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Marian E. Wright Writing Center

# Welcome Back Students, Faculty and Staff!

The *Scrap Paper* team is excited for another year of connecting you to the campus creative writing community. This newsletter is dedicated to providing writing tips, advertising contests, and sharing upcoming creative writing opportunities. Continue reading to learn more about UM-Flint's creative writing groups and Fall submission opportunities!

### **The Writers' Circle**

The Writers' Circle is the Marian E. Wright Writing Center's own creative writing group. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds, interests, and writing experiences. We're always looking for new members, so come join us! We meet virtually every week to bond over our love of writing. We share our progress and write during independent writing time.

Visit the Writing Center's <u>Creative Writing Hub</u> for meeting information!

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### **Qua Literary and Fine Arts Magazine**

Are you looking to get your writing or art published? Submit to *Qua Literary and Fine Arts Magazine*!

For over 50 years, *Qua* has been dedicated to celebrating the work of Michigan writers and artists. Submit your prose, poetry, and visual art before November 1st for an opportunity to be in the Fall issue. Visit the <u>submission form</u> for guidelines.

*Qua* is a student-run UM-Flint magazine. It is published biannually, with new issues every Fall and Winter semester. This year *Qua* is under new leadership with Noah Beaumont, one of our Writing Center tutors! We know Noah is going to do great, and we're looking forward to another year of amazing work from our fellow Michiganders.

We're also looking forward to another year of collaborations with *Qua*. Our Writing Center writing contest winners will be featured in *Qua* issues again this year, starting with our October Spooktacular Writing Contest.

Interested in learning more about Qua? Visit their website!

# M.E.W. Writing Center's Spooktacular Writing Contest

It's never too early to get into the Halloween spirit!

The Marian E. Wright Writing Center's Spooktacular Writing Contest is open to current students, faculty, and staff. Celebrate the season with a Halloween-themed piece or a spooktacularly fun story that sends chills down a reader's spine. Each writer is welcome to submit one poem or short story to this contest by Sunday, October 22nd at 11:59 PM.

More information on contest guidelines can be found on the <u>submission form</u>.





# University of Michigan Hopwood Awards Program

Are you a fiction or nonfiction writer, poet, or playwright?

The University of Michigan's <u>Hopwood Awards Program</u> hosts a variety of creative writing contests and prizes open to undergraduate and graduate students from all U of M campuses. "The program was endowed by Avery Hopwood, a popular American dramatist and member of the Michigan Class of 1905," who wanted this program to encourage "the new, the unusual, and the radical" in students' creative writing.

Give your writing a chance to shine by submitting to the Hopwood Awards! Since 1931, the Hopwood Program has awarded almost \$6,000,000 to over 3,300 writers, and has positively impacted student writers' future careers. There are <u>dozens of contests</u> to choose from in categories such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, drama, screenplay, novel, and text/composition.

Tutors at the Marian E. Wright Writing Center are happy to read your work and give you feedback to help you prepare your writing for submission. We can also help answer questions about the application process.

**Tip from Jina Bhagat, a former Hopwood Award winner and Writing Center tutor:** "Start early and do your research about all the different contests. Then you'll know what you want to prepare to submit."

Interested? Check out the Hopwood Program's <u>Students</u> page and <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> to learn more.

#### **CREATIVE WRITING HUB**

Visit our <u>Creative Writing</u> <u>Hub</u> to stay updated on submission opportunities and learn more about our Writers' Circle!

### WRITING CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

To be critical readers and listeners who provide helpful feedback to writers and speakers.

## THE MARIAN E. WRIGHT WRITING CENTER

The Marian E. Wright Writing Center began in 1971 as a place to help students from all disciplines with academic and professional writing.

Our highly-trained tutors help students, faculty, and staff with their writing and speaking needs through in-person and online tutoring. We also support creative writers through tutoring, workshops, writing groups, contests, promotions, and more. Tutors love talking with writers about their work and publication goals. We welcome appointments for creative writing assignments, submission pieces, and personal projects. We can even provide feedback on larger pieces of writing.

<u>Make an appointment</u> with us today to get feedback on your work and ideas.

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