

Short Stories to Share

The idea for this seminar came from “Selected Shorts,” a program on public radio in which professional actors read short stories. Regular people, it seems to me, can do that too and have some fun in the process.

Each participant will select a favorite short story, or discover a new one, and will read the story out loud in the seminar. Two presenters will read at each meeting for no more than 40 minutes each, to allow time for questions, discussion and a break in between.

Preparation will likely take less time than that needed for most other seminars, but participants are expected to “rehearse” their presentations out loud in advance and to keep track of the time to ensure that the reading can be completed. Participants will be encouraged to edit as necessary to stay within the available time.

This is the second time “Short Stories to Share” will take place. Before the Seminar begins, a list of the stories read during the first seminar along with names of the story writers will be made available to participants. This may give participants ideas of writers they may wish to choose and enable those who do not avoid reading a story that has been used in the past to do so.