



# Midwifery Storytelling

Supported by the BC Midwifery Network



## CALL FOR INTEREST

# Storytelling- A Traditional Approach to Teaching and Learning

Storytelling is the traditional approach in which midwifery wisdom has been passed on through the generations. Modern midwifery requires a higher medical knowledge than it ever has, but we still need to learn the ART of midwifery - where our intuition and experiential knowledge proves invaluable to improve a pregnancy, birth or postpartum outcome.

### **Who Is This For?**

- Everyone! Students, midwives – those registered, non-practicing or retired. Your stories can come from ANYWHERE in the world!
- Supported by the BC Midwifery Network, story nights will be broadcast via Video Conferencing (VC) facilities.
- There will be an in-person group in Vancouver, which will host a bring-a-dish supper. We encourage you to get together in groups around the province to join by VC, but anyone can join from anywhere through simple computer connection.

Tell your story from anywhere – no matter how remote.

### **We Want Your Stories!**

The stories shared will both entertain and educate. They can be completely factual (but anonymous) or an amalgam of cases. They can be a fictional re-telling. They will be written from a midwives point of view, to demonstrate any and all aspects of midwifery care. They can demonstrate care that worked well, or care that you learnt a valuable lesson from. Set anywhere in the world, from any culture – these stories will teach, provoke discussion or simply entertain.

### **What This Is Not**

This is not a case review. It isn't about the vital signs, the test results or a blow by blow timeline.

It is about the relationships, the collaboration, the feelings, and the art of our work. Think 'A Midwife's Story' / 'Call the Midwife' / 'Baby Catcher' / 'Spiritual Midwifery'....The stories our granny midwives would tell us if they could. A tradition of sharing continued for new generations.

These stories can be shared as poetry, prose, a reading from your book, monologue play or a simple re-telling of a moment that meant something to you.

Please submit to [jane.wines@ubc.ca](mailto:jane.wines@ubc.ca) for consideration

*We will be meeting every 3 months starting July 24th. Each evening there will be a reading of 2 stories, each one followed by questions and discussion. Each reading can vary in length with a maximum time of 20 minutes. You can nominate a reader if you don't want to read your own story.*

*We will have comfy seating and you will be welcome to bring food to share.*

*Please let me know if you are interested in attending or reading at a story telling night. We would like to know the level of interest in this group to help us in making arrangements for the nights. For all submissions, please put 'Storytelling' in the subject line. Thank you!*

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