

## *The Story Circle Network*

*for women with stories to tell...*

### *OWL-Circle Workshop facilitators say...*

- “The group members' writing and sharing just got better and better as the weeks passed.”
- “It was a huge success. I've loved doing this and look forward to doing more.”
- “I liked the overall tone of the workbook...concise, gets the message across in an interesting way.”
- “The workshop easily engages even shy writers, and it's exciting to see the immediate success felt by each participant.”

### *OWL-Circle Workshop participants say...*

- “The workshop caused me to think more about my history and the importance of recording it—not only for my heirs but for my own benefit.”
- “This experience truly helped me to understand more fully how happy and blessed I am.”
- “This study group has given me the tools to write my story. It is no longer as overwhelming as it was.”

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The Story Circle Network is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to helping women everywhere share the stories of their lives. We offer publications and programs which empower women to create their own stories, discover their identities through their life stories, and choose to be the authors of their lives.

Our activities include instructional programs, such as Reading Circles, Writing Circles, classes in personal writing, workshops, and retreats; a website; an Internet Chapter, support of local chapters, print publications (including the Network's quarterly *Journal*); and a national conference.

Story Circle would like to introduce its programs to your community. If you or your group would like to sponsor a workshop or retreat on women's autobiographical writing, please write to Story Circle Network, P.O. Box 500127 Austin, TX 78750-0127, or call 512-454-9833.

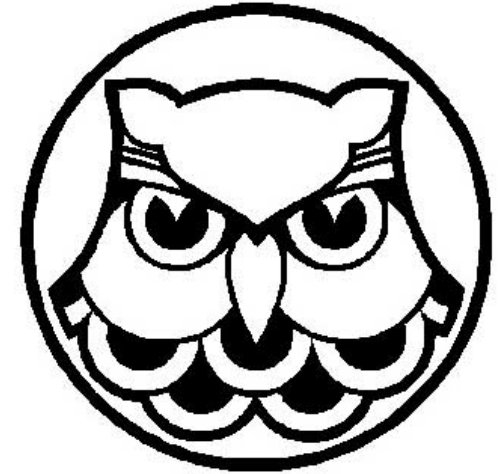
Membership entitles you to receive four issues of the unique *Story Circle Journal*, with ideas for memoir-writing and journaling, opportunities to publish your stories, as well as book reviews, Network news, and special features. See our website for more details—[www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org)

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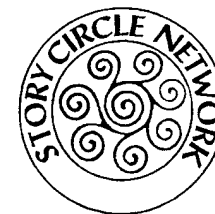
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## *Older Women's Legacy Circle*



### *A Memoir-Writing Workshop for Older Women*



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### ***What is the OWL-Circle Workshop?***

The OWL-Circle Workshop is a unique workshop that you or your church, women's group, senior residence, or senior center can participate in, by enrolling in a planned workshop, or organizing a workshop specifically for your organization or group.

### ***Features of the OWL-Circle Workshop***

- Designed by experienced women teachers specifically for older women
- Lively workshop spans five weekly sessions
- Easy-to-read workbook offers topics that every woman can write about, plus ideas for between-session writing
- Workbook enables participants to capture memories and create a personal history
- Workbook will assist in memoir writing long after workshop is over
- Workshop has been extensively field-tested with excellent results
- Workshop encourages the sharing of stories among participants, creating a community that continues after the workshop
- Low cost: the five-week workshop is only \$50.00 per person

### ***Development of the Workshop: The Older Women's Legacy Circle Project***

The Older Women's Legacy Circle Memoir Project was a two-year project offering guided autobiography workshops for senior women. The project was funded by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and sponsored by the Story Circle Network, to carry out its mission of helping women everywhere share the stories of their lives.

The project funding allowed the Story Circle Network to develop the facilitator's manual and workbook, to find and train facilitators, and offer nearly fifty workshops to over 500 women. Over a two-year period the materials were used, evaluated, and revised. Stories from each workshop were collected and published in booklet form and is being archived for the use of future historians. A larger collection of stories—*With Courage and Common Sense: Memoirs From the Older Women's Legacy Circles*—was published in 2003 by the University of Texas Press. Now that the grant-funded phase of the project has come to an end, both the facilitator's manual and workbook are being made available nationwide, along with other support activities offered by the Story Circle Network through its OWL-Circle website ([www.storycircle.org/owlcircle](http://www.storycircle.org/owlcircle)).

*Stories give us our sense of identity; they define our place in the world...That's because stories not only reflect who we are as individuals but also give us ever-changing kaleidoscopic glimpses of what it's like to be members of the human family.*

—Anne B. Simpkinson

### ***Interest Form***

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to order the Facilitator's Manual and Workbook, which includes rights to duplicate. A check for \$150.00 (\$100 for members of the Story Circle Network), plus \$5 shipping, is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I represent an institution (a church, hospital, school, correctional facility, other organizations). We would like to order the Facilitator's Manual and Workbook, which includes rights to duplicate. A check for \$200.00, plus \$5 shipping, is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information on organizing a workshop in the Austin area for my friends or organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about the Story Circle Network.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in enrolling in an Austin-area workshop. Please contact me.

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