

in the Wind

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Call for Festival Proposals

The Seattle Storytellers' Guild will hold its annual Northwest Storytelling Festival on October 25, 1997, at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. We are calling for proposals from any interested storyteller. These are the criteria:

Hours: noon to 9:30 p.m.

Presenter requirements:

- a 90-minute workshop on some aspect of storytelling
- a 15-minute telling at an afternoon family concert
- a 30-minute telling at an evening concert

Payment: \$250 per teller

Deadline: May 31 (strictly observed!)

The Guild selection committee will select four tellers and notify them, as well as all those who applied, by June 21. Please submit a first and second choice workshop proposal description (in case we have two similar proposals), a little about your background and experience (resume is fine but not required), the kind of tales you tell, and a video or audio tape. Please indicate clearly if you would like the tapes returned.

Mail to:

Camille Wooden
11213 S.E. 200th St.
Kent, WA 98031.

Call for Officers

SSG members-at-large are invited to submit names of individuals to the nominating committee chair Julie Miller (935-1471) before election of board members at the June 1 annual meeting.

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Sunday, June 1

Roadrunner Coffee House

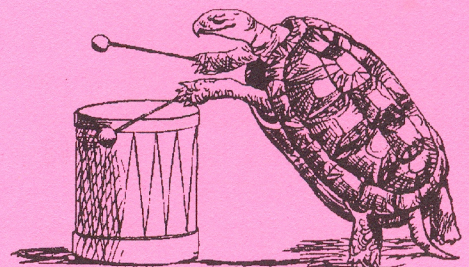
2123 N. 40th (Wallingford)

12-1 p.m. — Join us for brunch or lunch

1-1:30 p.m. — Annual meeting, election of officers

1:30-2 p.m. — Dr. Margaret MacDonald will talk about storytelling in Thailand

2:00-2:30 — Open mike



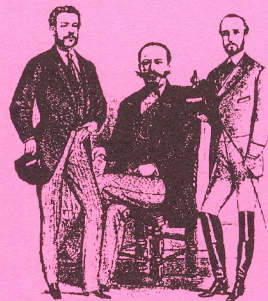
Seattle Storytellers' Guild 1996 Annual Report

	Expenses	Income
Business license	\$ 77.00	
Directory		\$ 408.00
Festival	\$ 2,402.28	\$3,546.00
Gift	\$ 50.00	
Insufficient Funds	\$ 247.00	\$ 199.00
Mailing/Postage	\$ 732.72	
Membership		\$1,772.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 16.06	\$ 22.10
NAPPS		
New City	\$ 1,929.15	\$ 875.40
Newsletter	\$ 2,159.78	
Petty Cash		
Resources		\$ 238.00
Special Events		
Storytelling Class	\$ 210.00	\$ 360.00
Telephone	\$ 557.37	
Tellabration	\$ 180.00	\$ 157.19
Diane Wolkstein	\$ 1,227.86	\$ 1,120.00
Total:	\$ 9,789.22	\$8,698.19
Net loss for 1996		(\$1,091.03)

Bank Balance, Dec. 31, 1995	\$6,742.99
Bank Balance, Jan. 1, 1997	\$2,895.62
Bank Balance, Gene Friese Scholarship 1/1/97	\$2,756.34

	1995 Balance	1996 Expenditure	1996 Balance
Gene Friese Scholarship	\$2,700.00	\$100.00	\$2,756.34

Father's Day Brunch and Storytelling



On Father's Day, June 15, the Roadrunner Coffee House and Seattle Storytellers' Guild will host a brunch and storytelling.

There is a \$10 charge for the meal and potpourri program, with a \$3 charge for those wishing to attend the storytelling only. The food at the Roadrunner is wonderful and this brunch will be no exception. A buffet of egg,

potato, meat and vegetarian dishes, fruit and pastries will be offered. Beverages are extra. The potpourri will feature fine local tellers with stories of fathers: past and present, real and imaginary. An open mike will follow the main program. Brunch starts at 11 a.m., potpourri at 1:30 p.m., open mike at 2:30 p.m. Please call 621-8646 and reserve space. Leave your name, phone number and the number of people in your party. You will get a call back to confirm your reservation. Pay at the Roadrunner on the day of the brunch.



