

Treasured Wisdom Archive Submission Form

Introduction

If someone brought this form to you, it is because they see your 80, or more, years of experiences in life as a “treasure” that should be shared so others can become more aware, respect and learn from your life’s learning and experiences.

The person who brought this to you learned about “Treasured Wisdom” either during searching for information on the Internet or by “word of mouth” from someone they knew; either seeing, or hearing, the following passage:

Do you know a “treasure” (someone 80 years of age, or older)? Those who live among us that have been alive for 80, or more, years are quite literally “treasures”. Treasures of experience. Treasures of knowledge NOT found in books or traditional learning settings, as well as possessing countless insights to life, living, loving, suffering, tolerance, responsibility, etc.

If you didn’t discover The Treasured Wisdom Archive yourself, let me tell you a bit about it.

What is “Treasured Wisdom”?

Treasured Wisdom Archive was created to be one way to assure that an informational snapshot as well as several special insights would be captured from treasured, mature, individuals from around the world.

A catalyst to generate a renewed awareness and appreciation of how we can each learn and grow by listening to the thoughts, lessons and insights shared by fellow citizens of Earth who have experienced a great deal more of life than ourselves.

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Treasured Wisdom is a collection space, an archive, for those stories and insights, including a snapshot of:

- Where these global treasures started their lives
- Something of how they have moved through their lives
- Where they are living their life now
- What they would most like to share with others

Several cultures truly revere their more mature citizens, eager to learn from them. Spending time with them, listening to the stories of their lives; sharing the wisdoms of a long life with their community.

Other cultures have moved more toward avoiding time spent among and around their more “vintage” citizens; focusing more on youth and ways to appear and/or feel younger.

Here in the United States, generally, we have moved too far away from listening to and gaining wisdom from our more vintage citizens. Fortunately, our Native American cultures continue a tradition of passing along ancient and growing wisdoms through stories. Each story being shared with many individuals within a tribe to assure these wisdoms are not lost.

The Treasured Wisdom Archive is one way to take a lesson from those cultures which do revere their more mature citizens: creating a archive of insights from those citizens of the world so others can acknowledge, learn from, respect, and, at the very least, raise awareness for the sheer volume of life these individuals have experienced!

How to Submit YOUR Wisdom or the Wisdom of a Friend or Loved One

As those who are 80, or more, years old may not prefer to share their story by completing an online submission form; there are a number of ways that the information can be gathered:

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- Completion of the online submission form by yourself, or with the assistance of a friend, or family member asking you the questions in the Treasured Wisdom Questionnaire
- By downloading the .pdf version of the Questionnaire and writing in your answers or having a friend or loved one write down the answers (***PRINT only please, no cursive handwriting***)
 - After writing in the Treasured Individual's answers to the Questionnaire, you may choose to either enter those answers into the online submission form,
 - scan and email the printed Questionnaire (*provided the answers, once scanned, are easily legible*)
 - send via postal mail to Viver Israel, ATTN: Treasured Wisdom, 1180 W. Locust Ave., Anaheim, CA 92802-1839
- By a clear recording of an interview, asking and answering of the questions then submitting the recording. While mp3 files are preferred; recordings on CD or cassette tape are also welcome.

* NOTE: if, for any personal reasons, you do not want to have your full name shared in the Treasured Wisdom Archive, you may choose to have your name published as First Name and Last Initial or First Initial and Last Name, or a Nickname. You also have the option of choosing a fictitious name for publication. Please refer to the "Name Options" among the questions in the Questionnaire. Your Fictitious Name cannot be the same as a known personality, celebrity, or historical figure.

Terms Used in Treasured Wisdom Interview Questionnaire

- "Treasured Individual" refers to the individual 80 years of age, or older
- "Scribe/Interviewing Assistant" refers to anyone assisting a Treasured Individual with their Questionnaire; asking the questions & typing, writing or recording the "interview" (*asking & answering of the questions*)

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Treasured Wisdom Interview Questionnaire

These first questions are for someone who may be completing and/or submitting the Questionnaire on your behalf:

Name of Scribe or Interviewing Assistant, if applicable

1. First Name _____
2. Last Name _____
3. Relationship to Treasured Individual _____
4. Email address _____

(only for correspondence regarding the submission to Treasured Wisdom or any questions regarding, illegible responses to questions for same)

5. Physical mailing address

(only for correspondence regarding the submission to Treasured Wisdom or any questions regarding, illegible responses to questions for same)

There is an area in the online form for uploading a photo. We welcome having a copy of a photo accompany a mailed/emailed submission. Photos sent become the property of Vivainne Israel and will not be returned.

