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Friends and Writing Sisters,  
Instead of celebrating with fireworks, consider gathering your furry friends in a quiet space and kicking back with this July edition of *Flash*—SCN's e-letter that strives to inspire and inform. Check out all the exciting events and opportunities offered this month by Story Circle. We are delighted, for example, about our very first women's poetry competition opening July 5. Enjoy!

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## WRITE & LEARN WITH OTHER SCN WRITERS

Save the date! Story Circle Network will be having our first **Virtual Conference** on Saturday, October 16, from 9am-5pm (Central). The theme is "Taking Your Writing to the Next Level." The day will be chock-full of workshops, motivational speakers, and more! You won't want to miss it! More information coming soon.

In October 2022, SCN will host our second **Writing Trip to Italy**. Register today and join your SCN sisters and their families on this gorgeous trip to Tuscany. See details [here](#) to learn more about the writing workshop and our 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.



**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

QUESTIONS?  
Contact Carol Ziel at [ziel.carol@gmail.com](mailto:ziel.carol@gmail.com)



**SCN's Online Classes** offers a wide variety of summer classes that can improve your writing skills, bolster your persistence and build camaraderie with other women writers. Beat the heat with one or more of our summer sessions. Details and schedules available [here](#).

Plan now to attend our **Summer Webinars**. Space is limited, and they're filling up quickly. Check out *Mapping Characters' Journey to Self-Discovery* (July 28, 4:00 p.m. Pacific ~ Fee: \$25) wherein four accomplished authors will share their secrets for creating memorable characters and more. See details [here](#). You also don't want to miss *Sharing Your Story With the World: Which Way To Go?* (August 18, 10:00 a.m. Central ~ Fee: \$25) with publishing industry expert [Jane Friedman](#). Participants will enjoy an overview of various publishing paths, including the costs, risks, and rewards of traditional, hybrid, and self-publishing.



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A WEBINAR PRESENTED BY  
STORY CIRCLE NETWORK



## MAPPING CHARACTERS' JOURNEY TO SELF-DISCOVERY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021

4:00 - 5:15 PACIFIC TIME

COST: \$25

JOIN AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS TO LEARN THEIR SECRETS TO  
CREATING MEMORABLE CHARACTERS AND PLOTS THAT LEAD TO  
CHARACTERS' SELF-DISCOVERY.

THE SESSION WILL FOCUS ON EFFECTIVE PREWRITING STRATEGIES,  
DEVELOPING CHARACTER ARCS AND HOW THEY OVERLAP WITH  
PLOT, SETTING AND THEME, AND TAPPING INTO REAL LIFE TO WRITE  
AWARD-WINNING FICTION.

PRESENTED BY  
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## SHARING YOUR STORY WITH THE WORLD: WHICH WAY TO GO?

OVER THE LAST DECADE, THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY HAS  
UNDERGONE BOTH TREMENDOUS CONSOLIDATION AND EVOLUTION

WHICH PUBLISHING PATH IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR BOOK—AND  
HOW DO YOU SIFT THROUGH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE?

JOIN US FOR THIS CLASS WITH PUBLISHING INDUSTRY EXPERT  
JANE FRIEDMAN AND LEARN ABOUT THE MOST POPULAR FORMS OF  
SELF-PUBLISHING AND DIGITAL PUBLISHING PRACTICED TODAY.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021

10:00 AM CENTRAL TIME

COST: \$25

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](#). Submission deadline: November 15, 2021

Members are invited to **blog with us** at [One Woman's Day](#) and [Telling Her Stories](#), where you can enjoy reading recent posts by Marian Beaman, Sarah White, and Thelma Zirkelbach. 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.)

Just a quick reminder that submissions open July 1 for SCN's **2021 Real Women Write** members-only anthology. This year's theme is an opportunity to look ahead to a post-COVID future: *Beyond COVID: Leaning Into Tomorrow*. For more information, visit our [website](#). Submit your prose or poetry [here](#).

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 Beeaff, Linda Wisniewski, and Marilea Rabasa.

