, the name of the ship that brought your family to this shore, the political conversations at the kitchen table — fades until it cannot be retrieved.

Statistics show that women of color have the most difficult time getting their writing published regardless of medium. Our journals exist to change that, one story at a time.

The Multicultural Women Writers Salon exists to change that. We provide the structure, the mentorship, and the community for women to transform their lived experience into published work that belongs to the permanent record.

What We Create Together

Our journals document stories of personal evolution, cultural heritage, family legacy, and ancestral wisdom that broadcast and web media have left untold. Each journal is professionally printed in full color, distributed to the participant's family and community, and placed in the national historic archive.

When news spreads crisis and media amplifies violence, communities need something to set against that weight — informative, healing, and inspiring stories that reflect who people actually are. Through this work, we map the long road toward human and economic equity and inclusion, beginning where all change begins:

With the Power of Voice.

What the Salon Provides

- ◆ **A healing environment.** A serene, nurturing space — in person and online — designed for introspective and creative development, where atmosphere, community, and care are the foundation.
- ◆ **Professional mentorship.** Guidance from an instructor with three decades of storytelling experience across communities, colleges, and broadcast media.
- ◆ **Rigorous craft training.** Eight months of structured lessons covering story development, research, character, scene, revision, and publication.
- ◆ **A published journal.** Your finished story in a professionally printed, full-color journal — with your name on the cover — placed in the national historic archive.
- ◆ **A community of women.** Peer learning and support from a cohort of multicultural women writers whose stories will expand your sense of what is possible.

Who Should Apply

Women of color with a story connected to cultural identity, family heritage, lived experience, or ancestral history. You do not need prior writing experience. You need commitment, honesty, and the willingness to let your story become something larger than you imagined when you started.

The women who have come through this program were not all writers when they arrived. They became **published authors**. Their stories are in the archive. They are not going anywhere.

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