

The Impact of Women in Basque Communities

A collection of pictures and words

An Interview Guide

ABOUT YOU

- What is your name, and how are you connected to the woman you're celebrating?
- Where did you grow up, and how did the Basque community play a role in your life?

WHO SHE IS

- What is her name, and how would you describe her in just a few words?
- Where was she born, and where did she grow up?
- How did she come to be part of the Basque community — was she born into it, did she marry into it, or find her way to it another way?
- What does/did she do for work or in her community?
- How old is she, or when did she pass?

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HER

- How long have you known her, and what is your relationship?
- What is your earliest memory of her?
- What is your fondest memory of her?
- Is there a moment she showed up for you that you'll never forget?
- What did she teach you — directly or just by watching her?
- What words of wisdom did she pass along?

HER BASQUE IDENTITY

- How did her Basque heritage shape who she is?
- Was she involved in a Basque club, festival, organization, or community gathering?
- Did she speak Euskara, or make any effort to keep the language alive?
- Is there a tradition, recipe, or ritual she carried on or passed down?
- Did she ever share stories about the Basque Country, or about relatives who came over?

HER IMPACT

- How has she influenced you personally?
- Has she impacted her family, her club, or the broader community in a way others might not know about?
- Is there something she sacrificed or worked hard for that deserves to be recognized?
- What do you think her legacy is?
- What would you want people to know about her that they might not already?

HER CIRCLE — FRIENDS, SISTERS OF THE HEART & CHOSEN FAMILY

- How did you meet, and what do you remember about that first impression?
- What made this friendship different from others in your life?
- Is there a story that captures who she is — maybe something only you would know?
- Has she been there for you during a hard time? What did that look like?
- What do you two laugh about?
- What has she taught you, maybe without even realizing it?
- Is there a shared experience — a trip, a tradition, a running joke — that defines your friendship?

- How has she influenced the person you've become?
- Have you been friends through different chapters of life — and how has the friendship evolved?
- If you had to describe her to someone who had never met her, what would you say?
- What do you hope she knows about how much she means to you?
- Is there something you've always wanted to say to her but never quite found the words?

IN HER OWN WORDS (if applicable)

- Is there a quote, saying, or phrase she repeated often?
- Did she write letters, keep a journal, or leave behind any words worth sharing?
- Is there a poem or song that reminds you of her?

Photo Idea Guide

Don't worry about photo quality — old, faded, or slightly crooked is just fine. Just avoid flash glare when photographing printed pictures.

Portraits & Candid

- A favorite photo of her, whatever era
- A candid shot that captures her personality
- A recent photo, or the most recent one you have

Family & Relationships

- A photo with you or other family members
- A generational photo — her with her mother, grandmother, or children
- A wedding or milestone photo

Basque Community

- At a festival, dance, club event, or Jaialdi
- In traditional Basque dress
- Playing mus or gathered around a table with family or friends
- At a sheepherding camp, ranch, or family property

Everyday Life

- In her kitchen — especially if food or a recipe is part of her story
- At work, or doing something she loved
- A photo that tells a story without needing words

Older & Historical

- Immigration or early family photos
- School photos or youth photos
- Any photo that shows where she came from