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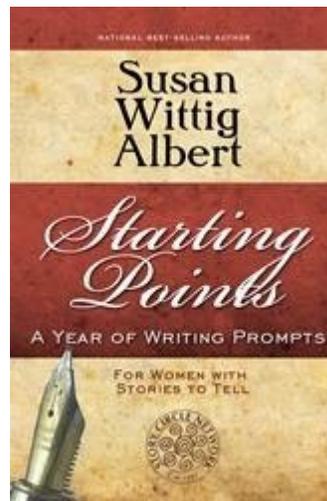
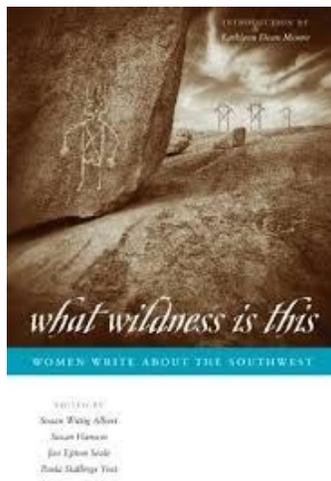
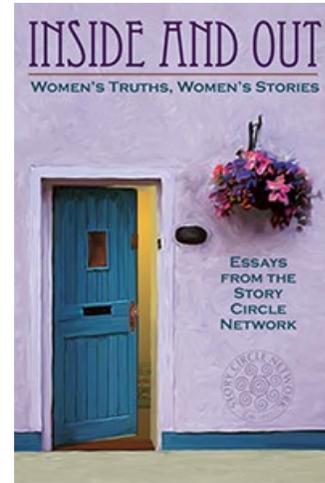
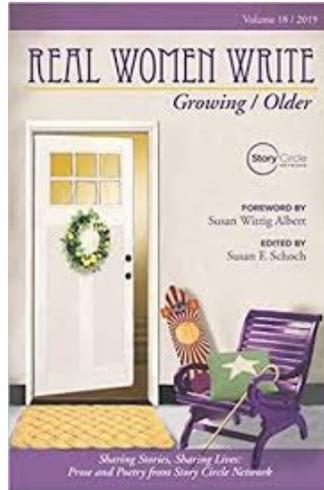
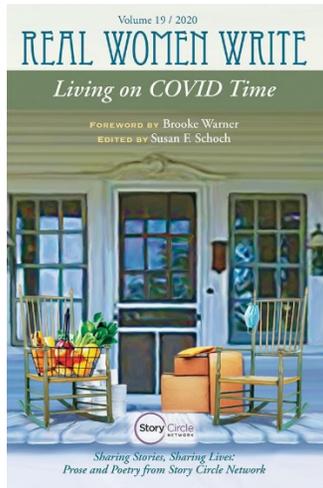
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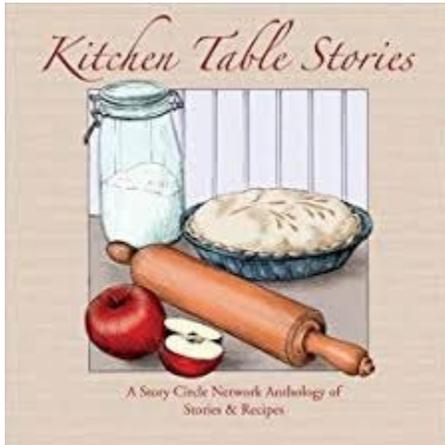
Our quarterly **Story Circle Journal** is packed with interviews with writers like you, stories by SCN writers, program details, and the information our members need to make the most of their memberships. Members are invited to log in to read the [June issue online](#). Not yet a member or need to renew? [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 **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program**, formerly known as the Social Justice Program, has a new name and a new leader: [Tina Games](#). Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey. We will be using your responses to grow Story Circle Network's programs and membership to obtain more diversity, equity, and inclusion within our organization. More to come!

**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>.





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## SHARE YOUR SKILLS

SCN is now publishing **Writing/Publishing Services ads** in the *Journal*. If you would like to share information about your writing related skills (proofreading, editing, writing, ghostwriting, research), [go here](#) to learn more. Book ads currently are not accepted. Deadline for our September issue is August 1.

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).

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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.

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You can read prior *Flash* issues online [here](#).

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