



...by, for, and about women.

Friends and Writing Sisters,

Get your summer off to a splendid start with this June edition of *Flash*—the e-letter that keeps you up to date on all the exciting happenings here at Story Circle. Spoiler Alert: You're going to have a hard time deciding which events or opportunities to investigate first. One of our favorites is catching up with the latest and greatest reads on our book review site. Feeling creative? Get the scoop on our first Annual Women's Poetry Competition. And who can resist the idea of a writers' retreat in sunny Italy?

## WRITE & LEARN WITH OTHER SCN WRITERS

Our second **Writing Trip to Italy** is planned for October 2022. Register soon; space is limited. See details [here](#) on this experiential course in travel writing, plus an unforgettable week of sightseeing.



**E-Circle Writing Extravaganza:** An inspiring Zoom meeting held 4:00-5:30 PST on the second Thursday each month. All e-Circle members, join us! For more information, see graphic below.

**SCN's Online Classes** can improve your writing skills, raise your awareness, and build your persistence. Stay tuned for details regarding our summer lineup, coming soon.



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A WEBINAR PRESENTED BY  
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## FINDING SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021  
4:00 - 5:30 PACIFIC TIME  
COST: \$25

AN INTERACTIVE, ONLINE CONVERSATION WITH FOUR WRITERS WHO DESCRIBE THE UNIQUE PATHS AND GENRES THEY CHOSE TO PORTRAY THIS UNIVERSAL THEME.

PARTICIPATE IN A WRITING EXERCISE RELEVANT TO THIS TOPIC FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE.

**Upcoming Webinar:** *Finding Sanctuary* offered by Cindy Rasicot, Judith Teitelman, Anniqua Rana & Veena Rao June 16, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Pacific ~ Fee: \$25 (Space limited) Participants will hear the above four authors discuss the unique paths they chose for their characters to find sanctuary, and then participate in a relevant writing exercise. [Register here.](#)

Join a Roundtable. Our **Writers' Roundtables** (online writing support groups) help to keep us focused on our writing, share writing plans, learn from others' experiences, and stay in touch with our writing intentions. [Learn more.](#)

## SHARE YOUR WRITING

SCN is pleased to announce its **First Annual Women's Poetry Competition**. Feeling creative? Ponder this year's topic, *Place*, and start writing. Open for submissions July 5-August 31, 2021. Members only please. Full contest details [here](#).

The **2021 Sarton & Gilda Women's Book Awards** competitions are now open. Learn more [here](#).

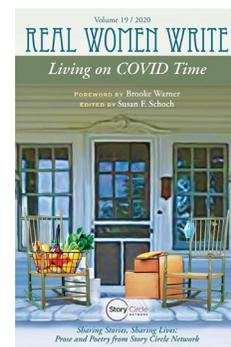
Members are invited to **blog with us** at [One Woman's Day](#) and [Telling Her Stories](#), where you can enjoy reading recent posts by Christina M. Wells, Sarah White, Doris Clark, Ariela Zucker, Sara Etgen-Baker, and Michele Kwasniewski. These blogs are coordinated by Linda Hoye. We'd love to read your posts, too! Submit [here](#).

**Submit your "True Words"** to the *Journal*. September topic: *Learning to Listen* (Deadline July 15). Member submissions happen [here](#). (There's also a link on your membership page.)

Share your **writing-related news** (publications, awards, workshops, special programs) in [Members in the News](#). It's a great way for non-members to learn about SCN's talented women and for members to learn more about each other. Be sure to check out the latest accomplishments of our talented writing sisters: Debra Thomas, Patricia Daly, Sarah Byrn Rickman, Dianne Ebertt Beeff, Linda Wisniewski, and Marilea Rabasa.

## GREAT READS—BY, FOR, & ABOUT WOMEN

**Real Women Write Anthology:** Last year, our subject was *Living on Covid Time*. (Go [here](#) to order.) Now that the pandemic is retreating, and in addition to returning to hugs and restaurants, there is opportunity for change. What is your vision of life after Covid? Our 2021 *Real Women Write* anthology, *Beyond Covid: Leaning Into Tomorrow*, will bring together our members' dreams, hopes, and concerns for the future. **Submissions open on July 1.** Time to get writing!



Our quarterly **Story Circle Journal** is packed with interviews with writers like you, stories by SCN writers, program details, and the information our members need to make the most of their memberships. Log in to read the [June issue online](#). Not yet a member or need to renew? [Easy registration here.](#)

**Story Circle Book Reviews** will help you discover new authors, new genres, new ideas. Browse our reviews to find great reads in memoir, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, more. Interested in reviewing for us? [Details \(and other volunteer activities\) here.](#)

Our **Social Justice Program** features work by women of color, including the following reviews posted recently on our Story Circle Book Reviews website:

[Ninety-Nine Fire Hoops](#), a mesmerizing read about a young woman's adversities while navigating a new country and a new language, reviewed by Janilyn Kocher, details Allison Hong Merrill's turbulent life as a Taiwanese immigrant wife in America during the 1990s.

