



Mixed media artwork, entitled *Woman in Bloom* by Leslie Neustadt. This work incorporates the stamped image of a face titled *Woman in Repose* c.2005 by Suzanne Nicoll, used with permission of the artist.

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The Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley (ILCHV), located at 15-17 Third Street, Troy, is a non-profit organization working towards removing both physical and attitudinal barriers to independence for persons with disabilities. ILCHV is a non-residential, consumer controlled and community based organization. The ILCHV operates under a Board of Directors and a 17 person staff, most of whom are persons with disabilities. We believe that consumers are entitled to participate in all aspects of community living, including owning a home, raising a family, pursuing a career, and enjoying leisure time.

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Claiming Our Power; Sharing Our Stories

A Writing and Collage Class
for People with Disabilities



Presented by Leslie B. Neustadt
with the Independent Living Center
of the Hudson Valley, Inc.

Leslie Neustadt has explored her disability from cancer and other chronic illness in both her writing and her art.

Collages made by Leslie B. Neustadt



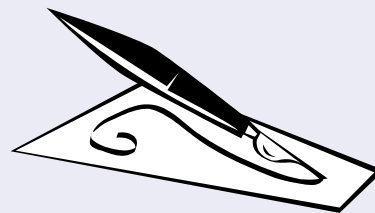
ILCHV invites people with disabilities to be part of a writing and collage class. We will publish a chapbook of our writings and collages and share our writing at a Reading and Reception in cooperation with Leslie B. Neustadt, author of [Bearing Fruit](#).

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You will:

- ◆ Participate in a six week class to learn to write poems and essays about your personal experiences with disability.
- ◆ Produce collages and edit the poems and/or essays you have written to include in a chapbook.
- ◆ Read your work at a Reading and Reception in celebration of National Disability Awareness Month in October 2015. Elected officials, members of the disability community, family and friends will be invited, as well as members of the media



Classes will take place at ILCHV on
June 17 & 24, July 8, 15, & 22
from 5 - 6:30 PM.

We will gather again for another class on October 21st from 5-6:30 before the Reading and Reception to review our work and prepare for the reading

No formal experience with writing or collage is required. We will share our stories, speak our truth and claim our power as human beings and writers with a unique perspective on the world.



All materials will be provided and there is **no cost** for the class. Classes will take place at ILCHV, which is completely accessible to persons with disabilities. ILCHV is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to ensure all can fully participate. *If reasonable accommodations are needed, you may indicate so on the application.*