KEEP THESE DATES FREE!

Port Angeles Fall Storytelling Festival

September 19, 20 and 21 are the dates to mark on your calendar for the Third International Forest Storytelling Festival. Batt Burns from Ireland will be there along with Dianne Ferlatte, Steve Sanfield and Katy Rydell from California. Regional talent to be showcased includes Naomi Baltuck, Kevin Cotter and Allison Cox. Workshops will be offered along with a variety of concerts. For more information contact Josephine Pederson, 360/457-3169.

Out of Area

Seventh Multi-cultural Storytelling Festival

The seventh annual Multi-cultural Storytelling Festival and Concert will begin on April 16th and last through April 19th.

During this time, nationally-known storytellers, representing different cultural heritages, will visit 27 schools—more than 8,000 students—in Eugene, Bethel and Springfield, Oregon. This festival will culminate with a public performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19 in the Soreng Theatre at Eugene's Hult Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$7 at the Hult Center box office.

Another wonderful trio of tellers is coming for the 1997 event:

- Gayle Ross, internationally known Cherokee Native American teller
- Paul Taylor, an Australian teller who also plays the didgeridoo
- Makia Malo, a celebrated Hawaiian teller

The Multi-cultural Storytelling Festival & Concert was founded and is produced and directed by Robert Rubinstein. For further information please contact him at 90 E. 49th Ave., Eugene, OR, 97405, fax 541/343-5063, phone 541/344-8176.

Spring Storytelling Institute

Friday, April 11, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.

Merna Hecht presents a workshop for in-depth learning of the inner workings of character exploration, gesture and voice for nurturing and connecting with the heart and bone of folk and fairy tales.

Location: The Spa, 511 E. 1st St., Port Angeles, WA 92683, (360) 452-3257

[\$15/night includes breakfast—bring sleeping bag. Make arrangements on your own.]

Sponsor: The Story People, Josephine Pedersen, 1320 S. Cherry St., Port Angeles, WA 98362, (360) 457-3169
\$100 total, \$25 deposit holds your place. Make checks payable to The Story People.

10 participant minimum, 18 maximum



Storytelling at Folklife

New days and a new location for storytelling at Folklife...

If you want to get a head start on your Memorial Day weekend, you'll be able to do it with a Friday night session at the Seattle Center on May 23. The new Leo Kreielsheimer Theater is an exciting venue for storytelling. The Leo K. is attached to the Bagley Wright. Many Folklife devotees enjoy the slower pace of activities on Friday afternoon and evening. The food booths will be open, so consider dinner and a night of listening to some of the finest tellers in the region.

Friday, May 23, 7-10 p.m., Featured Tellers

Saturday, May 24, 7-9 p.m., Featured Tellers

Monday, May 26, 12-1 p.m., Tall Tales Contest
4-5 p.m., Swapping Ground

The above activities all will take place at the Leo K. Theater. Be sure to check your program for Native American storytelling and children's programming featuring new and familiar tellers throughout the weekend. The *Seattle Weekly* carries the official Folklife program. Look for it around May 14.

Guild Offers Classes

The Seattle Storytellers' Guild is offering a series of four storytelling classes. Dates and topics are:

May 31

Beginning Your Storytelling Journey: Getting Started as a Teller. Instructor TBA.

June 7

Looking Back—Telling Now: Crafting Personal Stories
Pat Peterson, instructor

June 14

Researching Your Story: At the Library and On the Internet. Sally Porter-Smith, instructor.

June 21

Developing the Folk Tale: How to Take Your Research and Story Versions and Find the Tellable Tale
Sharon Creedon, instructor

Classes will be held at All For Kids Bookstore near University Village. All classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 for the series, \$20 for individual classes. A deposit of half your total registration fee is required to hold your place in class. Class size is limited to 20 participants (priority will be given to those registering for all four classes) so register early. Please complete the form below and mail to Pat Peterson, 6710 48th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98136.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

I am registering for: _____ the series \$60
this/these class(es) only \$20/class

_____ Beginning...Journey

_____ Personal Stories

_____ Research

_____ Folktales

Make check or money order payable to Seattle Storytellers' Guild. A confirmation letter will be sent upon receipt of registration and payment.

