



Friends and Writing Sisters,

Learn more about the latest techniques for success in all your writing endeavors in this issue. Promote your work by entering one of our writing competitions or joining our Virtual Members' Library. If you're interested in volunteering to support our organization and each other, you'll learn more about the possibilities here as well. For a quickie reminder later, visit SCN's [Events Page](#) on our website, where you'll find a [calendar link](#) displaying submission deadlines as well as dates for online classes, webinars, and other events.

WRITE & LEARN

Want to recharge your writing skills and update your goals as we enter 2024? Sign up today for one of SCN's Winter Term Online Classes. We are celebrating the arrival of the new year with a whole new lineup of intriguing classes. You will be taught by knowledgeable instructors who are excited to help you hone skills, gain confidence, and enjoy camaraderie. Our course offerings may be accessed [here](#).



Only a few slots left! Sign up today for SCN's International Writing Workshop and Sightseeing Tour to Sicily, October 13-21, 2024. Led by SCN President Len Leatherwood, the writing workshop will meet daily and focus on helping you infuse evocative sensory detail into your fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Friends, partners, and kids sixteen and over are welcome. Click [here](#) for more information on our itinerary and highly competitive price.

Watch for **upcoming webinar information** and registration links at [Programs & Events](#). If you missed one of our many fantastic webinars in the past, you may purchase (\$10) a link to a replay [here](#).

A WEBINAR PRESENTED BY STORY CIRCLE NETWORK

Writing the Body

Enliven your writing by engaging the body! This workshop will offer a chance to connect with the physical self, tapping into your inner well of creative inspiration. With guided prompts and supportive instruction, you'll be encouraged to translate your experiences and sensations into reflective, evocative writing.

The session will include a brief meditation and gentle movement to tune into our senses and bodily wisdom. Join us for this 90-minute workshop and discover the power of the body—in writing.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6pm CT / 4pm PT
Cost: \$25



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Learning the Lingo: A Publishing Process Overview

From ARCs, Blurbs, Cover memos, Developmental Edits, and First pages to NetGalley, Options, Public Relations, and Street Teams—the publishing process is filled with novelty for debut authors.

This interactive workshop will provide an introduction to the terminology; an opportunity to ask the questions you've been dying to ask about things everyone else seems to know (or are pretending to); and that boost of confidence you need to believe "you've got this."

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
6pm CT / 4pm PT
Cost: \$25



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WITH ANASTASIA ZADEIK

AUTHOR. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS - SAN DIEGO WRITERS FESTIVAL. WRITING COACH. PRESENTER. FACILITATOR. COPYEDITOR. STORY CIRCLE NETWORK 2022 SARTON AWARD WINNER IN CONTEMPORARY FICTION

E-Circle Writing Extravaganza: An inspiring Zoom meeting held 6:00-7:30 Central on the second Thursday each month. All SCN members, join us! For more information, see graphic toward the end of this page.

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

Attention bloggers! **SCN's Annual Blog Post Competition** will open for submissions **today**—January 1, 2024. Our topic is "Something New." Posts published on your blog between March 1, 2023, and February 24, 2024, are eligible to be entered. Check out our [website](#) for more information.

Support your sister authors by purchasing their books (or asking your library to get it for you). Find them in our [Virtual Members' Library](#). Members, share your book with us, too!

What have your writing sisters been up to? Find out at [Members in the News](#) and share

your own accomplishments, too! It's free, and we love to know what our members are doing.

Submit your “**True Words**” story to the *Journal*. The suggested topic for March 2024 is “When to Keep Silent” with a deadline of January 15. Of course, we welcome all entries should a different topic strike your fancy. Member submissions happen [here](#). (There's also a link on your membership page.)

Members are invited to **blog with us** at [One Woman's Day](#) by writing about a day in your life. [Telling HerStories](#), a blog created by women writers and teachers, seeks posts about writing strategies. Reprinted posts from your own blogs are accepted by both venues. Submit or subscribe [here](#).

