

## Organizational Membership Form

Annual Organizational Membership \$100

Name of Organization : \_\_\_\_\_

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“When the storyteller tells the truth, she reminds us that human beings are more alike than unlike....A story is what it’s like to be a human being—to be knocked down and to miraculously arise. Each one of us has arisen, awakened. We *do* rise.”

*Maya Angelou*

## Board of Directors

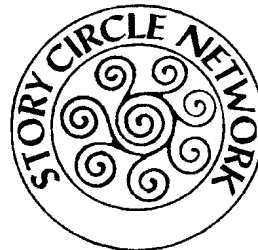
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## *About the Story Circle Network*

Founded in 1997, Story Circle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women everywhere share the stories of their lives. Because we recognize that women often need encouragement to undertake the important work of life-history, we provide publications, classes, workshops, and woman-focused 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. Membership in the network is open to all women everywhere.

The Board of Directors, which is based in Austin, Texas, oversees the Network's classes and workshops, the publication of the quarterly *Story Circle Journal*, the Network's web site, and its grants and sponsored projects.

The Network's first local chapter was chartered in 1999 in Austin, Texas and an internet Chapter was created in early 2000.

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### ***Programs***

Story Circle Network offers a variety of programs to our members and to the general public, many of them free. These programs include classes, workshops, lectures, juried writing competitions, Reading Circles, Writing Circles, and a full program of Internet activities. We also hold a large national conference in Austin in even-numbered years and host a weekend writing retreat in odd-numbered years.

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## ***Our Mission Statement—***

*The Story Circle Network is dedicated to helping women share the stories of their lives and to raising public awareness of the importance of women's personal histories. We carry out our mission through publications, a website, classes, workshops, writing and reading circles, and woman-focused programs. Our activities empower women to tell their stories, discover their identities through their stories, and choose to be the authors of their own lives.*

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### ***Publications***

All members of the Network receive *The Story Circle Journal*. A 24-28 page quarterly newsletter. We also publish *True Words from Real Women*, an annual collection of women's writing. "LifeStory Briefs", how-to tip sheets, and a guide for Story Circle facilitators. In addition, we offer many resources free to the public on our website, [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org).

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### ***Projects***

The Older Women's Legacy Circle Project, supported by a generous grant from the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in Houston, TX, was completed in 2000. The Sisters' gift enabled us to develop a series of memoir workshops for women over sixty. In 2003, the University of Texas Press published a collection of these memoirs titled *With Courage and Common Sense* edited by Dayna Finet, Ph.D., and Susan Wittig Albert, Ph.D., with an introduction by Liz Carpenter.

Story Circle Network's current major writing project, *Women Write About the Southwest*, includes juried selections from 274 submissions as well as essays from professional writers. The completed collection is expected to be published in 2007.

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## ***How your organization will benefit from an Organizational Membership***

A \$100 Organizational Membership provides your organization with the following benefits:

- One subscription to the quarterly *Story Circle Journal*, and our monthly national e-letter.
- Inclusion in *The Story Circle Journal's* list of affiliated organizations
- Listing on the Story Circle Network's website with a link to your organization's website
- Publication in the Story Circle e-letter of your organization's event notices. (Events should be in keeping with our mission, of interest to our members, and not in conflict with our own events.)
- One membership discount per national Story Circle event
- Signage including your name and a place for your printed materials at each major national Story Circle function

"Telling a true story about personal experience is not just a matter of being oneself, or even of finding oneself. It is also a matter of choosing oneself."—*Harriet Goldhor Lerner*