



*Friends and Writing Sisters,
Story Circle Network offers the latest techniques for success in all your writing endeavors (see “Write & Learn” below), including our upcoming Virtual Conference scheduled for Saturday, September 21, as well as opportunities to promote and publish your work by entering one or more of the writing competitions in the works for 2024 (see “Share Your Writing”). For even more SCN events, check out our quarterly Journal.*

**SCN Survey Now Live!
We Need Just a Few
Minutes of Your Time**

As Story Circle Network enters its 27th year, it's time for the board to take a deep look at what is working well, what can be improved, and what can be added to our broad body of support for writers and readers. Our organization is unusually rich in programs and offerings—from publishing opportunities to writing support, to awards, webinars, classes, foreign travel, newsletters, journals, and more. Please help us better plan for the future by participating in our brief [survey](#).

It should take approximately fifteen minutes to complete and will be open through the end of September. Your participation will make a world of difference in guiding the SCN Board's work in the future. Thank you!

Take Our Survey!

We want to know!



WRITE & LEARN WITH OTHER SCN WRITERS

Big Reveal Coming Soon! We have selected the speakers for our **4th Annual Virtual Conference** and will be announcing them very soon! Stay tuned for the announcement and registration details. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21,

A WEBINAR PRESENTED BY STORY CIRCLE NETWORK

Perfecting Your Book Pitch

Bring a pitch and get professional advice on how to make it better.

"What's your book about?" Writers get asked that question all the time, but most of us spend very little time figuring out how to effectively answer it. Pitching your book is key to selling it—whether you're an author-publisher or are sending query letters to agents or publishers.

Jennifer Silva Redmond, long-time acquisitions editor will listen to your pitch and help you to perfect it.



WITH JENNIFER SILVA REDMOND

ACQUISITIONS EDITOR AT AN AWARD-WINNING SMALL PRESS FOR OVER A DECADE. EXPERIENCED PRESENTER ON THIS TOPIC (INCLUDING: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WRITERS CONFERENCE, SAN DIEGO WRITERS, INK, INTERNATIONAL MEMOIR WRITERS, AND CENTRAL OREGON WRITERS CONFERENCE).

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
6pm CT / 4pm PT
Cost: \$25



Where women become the authors of their lives.

Women's life stories matter. We're committed to helping you tell yours.

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](#).

There's still time to take advantage of SCN's **Summer Online Classes**. Check out our new courses that run from early August to mid-September. We encourage writers of all levels to sign up for our small, supportive, specialized sessions. Our instructors are not only encouraging but also excited to help you improve your own memoir, fiction, and non-fiction work. Come for the writing instruction and make a few writing friends along the way. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 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's Annual LifeWriting Competition has begun, marking its 25th year. In honor of that milestone, we're using the same topic as we did in 2000: "A Relationship That Taught Me Something Important." The competition is open for submissions [here](#).

Calling all independently published women authors! The countdown is on—the **Early Bird rate for the Sarton and Gilda book awards ends TODAY!** Submit your book before midnight to secure the special rate of \$90. From August 2 to October 31, the regular entry fee of \$110 will be in effect. [Click HERE](#) to review our submission guidelines for eligibility details.

Meeting deadlines, learning a new skill, getting published, giving interviews—there's a lot to being a writer! Let us know your successes, and celebrate with your SCN sisters, at [Members in the News](#).

SCN members range from new writers to journalists to multi-published authors. If you've written a book, consider listing it in our [Virtual Members' Library](#) so more folks will know about it. SCN members only. [Join here](#).

Submit your “**True Words**” story to the *Journal*. The topic for our December issue will be “It Made Me Laugh Out Loud.” **Deadline: October 15.** Member submissions happen [here](#). (There's also a link on your membership page.) Of course, we welcome all entries should a different topic strike your fancy. Prose or poetry, the voice and perspective you bring are welcome

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

Are You “Ready to Read?” Did you know that SCN has eleven books available on Amazon? Not to brag, but they're all well worth your attention. Please support SCN and the work of your sister writers by picking one up from the library or buying it online. You can go [here](#) to find them all. And look for our “Ready to Read” feature in future issues of the *Journal* to learn more about the individual books.

Calling All Bookworms! Dive into a world of diverse reads by women writers and small presses and [reviewed by Story Circle Book Review team](#). You can even [share your literary insights](#) by joining our reviewer team! We offer **free review copies** and support, whether you're a seasoned critic or just starting out. Be a part of amplifying women's voices in literature! **Nonmembers welcome!** Email storycircle@storycircle.org for info.

