

**The truth is...**we gather on the Third Monday of each month to practice our writing skills. We listen and share in each other's work. We are small in number and our commitment is strictly to produce and foster creativity among our members.

**We started** in July 1999 and consist of adults that enjoy writing memoirs, commentaries, essays, poems, and/or prose. Our simple method each month is to use a pre-selected word or phrase as the basis of a story, an idea, an opinion, a derivative of, or an implied essence of and write a 1 to 1 ½ page document. We share our stories, comment, and in that way build up our writing skills through practice and presentation. The atmosphere is friendly and supportive, and the feedback is gentle.

**Curious?** Always wanted to try writing for fun, entertainment, or even profit? Come visit with us at any of our open meetings. Bring a sample of your work. Sit in and see what we do. If you like it, join us every month and become a member.

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**June 2018 selection – Rosebud**

**Rosebud**  
**By Edward John Scheffler**

It is Richard Herrick, The English poet who said,

“Gather Ye Rosebuds while Ye may...  
Old time is still a-flying.  
And this same flower that smiles today  
Tomorrow will be dying.

While Alfred Otto Ellison said,

Pick the ripen fruit  
before there be  
spoilage.

For when ...  
Is but an entrusted calling  
A commission of Now.”