

The 2021 Poetry Apprenticeship Plan

*Please note: This calendar is subject to change as visiting writers and other supplementary activities may be added or rescheduled depending on author availability.

January/February

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of January 25th

Full Cohort Meeting: February 2, 6-9pm

- Introductions
- What Makes a Collection Publishable?
- Assignment of Common Cohort Texts
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One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of February 8

Full Cohort Meeting: February 9, 6-9pm

- Introductions
- Work Introductions: Your goals, your process, your current place
- Critical Response Process
- Personal Universe Deck

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of February 15

Full Cohort Meeting: February 16, 6-9pm

- Workshop #1 &2
- Work Introductions: On your themes
- The Day I Was Born/The Day of My Death

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of February 22

Full Cohort Meeting: February 23, 6-9pm

- Workshops #3 & 4
- The Image List

March

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of March 1

Cohort Time: March 2, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Interrogatives

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of March 8

Cohort Time: March 9, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: The Haibun

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of March 15

Cohort Time: March 16, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Self Portraits

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of March 22

Cohort Time: March 23, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Proverbs & Adages

Full Cohort Meeting: March 30, 6-9pm

- Workshop #4&5
- Guest Author #1

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April

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of April 5

Cohort Time: April 6, 6-9pm

- Abecedarians

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of April 12

Cohort Time: April 13, 6-9pm

- Litanies

Full Cohort Meeting: April 20, 6-9pm

- Workshop #6&7
- Guest Author #2
- The Four Temperaments

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of April 26

(This meeting is in place to make plans for the months ahead.)

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May

The focus in May is on your own independent writing and reading. Some poets also use this time to rest and regroup. With the help of your teaching mentor, you will create a plan for making the best use of the summer months ahead.

During the month of May, you'll also have exclusive access to at least two of The Loft's Wordplay authors and/or publishing industry professionals, in the form of a cohort meet and greet/conversation on craft/Q and A.

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June

Work Independently: Week of May 31

One-on-One Meeting Scheduled with Gretchen: Week of June 7

Work Independently: Week of June 14

Full Cohort Meeting June 26: Open Book, 10am-2:30pm, Workshops #8 & 9 Guest Author #3

Work Independently: Week of June 28

During the month of June, your classroom is available at Open Book from 6-9pm on Tuesdays.

July

Work Independently: Week of July 5

One-on-One Meeting Scheduled with Gretchen: Week of July 12

Work Independently: Week of July 19

Full Cohort Meeting July 31: Open Book, 10am-2:30pm, Workshops # 10 & 11, Guest Author #4

During the month of July, your classroom is available at Open Book from 6-9pm on Tuesdays.

August

Work Independently: Week of August 2

One-on-One Meeting Scheduled with Gretchen: Week of August 9

Work Independently: Week of August 16

Full Cohort Meeting August 28: Open Book, 10am-2:30pm, Workshops #12 &13, Guest Author #5

Work Independently: Week of August 30th

During the month of August, your classroom is available at Open Book from 6-9pm on Tuesdays.

September

Work Independently/Cohort Time: Week of September 6

- Prompt/Topic: Thinking like an Editor

Work Independently/Cohort Time: Week of September 13

- Prompt/Topic: Interview, TBA

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of September 20

Cohort Time: September 21, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Podcast, TBA

Full Cohort Meeting: September 28, 6-9pm

- Workshop #14 & 15
- Exquisite Corpses, The Fragments of Sappho, & The Ancient Pyramid Texts

October

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of October 4

Cohort Time: October 5, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Article, TBA

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of October 11

Cohort Time: October 12, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Interview, TBA

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of October 18

Cohort Time: October 19, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Podcast, TBA

Full Cohort Meeting: October 26, 6-9pm

- Workshop #16 & 17
- Guest Author #6

November

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of November 1

Cohort Time: October 5, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Article, TBA

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of November 8

Cohort Time: October 12, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Interview, TBA

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of November 15

Cohort Time: October 19, 6-9pm

- Prompt/Topic: Podcast, TBA

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Full Cohort Meeting: November 30, 6-9pm

- Workshop #18, 19, & 20

December

One-on-One Meeting with Gretchen: Week of December 6

Cohort Time: December 7, 6-9pm

- Cohort Celebration (This is your last evening together as a writing cohort!)

Full Cohort Meeting (with your teaching mentor): December 14, 6-9pm

- Class Celebration & wrap up, collage evening, turn in your final manuscript