GREAT READS—BY, FOR, AND ABOUT WOMEN

Love to read? Want updates on new stories of special interest to women? Check out our [book reviews](#). Want **free books**? Consider reviewing for us! [Details \(and other volunteer activities\) here](#).

Story Circle's book list keeps growing. **Our 2023 anthology, *Mothers and Mentors: The Art of Nurturing*** is now available [here](#). This year's collection is filled with 85 powerful stories and poems about this most basic human need and activity by 68 of our talented member-authors. A great gift for the holidays, as well as a moving read for all.

Our program of nominations for the prestigious **Pushcart Prize** will continue in 2024. Pushcart Press annually honors the best writing from this country's small presses. In 2023, a panel of SCN judges nominated six excellent pieces drawn from our 2023 anthology, *Mothers and Mentors: The Art of Nurturing*. Congratulations to our nominees: Pat Anthony, Zita Arocha, Judy Fort Brenneman, Sara Etgen-Baker, Nancilynn Harrison Saylor, and Cindy Jones. For more information about the prize and Pushcart Press, go to www.pushcartprize.com.

Join us on our **social media** pages for daily updates, literary news, and creative inspiration. You can find us on **Instagram**: [@StoryCircleNetwork](#); **Facebook**: [SCN on Facebook](#); **Twitter**: [SCN on Twitter](#); **LinkedIn**: [SCN on LinkedIn](#); and now on **TikTok**: [@StoryCircle](#); with the Sartori/Gilda Awards on [Twitter](#). Go to our [YouTube channel](#) to enjoy videos about the business and craft of 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. Members are invited to log in to read past or present issues. Not yet a member or need to renew? [Easy registration here](#).

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

SCN's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion will continue into the new year with YOUR help. This initiative thrives because of board members who make an effort to reflect on our organization's participants and practices. For 2024, we need a new oversight chairperson for our **DEI initiative**. This person should be someone passionate about making sure all women's voices are valued and can be heard. If you are that person, please contact Len Leatherwood at lenleatherwood@gmail.com or Shawn LaTorre at shawn.latorre@gmail.com.

College Match has finished up its second year of pairing qualified students with our writing mentors. Our third cohort has attended an orientation via Zoom. They are well informed about the program and how they can best serve the writing needs of these students. They have been paired with a student and will soon begin working with them on their writing. Would you like to help high school seniors from diverse populations and backgrounds write their supplemental essays as part of the college admission process?

If you are interested, please email Marilea Rabasa at marilea.rabasa@gmail.com to get on a list for the next cohort beginning with an orientation in early summer 2024. As a nonprofit organization, **SCN depends on volunteers** to help make our programs happen. There has never been a better time to show your support. [Find out more here.](#) Or, send an email indicating the area of your interest to storycircle@storycircle.org. You can also help by selecting Story Circle Network as your charity of choice at many businesses.

