

Letter of Recommendation for Valerie Clarizio

As the Founding and Artistic Director of Write On, Door County, I recommend author Valerie Clarizio most highly as a speaker or workshop leader. Val has presented several workshops with our non-profit organization which have been well received. She has also been a presenter at our Paths to Publication conference, offering advice to writers trying to break into the publishing world. Her breakout session was among the most highly rated of the two-day conference.

In addition to those presentations, I worked with Val on a wine and mystery tasting program held at a local winery. Val organized a panel of upper Midwest mystery writers to read from and discuss their books. Each book was paired with a bottle of wine as part of the wine tasting experience. It was a fun way to engage audience members and draw in participants who might otherwise ever come to a book reading. I am working with Val on creating more such opportunities.

Val is energetic and enthusiastic and a compassionate listener and teaching artist. She is genuinely interested in helping new writers develop their talents. She is a great literary citizen, offering her time and skills to help writers' groups and organizations, including serving on our board of directors. With a demanding full-time job as the city's treasurer, Val is also an inspiration to those who want to figure out how to fit writing into their "real life."

I am confident that Val will be a great addition to your program and recommend her most enthusiastically. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me via email at jerod@writeondoorcounty.org.