Roadrunner Coffee House Calendar

Come join us for Sunday afternoon storytelling at the Roadrunner Cafe. Come early and enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch of quiche, frittatas, omelets, salads and sweet treats. Full espresso service. Cover charge \$3. Located at 2123 N. 40th (corner of 40th and Bagley in Wallingford), 547-3559. From I-5 north or south, take the 45th Ave. exit and head west on 45th. turn left on Bagley (just before the Guild 45th Theater) and drive five blocks to 40th. Simple as pie that you can eat when you get there!

Feature program, 1:30 p.m.; open mike 2:30-3 p.m.

April 20 Allison Cox

May 18 Naomi Baltuck

June 15 Father's Day Brunch and Potpourri



Tellers Needed

The Guild receives a number of calls each month from people looking for tellers for small events like birthday parties and cub scout meetings. Professional tellers aren't always available to take these jobs and we would like to develop a list of tellers willing and able to fill these spots. They typically pay between \$25 and \$75 for 20 to 40 minutes of telling. If you are not currently in the directory and would like to be on this list please call and leave your name, number and some information about your experience and programs. You will be contacted by a Guild member and may be asked to submit an audio or video tape. This can be a valuable way to gain experience and exposure, as well as provide the community with storytelling. Call 621-8646.

Storytelling Workshop at the University of Washington

The 17th Storytelling Workshop, "Gifts from Creative Storytelling," will be held May 9 and 10 on the University of Washington campus. This 10-hour workshop will feature Anne Pellowski, nationally known author, storyteller and authority on folklore and literature.

This year's workshop emphasizes the importance of oral tradition as a way to preserve and perpetuate cultural traditions. Participants will investigate the use of storytelling, poetry and oral tradition in diverse settings for all age and interest groups. Participants can attend individual workshop sessions and attend a festival of storytelling led by noted storytellers Kevin Cotter, Judith Nyman-Schaaf, Pat Peterson and keynote speaker Anne Pellowski.

The title of the keynote address is "Storytelling In the World and the World in Storytelling." Individual sessions include "The Telling of Cultural Tales," Kevin Cotter, presenter; "Storytelling and Creative Drama with Teenagers in Detention and Rehabilitation," Merna Hecht, presenter; "Evaluating the Folktale Picture Book," Margaret Read MacDonald, presenter; and "A Dialogue

with Anne Pellowski," Anne Pellowski, presenter.

Advanced and novice storytellers interested in having their storytelling technique critiqued may present a memorized story at a master storytelling demonstration class on Friday afternoon. Evaluators are Carol Doll, Margaret Read MacDonald and George Shannon.

The cost for Saturday only is \$98; the cost for Saturday plus the Friday master class is \$115. Cost includes midmorning snacks and lunch on Saturday. All participants pay a \$15 non-refundable registration fee. Participants may choose to take the workshop for credit, with an additional fee, or for clock hours or CEUs.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the University of Washington Graduate School of Library and Information Science and UW Extension. The workshop's director is Spencer G. Shaw, D. Lit. professor emeritus, Graduate School of Library and Information Science. For a brochure and registration form, call (206) 543-2320 or 1-800-543-2320. For more information about this event, contact Susan S. Turner, Library Continuing Education, UW Extension, (206) 685-6404, sturner@ese.washington.edu.

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Storytelling Web Sites, Mailing Lists and News Groups

Web Sites

Sherri Johnson of Swarthmore has created a very useful web site for the "aficionados of both storytelling and the stories told." The web site is appropriately called Story Resources Available on the Web. The address is <http://www.swarthmore.edu/~sjohnson/stories/>

Another web site of note is the Children's Literature Web Guide. Hot link to the Folklore, Myth and Legend reference to get a sense of the value of this web site. The address is <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>

Mailing Lists

Storytell — to subscribe, send email to storytell-request@twu.edu with "subscribe Storytell" in the body of the message (leave out quote marks). Librarians and storytellers will find much of value here.

