Submission Guidelines for Personal Essays

Charleston Style and Design invites you to submit an original, unpublished personal essay of no more than 600 words for possible publication in our quarterly department, *Reflections*.

Your essay should convey an idea, concept or experience that you think would be of interest to our readers. We believe that the best personal essays have all the characteristics of a good story, offering compelling descriptions, a narrative line and, of course, a personal point of view. Beyond that, we look for essays that give readers a “takeaway”—a thought or insight to which they can relate.

Essays should have some connection to Charleston, the Lowcountry or the South. That connection need not be the focus of the piece (nor is it required), but we think our readers will enjoy knowing that you are part of, or at least familiar with, their region.

For consideration, send your essay (via e-mail only) and a short two-sentence biography to editor@charlestonstyleanddesign.com. Place the words “personal essay” in the subject line. If your article is accepted, we pay $180 after publication. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

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