Mary Ann Moore reviewed [The Shadow List](#), a book of poetry by Jen Sookfong Lee. Mary Ann wrote, "There is a flow to the narrative that kept me engaged as if listening to revelations that could not be interrupted."

Our platform offers a unique opportunity to bring an awareness to life stories that may lead to changes in our society. Feedback will be important as we craft new programs, webinars, and classes that honor the diversity of women writers, so we are conducting a survey regarding this initiative. Members, if you haven't already filled out our survey, please keep an eye out for our email invitation. Completion deadline is June 23, 2021.

SCN's social network is a daily source of news and inspiration. Follow us on Instagram [@StoryCircleNetwork](#) and use [#StoryCircleNetwork](#) on your Twitter posts. Check out SCN on Facebook. Find Sarton/Gilda Awards on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/sartonawards>.

## SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Check out the [Call for Proposals](#) for our first ever Virtual Conference—*Taking Your Writing to the Next Level*, to be held via Zoom on Saturday, October 16, 2021. We're looking for proposals related to *Honing Your Craft*, *Elevating Your Writing Practice*, and *Marketing & Promoting Your Writing*, but will consider any creative proposal that fits our theme. (Submissions deadline June 30)

SCN is now publishing **classified ads** in the *Journal*. If you'd like to share information about your writing-related skills (proofreading, editing, writing, ghostwriting, research), email [storycircle@storycircle.org](mailto:storycircle@storycircle.org) (subject line: Classified Advertising) to learn more. Book ads are not currently accepted.

As a nonprofit organization, SCN depends on volunteers to help make our programs happen. There has never been a better time to grow your support. [Find out more here](#). Or send an email indicating the area of your interest to [storycircle@storycircle.org](mailto:storycircle@storycircle.org).

Story Circle Network supports women around the world who want to tell their important stories. We value connections and love to hear from friends and members; see contact information below. Stay safe and well, and continue to help us build the network.

Board of Directors, Story Circle Network



**NEW MONTHLY ZOOM  
E-CIRCLE WRITING  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

COME POETS, MEMOIRISTS & STORYTELLERS  
ALL E-CIRCLE MEMBERS WELCOME

JOIN US FOR WRITING IN COMMUNITY  
FACILITATED BY B LYNN GOODWIN

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
4 - 5:30 PM PACIFIC TIME

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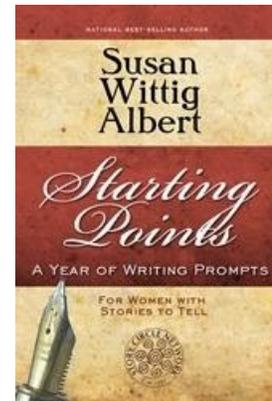
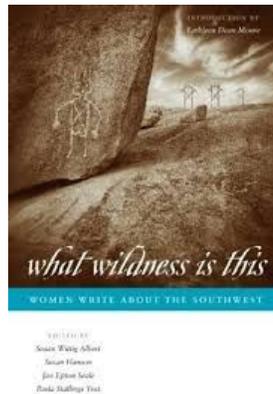
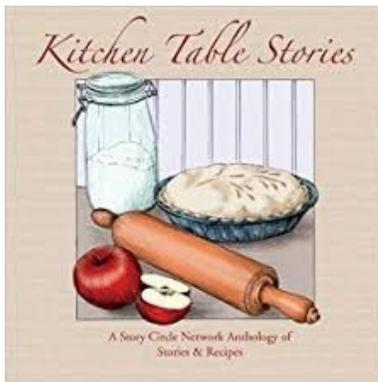
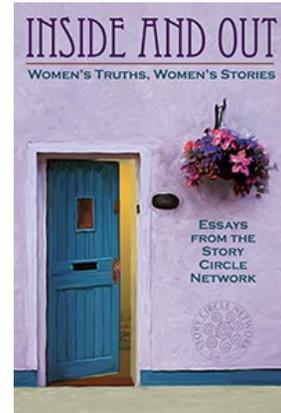
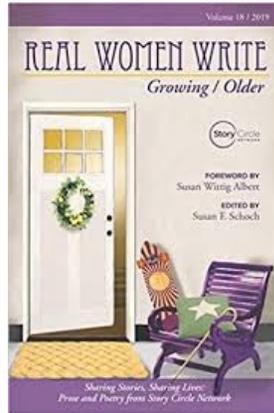
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