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I would like to reach people who may write in isolation who may need encouragement and support. I hope women writers who are independent, meaning they are not in school, do not belong in a writers group, and/or their writing is not supported by a collective receive these offerings. I am thinking of ways to get beyond a room of one's own to a community of their own. I would like to grab the attention of women writers who are looking for the courage to write, care, create, and give in a collective. I would like to influence the behavior of academic and creative writers in the regions where Wintergreen Women are represented.

I am a deep listener and synthesizer of ideas. I have some skills in web development and digital humanities (I was the webmaster for the College Language Association for 3 years. I was recently awarded the NEH-Mellon Digital Publication Fellowship). I'm inspired and humbled to be a part of Wintergreen. I had relationships with several Wintergreen Women before the invitation to join (i.e. I met Maryemma in Paris in 2009 when I was a student in the Paris Noir Program, and I met Joanne in 2012 when I came to JMU as a PFF Fellow). I love to serve while I'm at the retreat; serving is a part of my rest.