

in the Wind

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1997 Storytelling Festival



This is it! The 1997 Storytelling Festival is just a few weeks away! Mark your calendars for October 25th and take a look at the insert enclosed in this newsletter. The festival will be held at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard. Events are divided into two sections:

9:30 — 11:00 a.m.: Pre-Festival Institutes

Two institutes are being offered: Attention-Keeping Techniques by Candace Miller, and Critiquing Session for Storytellers by Gay Ducey. You choose one of the two to attend. *You need to register for the pre-festival institutes.*

11:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.: Storytelling Festival

The festival begins with the Swapping Ground (a chance for you to share your stories with others in the cafeteria) and is followed by four workshops: "Bringing Stories to Life" by Nancy Schimmel; "Laugh or Let the Tears Flow" by Vincent Kituku; "Seed of the Ancient Tale" by Barb Stevens-Newcomb; and "The Tie that Binds" by Gay Ducey; followed by a family concert and an evening concert featuring Gay Ducey, Vincent Kituku, Candace Miller, Nancy Schimmel, and Barb-Stevens Newcomb. *You do not need to register for the festival itself ahead of time — only register for the pre-festival institutes.*

We know you are going to have a wonderful time at the festival because the tellers who will be presenting and sharing with us are fabulous. This is a busy time of year, so be sure to put the enclosed insert up on your refrigerator for easy reference and reminder.

We look forward to seeing you on October 25th in Ballard.

It's a great
time.
OCT. 25
Don't forget!

Get an earful!!!!

The pungent scent of autumn fills the air and stories are in the wind. Serious...you're sure to catch wind of it as we welcome visiting storyteller Jim Weiss, send local storyteller Linda Scott off to China, create crafty stories with Debbie Deutsch, and re-live history with Debbie Dimitre. Our friends at Island Books host an entire season of Saturday programs for children, and the Nordic Heritage Museum, All For Kids and the Roadrunner Coffeehouse continue to host events sponsored by the Seattle Storytellers Guild. Below are some brief descriptions of programs and concerts coming this fall. Check the Calendar for specific dates and times.

September begins with series of storytelling from both Debbie Dimitre and Debbie Deutsch. Debbie Dimitre takes "Patchwork Patriots" to King County Libraries, bringing to life two Revolutionary War heroines. By the glow of a kerosene lamp, in costume and in character, Debbie weaves the courageous tales of Molly Pitcher and Elizabeth Zane. This living history presentation is sure to capture the hearts of young and old alike. Ages 6 and up. Check the calendar for library locations. (Free)

Debbie Deutsch offers a craft activity with storytelling several times throughout the fall. Dates and times are in the calendar. Debbie presents her programs at the Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North Saturdays at 10:30 am and 1 pm, September, November, December and January. For more information, call (206) 443-2001.

Island Books (3014 - 78th Ave., SE, Mercer Island; 206/ 232-6920) has free storytelling Saturdays from 11-11:30 a.m. Many of the best loved storytellers in the area are featured in this series recommended for age 3 and up. Look for "Island Books" in the calendar.

The Roadrunner Coffeehouse in Wallingford continues to host the Third Sunday featured tellers brought in by the Guild. The fall line-up starts with tandem tellers Camille Wooden and Dawn Kuhlman on

September 21. Camille and Dawn will help us ease into fall with a program titled "The Way We Like It." We're sure you'll like it whatever way they tell it! Then October 19, it's our neighbors from the South back by popular demand in the "Tahoma Guild Potpourri." On November 16 Valerie Moriarty, who couldn't make it in July, makes a comeback with "A Northern Heart with a Southern Twang." We're so glad this island teller will share her personal stories with us. And finally, December 21, an old tradition in our new home at Roadrunner - The Annual Holiday Poutpourri. It's an afternoon of seasonal stories,

warm beverages and scrumptious goodies. The Roadrunner Coffeehouse is located at 2123 N. 40th Avenue, (206) 547-3559. The Third Sunday featured program begins at 1:00 p.m. (but be sure to stop in early and get a fabulous brunch or lunch while you wait!)

