



MAGDALENE GATHERING

January 2023

Welcome

Let's just take a few moments to silence our minds, calm our bodies and open our hearts.

OPENING DIALOGUE

SOLO: Peace Be With You.

UNISON: **Acquire My Peace Within You**

SOLO: Where are you from?

UNISON: I come from the place where Light is produced from itself.

SOLO: Where are you going?

UNISON: **I go to a place of all knowing.**

SOLO: Why do you go there?

UNISON: **I am a seeker.**

Why does Mary Magdalene matter today?

She shows us that if we don't tell our own story...

someone else will.

The Gospel of Mary Magdalene

Recorded during the 2nd or 3rd century,

Codex discovered: 1895

First translated: 1945

Came to be known: 1970-80's



Magdalene's Real Roles

The Financier: Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and 'Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. (Luke)

The Companion: The Gospel of Philip 63 calls Mary **Magdalene Jesus' "companion"** whom he loved more than the other disciples

The Teacher: "Peter said to Mary, Sister we know that the Savior loved you more than the rest of woman. **Tell us the words of the Savior which** you remember which you know, but we do not, nor have we heard them. (Gospel of Mary)

The Anointer: Cynthia Boudreault: "I believe that the traditional memory **of Mary Magdalene as Jesus' anointer is substantially accurate."**

The Consoler: "Then Mary stood up, greeted them all, and said to her brethren, **Do not weep and do not grieve nor be irresolute**, for His grace will be entirely with you and will protect you." (Gospel of Mary)

and most importantly,

The Apostle to the Apostles. "I have seen the Lord." (John)

Magdalene through the eyes of history

- Presented as a fallen woman forgiven for sins
- Depicted as a prostitute
- Confused with the other Mary's
- Eliminated from Canonical stories after the resurrection

Even the resurrection story was conflicted: in Mark, the women go off in silence, in Mathew, Luke and John, the male disciples run to the tomb after hearing the women but did not believe.

Not believed...

And when she
answered the
disciples'
questions with
new wisdom,
she's berated.



These 6 Women Were Written Out of History The ENIAC programmers

In 1946, six women worked together to build the first ever completely electronic, programmable computer.

Betty Jean Jennings Bartik, Kathleen McNulty Mauchly Antonelli, Ruth Lichterman Teitelbaum, Frances Bilas Spence, Marlyn Wescoff Meltzer, and Betty Snyder Holberton.

The original programmers of the ENIAC were neither recognized for their efforts, nor known to the public until the mid-1980s. **Kathy Kleiman, a young computer programmer**, came across an old picture of the ENIAC while working on a college project

The Refrigerator Women



This “erasure” did not just begin and had no limits. It occurred worldwide

Queen Hatshepsut

Egypt prospered during her 50 years as Pharaoh. She built the greatest collection of temples and buildings. After her death, all evidence of her being alive was erased; all her temples were destroyed and her name erased from history.



Empress Dowager Cixi

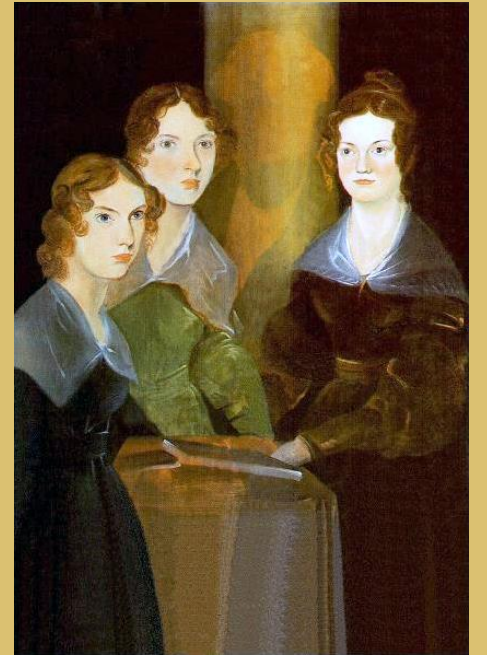
Ruled China over
50 years always
behind a sheer
curtain



Bronte Sisters

Their most famous
novels written under
different pen names:

