

# Writing for Sacred Hoop Magazine

## OUR CONTRIBUTOR'S GUIDELINES

**Sacred Hoop Magazine publishes quality articles on all aspects of shamanism and animistic spirituality, as well as the material cultures associated with those traditions. Articles may be about personal experiences of shamanic practice, or about the shamanic practises of a particular cultural or tribal group, or about a specific aspect of general shamanic practice, theory or tradition.**

**We aim at a interested general readership - not an academic one, and are more than happy to help you 'iron out wrinkles' in your writing skills if you have a good idea for an article but feel you lack sufficient skills to deliver it succinctly.**

**Sacred Hoop is aimed at those who are interested in practicing and studying shamanism within their own lives, but we are not a new-age magazine, and generally do not publish articles that have little relationship to historical or culturally accepted forms of shamanic or animistic tradition.**

**WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO LOOK AT YOUR WORK - WE WOULD RATHER SAY A FRIENDLY 'THANKS BUT NO THANKS' THAN MISS A GREAT ARTICLE**

### **ABOUT SENDING THE TEXT OF YOUR ARTICLE**

We have approx. 600 - 800 words per page, leaving space for images and titles etc.

Articles vary from between around six pages long to short one page articles

It can sometimes be helpful to send a preliminary email about the main contents of your feature. This can help you clarify things that might need to be added to it for our readership, and it is also an opportunity to check if there has been any duplication with articles published in previous issues of Sacred Hoop.

Text should be sent by email as attached Microsoft Word docs (Mac or PC).

Your text may be edited for the sake of clarity or length, but we will send a proof for approval.

*We usually like to include a short footnote biography of the author and contact details. Please send these with your text and images. Bios should be between around 70 - 100 words long.*

### **ABOUT SENDING IMAGES WITH YOUR ARTICLE**

Sacred Hoop is published in full colour and we take a great care in the visual quality of each issue. We have access to hundreds of thousands of images in professional image banks as well as our own extensive library of shamanic images - but we always welcome original photos too - especially if they are of a unique nature - such as to accompany an article about a visit to a particular tribal or cultural group, or a particular facet of shamanic practice that otherwise would be hard to find images for.

Ideally images should be from good digital cameras - a camera of more than 3 mega pixels.

These can either be emailed to us or posted on a CD to the address on the website.

Images should be unedited and in as large a file size as possible  
(ie not made smaller than they were on the camera).

Photographic prints can be considered if they are of high quality, as can 35mm or medium formate transparencies - although digital images are the best quality.

### **ABOUT PAYMENT FOR YOUR ARTICLE**

Sacred Hoop is unable to pay for submissions but is happy to trade a subscription, and you will get five copies of the magazine your article appears in free of charge too.