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.—SCN Board of Directors


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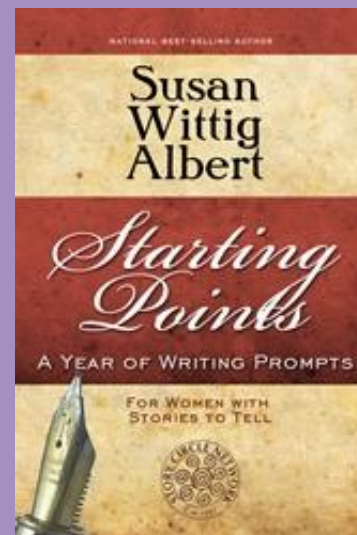
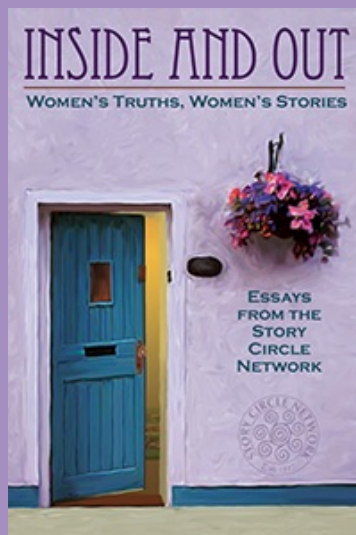
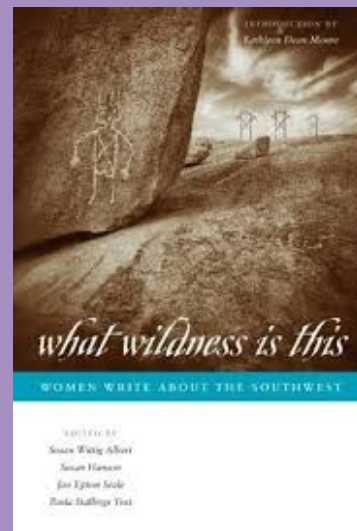
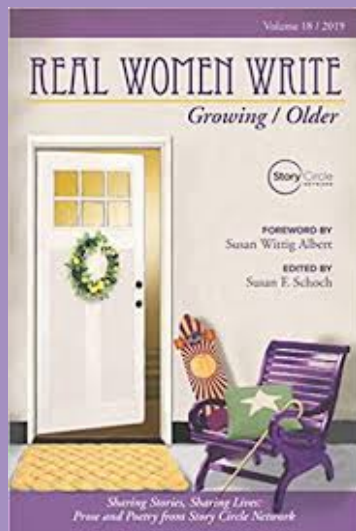
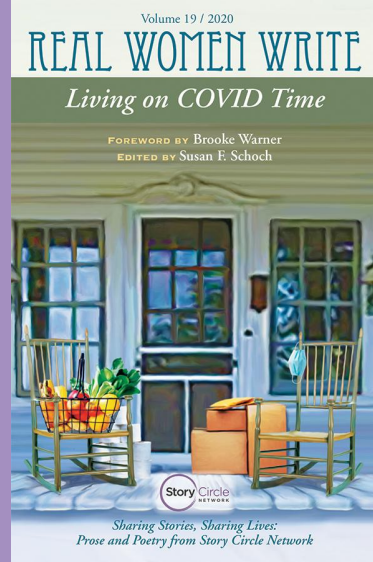
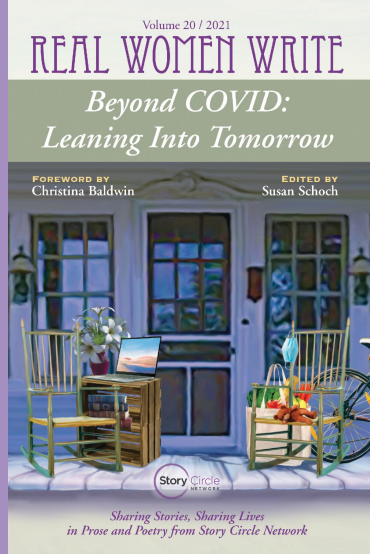
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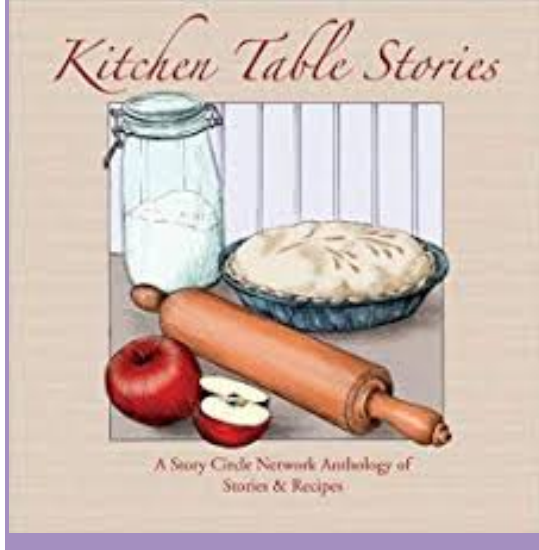
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