Join us on our social media pages for weekly 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](#); with the Sarton/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

Jurors and judges are critical to the success of our **Sarton & Gilda Book Awards Program**. SCN member volunteers serve as jurors in Round One, and librarians (unaffiliated with SCN) act as judges in Round Two. Jurors dedicate six weeks (usually August to November) to reading/evaluating three assigned books, scoring them through our online rubrics. SCN members with a passion for books by women and a willingness to devote some reading time to this cause are invited to join us as jurors. Email Liz Beaty (elizabethbeaty@gmail.com) to express interest.

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

Contact us via email: storycircle@storycircle.org

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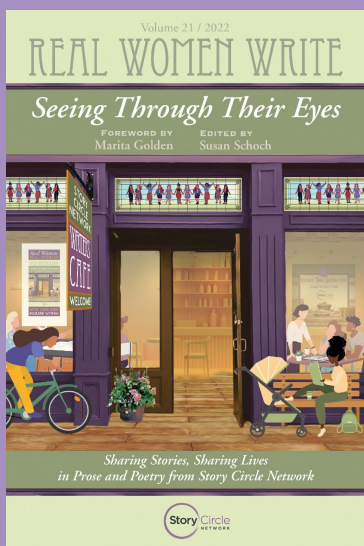
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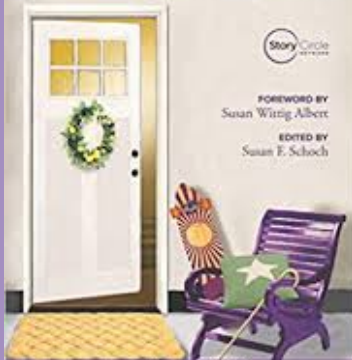
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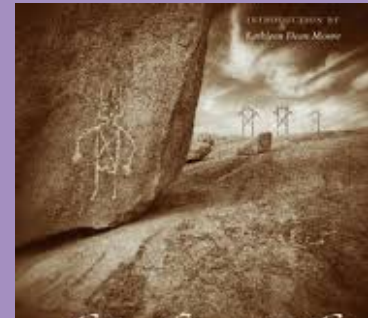
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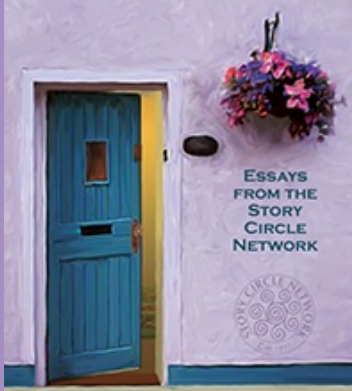


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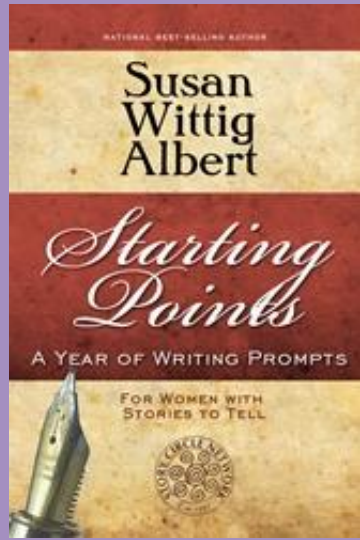
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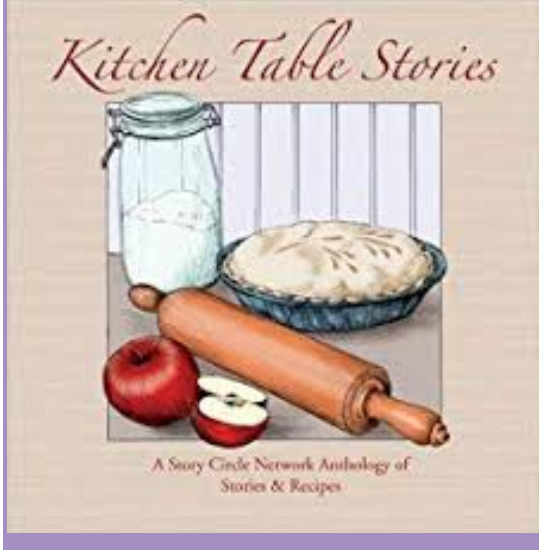
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A YEAR OF WRITING PROMPTS

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