

# OurEcho.com

Every one has a story. What's yours?

**OurEcho.com**, a virtual writing community and directory of online stories, is seeking contributors. We welcome poetry, stories, old letters, journal entries and most anything else that helps define our local communities. It might be a bit of interesting local history, an old photograph, a special memory or just a funny story. We are particularly interested in those fascinating and intriguing events/people (both large and small) that we all encounter as part of the human experience.

Individually we all have stories to tell, but often that's where the story ends. However, when you take the time to write them down and post them to OurEcho, they become part of the collective wisdom of the internet and that's something we can all share and benefit from. Taken as a whole, they provide a unique picture of the people and events that shape our local communities. In the end, our words and stories stand as a living, breathing monument.

Registration is free and members are encouraged to promote their published works and websites through their online bio. It's a great opportunity to share those interesting local stories while showing off your writing skills.

## **Reasons to Post on OurEcho**

- Ability to capture stories, poems, photographs and share with others.
- Numerous contests to thank those that post and encourage others to do so.
- Ability to add your work to the site without displaying it publicly. This feature offers location redundancy to help ensure your work will not be lost.
- A growing audience of readers.
- Ability to publish to the world at the click of button – check out our visitor's section on the main page to view the geographic locations of our growing community
- Reader appreciation contest to draw attention to posts.
- An active writing community where comments are emailed to you when posted.
- Donations by OurEcho to local charities each month as a way of thanking those that participate.
- A philosophy of minimal advertising where the actual posts are always the "focus".

## **Features**

- The ability to see the geographic location of those visiting the site and your individual posts.
- Search engine optimization for all posts on OurEcho.
- The ability to add photos and images to your posts.
- The ability to add audio to your stories – with an "headset" icon to denote posts with audio.
- A bulletin board to highlight happenings around OurEcho.
- An "In the Spotlight" section to showcase writers on the site.
- A "View Posts" page which allows viewers to sort posts (ascending and descending) by title, type, location, year, person, contributor, and date.
- An "Editor's Choice" section to draw attention to recent posts.
- A "Hall of Fame" page to recognize posts that are always worth reading.
- A "What people are Saying" section to highlight comments.
- The ability to forward an email recommendation of a post.
- A "My Stories" page which lists your posts and their popularity ranking against other posts.
- A "Popular Posts" page to highlight posts that are receiving a lot of attention.
- An extensive search function.
- The ability to add your work to the site without displaying it publicly. Acts as a safeguard to help you protect your work from loss.
- A process where comments are emailed to you when posted.