

HEALING

STORY



SAMPLE NEWSLETTER

The Genesis of the Healing Storytelling Alliance...

At the July, 1999 National Storytelling Network Conference in San Diego, NSN announced that members could now form Special Interest Groups with fifty signatures. Gail Rosen, thinking about healing stories, casually asked Marie Winger “How would you do that once you’ve left here?” and Marie responded by saying, “So do it now!” Within an hour, Gail had more than fifty signatures, demonstrating the tremendous interest in healing story. A purpose was set, bylaws were written, volunteers were found to staff a board, and the rest is history.

This Sample Newsletter will give you a patchwork quilt view of the incredible variety of talent, resource, diversity and energy which has grown very quickly to provide a crossroads at which anyone interested in story and its healing power can meet to discuss, network, become inspired, teach and be taught.

Spread the Word

Excerpts from past newsletters...

◆ We know storytellers are working in all kinds of “healing” contexts and we want to know who you are and what you are doing. We want to increase the awareness of and respect for story as more than “entertainment” and help create more venues in which storytellers can use their gifts and training.

◆ I am moved by the breadth of your collective experience, the generosity of time and energy and spirit that you bring to this work and your determination to improve your skills and to increase your knowledge. The connections and community that we are growing are and will continue to be nourishing to us all and through us to the people we serve.

◆ I am grateful for this community of people who come together to offer stories of strength, passion, connection, caring, questions, challenges, delight, diversion, meaning and

comfort to all who are hungry for them.

◆ The purpose of the Healing Story Alliance continues to be to provide venues for the conversation about story in service of healing. In this way, we share our experiences, our work, our triumphs, our failures, our challenges and our questions. We support reaching out in all the ways that story can: to offer solace, to challenge stuck places and to contribute to our shared vision of healing.

◆ If you value this newsletter, if you use our website as a resource, if you turn to the Healing Story listserv for connection with others doing this work, if you believe in any way that story can aid healing, we ask that you contribute in any way you can. Become a member! Volunteer your time and skills. Encourage others to join and to take advantage of what we offer. Spread the word and the words of healing story.

Gail Rosen, Chair