Please, proceed to next page—
for the questions directed to the “Treasured Individual”

All remaining questions are for the “Treasured Individual”:

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Name & Contact Information—Treasured Individual

REAL Name—

(If you have chosen a different 'name' to be known by for your submission to Treasured Wisdom Archive, your real name will not be published but utilized for reference only; such as contacting you to clarify an illegible written answer or non-discernable recorded answer). See page 3 regarding choosing a fictitious name.

6. Your REAL Name

(First Name/Nickname and Last Name)

7. How you want Name to be published in Treasured Wisdom*

(First/Nickname and Last Name or Last Initial that you choose to be known by for Treasured Wisdom; which will be published)

8. Email address, if applicable

Demographic Information:

9. Born—

10. Month _____

11. Year _____

12. City/Town OR County/Parish _____

13. State or Provence _____

14. Country _____

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Where you live currently—

15. City/Town OR County/Parish _____

16. State or Provence _____

17. Country _____

Where were your parents (or who raised you) born? —

18. Mother _____

19. City/Township/Parish _____

20. State or Provence _____

21. Country _____

22. Father _____

23. City/Township/Parish _____

24. State or Provence _____

25. Country _____

26. Other family member/person who raised you (*Name & relation—Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt, etc.*)

27. City/Township/Parish _____

28. State or Provence _____

29. Country _____

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How many years of formal schooling did you go through? _____

30. Elementary School, highest grade completed _____

31. Jr. High School/High School, highest grade completed _____

32. Trade School Education (*type of trade; list, if more than one*)

32a. _____

32b. _____

32c. _____

33. Trade/Craftsman education by a master, or experienced, tradesman (*list, if more than one trade/craft*)

33a. _____

33b. _____

33c. _____

34. College (*list, if more than one*)

34a. _____

34b. _____

34c. _____

35. Total number of years in college _____

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36. Degree(s), if any (*list, if more than one*)

36a. _____

36b. _____

36c. _____

36d. _____

36e. _____

37. Professional licenses, certifications, Journeyman, etc. (*list*)

37a. _____

37b. _____

37c. _____

37d. _____

37e. _____

38. Other type of education, self-taught (*list, if more than one*)

38a-1. Type of Education

38a-2. Number of Years _____

38a-3. License, level (*if any, e.g. Journeyman*)

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38b-1. Type of Education

38b-2. Number of Years _____

38b-3. License, level (*if any, e.g. Journeyman*)

38c-1. Type of Education

38c-2. Number of Years _____

38c-3. License, level (*if any, e.g. Journeyman*)

39. Please tell us something about the most awe-inspiring moment in your life. [If you need more space for any question, just add pages and identify that extra information by putting the number, or numbers and letters of the specific question in front of that answer.]

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40b. Family _____

40c. Romantic relationships _____

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40f. Aging _____

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43. How many trades/professions/industry-types did you work in through your working life? (*number value then list trades*) _____

43a. _____

43b. _____

43c. _____

43d. _____

43e. _____

43f. _____

43g. _____

43h. _____

43i. _____

43j. _____

43k. _____

43l. _____

44. What one thing, or two things, in your life did you NOT do that you wish you had done?

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44a. _____

44b. _____

45. If you could share only two things about what was important in your life with the people you love/care about, what would you tell them?

45a. _____

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45b. _____

46. Thinking back, about what people were like when you were a young adult,

46a. Share something you feel is most different about people now

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46b. What, about people, do you feel is pretty much the same?

47. When you think about what the world, in general, was like when you were a young adult . . .

47a. Share something which you think is most different about the world now

47b. What, if anything, is pretty much the same?

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48. Looking at your life . . .

48a. what was the most surprising thing you experienced?

48b. What was the most disappointing (optional)

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48c. What was the most painful (optional)

49. Is there something I haven't asked you that you would like to share; something you would like people to be aware of?

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Your submission will be reviewed and transcribed. We will notify you by email when YOUR Wisdom has been published to the Treasured Wisdom Archive.

If your submission was received by postal mail, you will also be notified by postal mail.

Submissions become the property of Vivianne “Viver” Israel. Rest assured, that if you elected to choose an assumed name and not your real name to appear in the Treasured Wisdom Archive, that choice **will** be honored. Only if we need to contact you, or you via your “Scribe/Interview Assistant”, to clarify an illegible written answer or a non-discernable recorded answer, will your real name be used. And it will ONLY be used in that email or posted letter, along with your chosen assumed name, to you or your Scribe/Interview Assistant.

Thank you, for taking the time to share your life's insights so that others may appreciate and learn from your vast life's experience!

Sincerely,

Viver Israel