

Maine Media Women
Meeting of October 1, 2011
(recorded by Janice Lindsay)

MMW met at the home of Katy Perry in Hallowell. Nine members were present, including Katy, and two guests who were invited by Katy.

The meeting began at 10:10. There was no business meeting.

The free-ranging, informal discussion centered around a single theme: the importance of telling our life stories, which is a motif for many of our programs this year.

President Carol Jaeger pointed out, in her introduction to the subject of autobiography, that in all cultures women have carried the history of the community, while shamans, who are usually male, carry the sacred history.

Katy led the discussion. She noted that it's important to tell our stories so that children growing up now will have a sense of their past, as we are all the results of people who have gone before us. It's also important to talk about the way we are today, so children understand who we are and why we believe as we do. She also emphasized that an important part of telling our stories is preserving family photos and telling children the stories of those photos.

We agreed that one role of MMW could be to encourage other people to tell their stories.

The meeting adjourned around 11:45.