News Groups

news:Alt.arts.storytelling — discussion group about storytelling

news:Rec.arts.manga — discusses all aspects of the Japanese storytelling art form

If you have favorite storytelling web sites, mail them to the Seattle Storytellers' Guild (address on back of newsletter) and we will pass on the sites in the next issue.

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April

5 Cindy Easterson: Stories as fresh as a sudden spring shower. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

11-12 Spring Storytelling Institute at The Spa, 511 E. 1st St., Port Angeles. 7-9 p.m. April 11, 9-noon and 2-5 p.m. April 12. Call The Story People, 360/457-3169 for more information.

12 Susy Irwin: Weaver of magic tales. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

16-19 The seventh annual Multi-cultural Storytelling Festival and Concert, Eugene, Oregon (see related article, Out of Area).

17 Eastside Story 'N Snack, 7 p.m. dessert potluck and story swap. Call Kathy Murphy, 391-4312, for more information.

19 Julie Miller: Stories warm as the spring sun. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

19 Kathy Murphy and Bob Christian present family stories for all ages. 2 p.m. Free. Call Kathy, 391-4312, for locations.

20 Allison Cox, storyteller from Vashon Island, with a potpourri of her favorite tales. 1:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Coffee House. (See page 4.)

24 Story 'N Snack dessert potluck and story swap. Call Guild, 621-8646, for more information and location. 7-9:30 p.m.

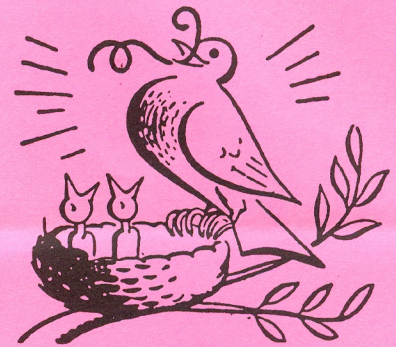
26 Cherie Trebon: Fables and fun for all folk. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

27 Suzy Irwin and her wily puppets. Story Corner at Bellevue Regional Library, 7 p.m., 1111 110th Ave. N.E. Call 450-1775 for information.

29 Stories for young ones to celebrate April Foolery, with Debbie Deutsch. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Pacific Science Center. Craft activity offered at the end of each session. Free.

May

8 Jamie Dahlgren: Tall tales for big & little listeners. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.



9-10 17th Annual Storytelling Workshop at the University of Washington. (See page 5.)

10 Ann Roush: Back with a bouquet of colorful stories. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

13 Storyteller Debbie Deutsch returns to the Pacific Science Center to share stories and delightful crafts for young children. 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free.

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17 Kathy Currie: Spring with a "bounce." 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

18 Naomi Baltuck: Stories in remembrance of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. 1:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Coffee House. (See page 4.)

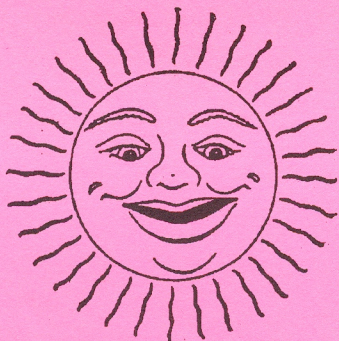
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31 Phyllis Silling: Here comes the "SUN"-ny stories. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

June



1 Annual membership meeting, election of officers. Roadrunner Coffee House, noon-2:30 p.m. (see front page).

7 Nancy Stewart: M.I.'s favorite singing storyteller. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

14 Karen Haas: Finishes the season with lively tales from around the world. 11-11:30 a.m., Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island. All sessions free. 232-6920.

15 Father's Day Potpourri and Brunch. Stories of fathers and a delicious brunch. \$10 for brunch and potpourri, \$3 for potpourri alone. Brunch from 11 a.m., potpourri at 1:30 p.m. (see related article for more information).

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Call the Guild at 621-8646 for updated information on Guild events.

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Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

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☐ Individual, \$15

☐ Family, \$20

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☐ Donor, \$35

☐ Lifetime, \$150

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☐ I am interested in volunteering. Please call me to discuss how I may help.

☐ Please include my name on mailing list for related events.

Mail to: Seattle Storytellers' Guild, P.O. Box 45532, Seattle, WA 98145-0532.

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