Jane Eyre
Wuthering Heights
Agnes Grey



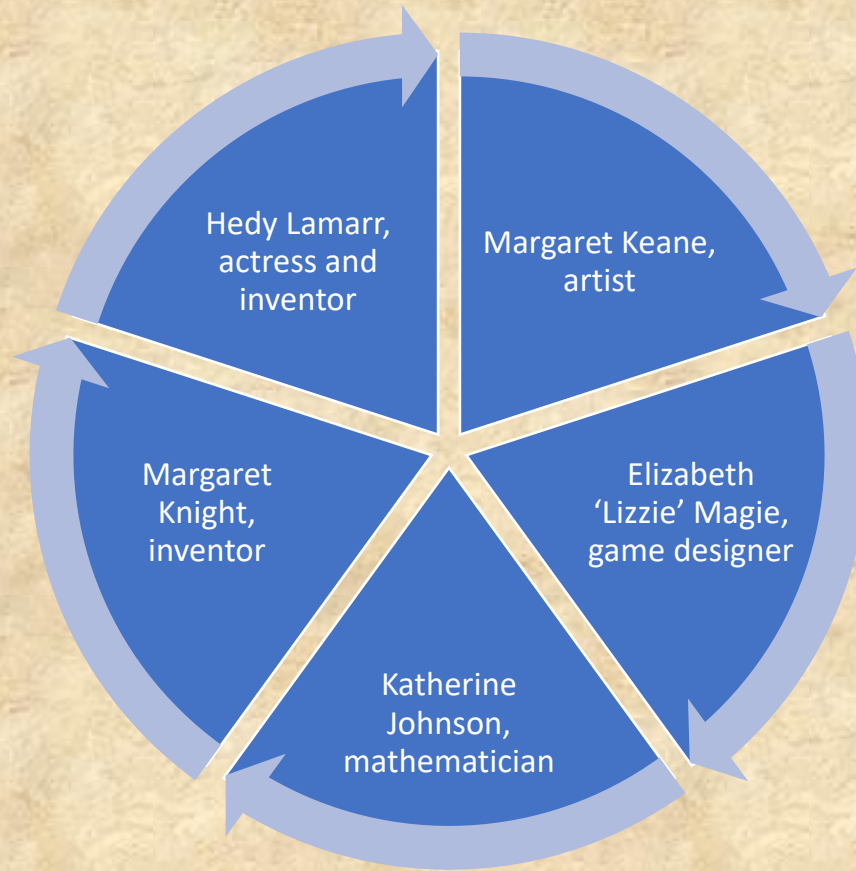
Hidden Figures

- The women were **the first black managers at Langley** and it was their brilliant work that propelled the first American, John Glenn, into orbit in 1962.
- "Hidden Figures" focuses on three computers: **Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan.**



Margot Lee Shetterly. Author of nonfiction work: [Hidden Figures](#). As a child, Shetterly knew these brilliant mathematicians as her girl scout troop leaders, Sunday school teachers, next-door neighbors and as parents of schoolmates. Her father worked at Langley as well, starting in 1964 as an engineering intern and becoming a well-respected climate scientist.

Women who created but a man took the credit.



What would our world be today without....

Boudicca, c30–61

Amelia Earhart, 1897–c1937

Eleanor of Aquitaine, 1122–1204

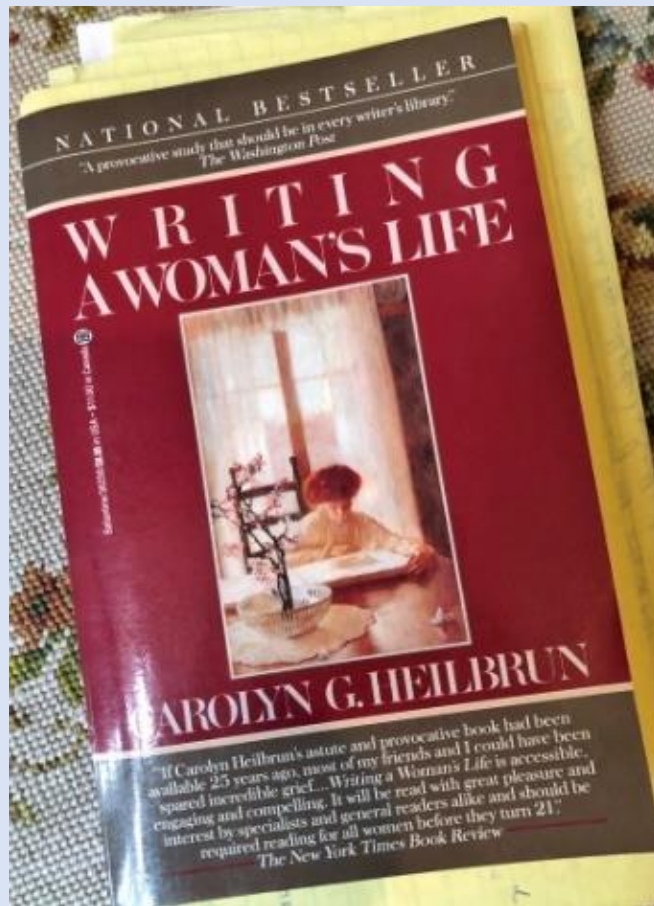
Catherine the Great, 1729-96 Empress of Russia

