

The Story Circle Network

...for women with stories to tell

The Story Circle Network received its Texas not-for-profit charter in early 1997. It is dedicated to helping women everywhere share the stories of their lives. With that purpose in mind, its board of directors oversees a wide range of activities including instructional programs, Reading Circles, Writing Circles, classes in personal writing, workshops, a Web site, an Internet Chapter, print publications (including the Network's quarterly *Journal*), and an annual conference or writing retreat.

The Network 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, or form a local chapter, please write to Peggy Moody, Executive Director, Story Circle Network, PO Box 1670, Estes Park CO 80517-1670.

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*

What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life?

The world would split open.

—*Muriel Rukeyser*

Visit the Story Circle Web Site

www.storycircle.org

Membership Form

___ Member: \$55 (online pubs worldwide) /
printed pubs: USA: \$65; Canada & Mexico:
\$85; International \$90

___ Friend: \$90

___ Donor: \$125

___ Supporter: \$150

___ Contributor: \$200

___ Sustainer: \$250

___ Patron: \$325

___ Benefactor: \$400+

___ Internet Chapter: \$20/yr (*to join the chapter you must also be a member of the national organization; chapter dues are in addition to the national dues*)

___ Sample copy of the SCN Journal: \$6.25

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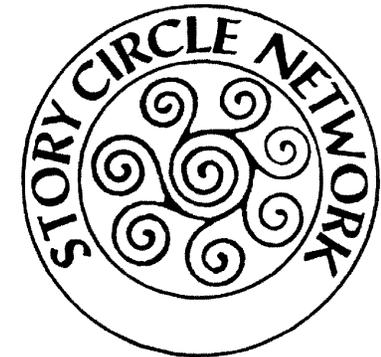
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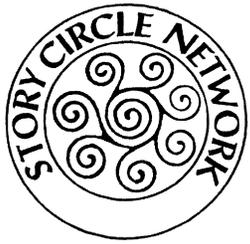
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“Storytelling is at the heart of life. My imagination creates forms that gives shape to otherwise sporadic events in everyday life. Gradually I recognize the meaning of my existence through my myth.”—*Marion Woodman*



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“Storytelling is healing. As we reveal ourselves in story, we become aware of the continuing core of our lives under the fragmented surface of our experience.

We become aware of the multifaceted, multichaptered ‘I’ who is the storyteller.

We can trace out the paradoxical and even contradictory versions of ourselves that we create for different occasions, different audiences.

We can also trace out the threads that weave all these chapters, all these versions into one whole.

Most important, as we become aware of ourselves as storytellers, we realize that what we understand and imagine about ourselves *is* a story.

And when we know all this, we can use our stories to heal and make ourselves whole.”

—Susan Wittig Albert
Writing From Life

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Writing Our Lives, Telling Our Stories

What is the Story Circle Network?

The Story Circle Network is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping women everywhere share the stories of their lives. Our Internet Chapter provides an online community: a way for women to connect around the world as we explore our stories. Writing and reading eCircles, writing prompts and women's quotes, profiles of fascinating life-writing women, opportunities for you to publish your work, and an email newsletter are just some of the services available to members.

In addition, SCN sponsors online writing classes, a book review website, and 2 blogs:
www.storycircleonlineclasses.org
www.storycirclebookreviews.org
www.storycircle.wordpress.com
www.onewomansday.wordpress.com

You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook:
www.twitter.com/StoryCircle
www.facebook.com/StoryCircle

What will I gain from the Network?

You will receive the following publications, information, and opportunities:

- ◇ **four issues** of the unique 24-28 page newsletter, *Story Circle Journal*, with writing ideas, poetry and essays from subscribers, book reviews, resource guides, and more.
- ◇ **the opportunity to submit your writing** to the newsletter and other Network publications
- ◇ **the opportunity to participate** in writing and reading circles, locally or on-line
- ◇ **suggestions and assistance to help you create** a Story Circle or Chapter in your community.

What can I contribute to the Network?

The Network is built out of our shared experiences. To it, we would like you to bring yourself and your willingness to share your life and what you have learned. If you wish, you may contribute your writing (prose, poetry, book reviews—ask for a copy of our writer's guidelines). If you would like to be in contact with other members on-line, you may join the Internet Chapter. If you are a teacher or group leader, you are invited to calendar your writing-related events on our website. If you are a speaker or workshop leader, you may wish to join our Speaker's Bureau. If you are the author of a memoir-related book, we would be glad to review your book on our book review site and list you among our author members.

How do I become a member?

Any woman is eligible to join. Membership dues: \$55 worldwide for online publications; for printed publications: \$65 in the United States, \$85 in Canada & Mexico, \$90 elsewhere. (Higher costs reflect the postage required to mail the *Story Circle Journal*). Membership in the Internet Chapter is \$20/year. Chapter dues are in addition to the national dues.

“I have written my life in small sketches, a little today, a little yesterday, as I have thought of it, as I remember all the things from childhood on through the years, good ones and unpleasant ones, that is how they come out and that is how we have to take them.”

—Anna Mary Moses (*Grandma Moses*)