

## *Illia Thompson*



For over quarter of a century, Illia Thompson's Memoirs Classes at The Carmel Foundation have offered a means to document one's life.

"Through gently guided exercises, we write, and read our writings to each other. Appreciation blossoms.

Twice a week, I have the privilege of witnessing story through finally tuned writings. Some become books. Others, kept as personal life records, include thoughts and feelings, as well as factual information.

A few months ago, viewing an art exhibit in the hallway, one of my students, Sigrid, asked. "Why aren't we on display? Writing is an art."

I went to Gilda, posed the query, and we agreed that posting writings and artworks would provide a novel way to showcase talents. Please stroll the exhibit during the month of May. Be prepared to be moved, and delighted! And most of all, surprised!"

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