Mary Shelley, 1797-1851 Novelist

Mother Teresa, 1910–97

Joan of Arc, 1412-31 Martyr and military leader

Mary Magdalene



Brigids Place History

Madeleine Hussey, one of those 46 women involved from the start, had discovered author Carolyn Heilbrun and her book *Writing a Woman's Life* in the summer of 1993.

Heilbrun argued that the stories of women's lives have been steeped in the language and power of men, making some stories unthinkable and others contrived. **She insisted that women needed to write their own stories. If they didn't, others would step in and write them. Neither their stories nor their lives would be their own.**

In October 1993, Betty Adam and Madeleine visited Carolyn in her Central Park apartment in New York City. Carolyn would later be a speaker at the Women's Assembly, a forerunner to Brigid's Place.

Who will Tell Your Story ??

- Margie Murphy
- Nancy Hannan
- Bridgitt Dickey
- Betty Adam
- Julia Powell
- Pam Stockton
- Ann Sayas
- Connie Whaley
- Diana Paradise
- Eileen Dyer
- Linda Nichols
- Suellen Myers



*Will their story
be the one you
want told?*



Your Story

Reflection and Discussion.

Announcements

Made specially for the first anniversary of the passing of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, "I Have Arrived, I Am Home" is a new documentary from filmmaker Max Pugh (A Cloud Never Dies, Walk With Me). The film includes footage and commentary on Thich Nhat Hanh's return to his native Vietnam, where he lived from 2018 until his passing on 22 January 2022.

The international Plum Village community is making this film available to everyone for free to honor our dear teacher and inspire viewers to walk the path of mindful living: https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2Fmk_JLqq6j0lc&data=05%7C01%7C%7C38e22d92d72f45bcf44d08db016a6d8d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638105328855541240%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mYz5gWRBg6pMlgERgtQ9jiwVp2y7%2F0%2BAxP3sGU17XB4%3D&reserved=0

Prayer Requests

It premieres at 1:30am on January 22 in Vietnam time, exactly 1 year after Thich Nhat Hanh's passing. (On most other continents it is January 21 – 10:30am PST / 1:30pm EST / 7:30pm CET.) The film will be freely available to view at any time after the premiere.

The Gospel of Mary Magdalene

Chapter 8: Ascent of the Soul

20) They asked the soul, Whence do you come slayer of men, or where are you going, conqueror of space?

21) The soul answered and said, What binds me has been slain, and what turns me about has been overcome,

22) and my desire has been ended, and ignorance has died.

23) In an aeon I was released from a world, and in a Type from a type, and from the fetter of oblivion which is transient.

24) From this time on will I attain to the rest of the time, of the season, of the aeon, in silence.

Chapter 9

1) When Mary had said this, she fell silent, since it was to this point that the Savior had spoken with her.

CLOSING DIALOGUE

SOLO: Where have you been?

UNISON: **I have been on a journey of my heart and of my soul.**

SOLO: What did you find there?

UNISON: **More questions.**

SOLO: Who are you?

UNISON: **I am one with my own history, my own story.**

SOLO: What will you do now?

UNISON: **I go to a place of silence.**

SOLO: Peace be to you.

UNISON: **Acquire my peace within you.**

Our next Magdalene Gathering
will be on
February 26, 2023