Open mike follows at 2 p.m. If you are interested in performing at the open mike, please be sure to limit your stories to 7-8 minutes. Cost of the Third Sunday storytelling events is \$3.

Also at the Roadrunner is the Tellebration Concert on November 22. Several local tellers will be featured, as well as a workshop during the day to be held at All For Kids Bookstore, 2900 NE Blakely St., (206) 526-2768 (see page 3). All for Kids will also provide space for the Beginning Storyteller's Workshop Sept 27, Oct 4 & 11, and will present Jim Weiss telling stories when he comes to Bainbridge Island in October (see page 5).

And finally, be sure to read the article and mark the calendar for the Northwest Storytelling Festival on October 25 at the Nordic Heritage Museum. We have a wonderful line up of storytellers and pre festival institutes are offered with Gay Ducey and Nancy Schimmel. It's a "don't miss" for sure.

Got an earful yet? Well, keep listening, because we'll make sure your ears get their fill.



November 22, A Full Day of Tellebration

November is Tellebration time and this year the Guild has planned something extra special. In addition to the two-hour evening concert, held this year at Roadrunner Coffeehouse in Wallingford, the Guild is sponsoring two workshops that day given by storytellers Jana Dean and Rebecca Chamberlain. The two workshop entitled "Journey Into the Natural World" and "Journey into the Other World," designed to be taken together, will be presented collaboratively by the two tellers.

Both Jana Dean and Rebecca Chamberlain are well known story tellers and natural historians in the Pacific Northwest. In addition, they are accomplished teachers of the art of storytelling. Workshops will be held at All For Kids Bookstore, 2900 NE Blakely St from 9:30-11:30 am and 12:00-1:30 pm. And as a special bonus, your \$30 registration comes with a free ticket to the evening Tellebration Concert.

The evening concert at the Roadrunner Coffeehouse in Wallingford will feature six fine Northwest

tellers including Rebecca Chamberlain and Jana Dean. Also performing at the evening concert are Rita Howard, Susan Blaine, Lawrence Col, and Maggie Benner with her wonderful music and Irish Harp. Because space is limited on both the classes and the concert we ask you to pre-register for the workshops and reserve space for the concert to insure a good seat. We will sell tickets at the door on a space-available basis.

To reserve your place:

For the workshops (and free entry ticket to the Tellebration Concert), send \$30 and the attached registration form. (Sorry, but there is no discount if you are unable to attend the evening concert.)

For Tellebration evening concert only:

Call (206) 621-8646 and give your name, telephone number and the number of seats you want reserved. Pick up and pay for your tickets at the door. They will be held until 10 minutes before the concert. \$10 for non-members, \$7 for members.

Tellebration Reservation Form

Name _____

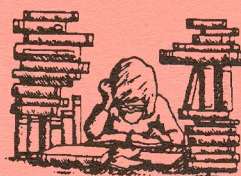
Address _____

Phone _____

Reservations Needed

- ☐ YES! I will use my free concert ticket
☐ SORRY! I cannot attend the Tellebration Concert

Send registration form and \$30.00 (check or money order) to: Seattle Storytellers' Guild
c/o Camille Wooden, 11213 SE 200th, Kent, WA 98031.



Sources: About Stories and the Folks Who Tell Them

by Margaret Read MacDonald, King County Library System

As the Seattle Storytelling Guild Festival is coming up in October, I thought it a good time to do a little pre-festival reading. Festival teller, Dr. Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, has a new book out. *EAST AFRICAN FOLKTALES: FROM THE VOICE OF MUKAMBA* (August House, 1997) includes 18 brief tales recalled from his Kenyan childhood. The author notes that in Kamba tradition interpretation of the moral is left to the listener, however he provides us with explications for each story. I was especially pleased that the publishers have included the texts for these tales both in English and in their original language. Such bi-lingual publishing is seldom seen, and is to be applauded.

Nancy Shimmel will be appearing at Festival this year too, so this is a good time to re-read her wonderful *JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE A STORY: A SOURCEBOOK FOR STORYTELLING* (Sisters' Choice Press, 1992). That title has been recommended in this column several times already as it is one of my own favorite sources for beginning tellers. It should be available at all public libraries. And while you are there check for Nancy's tapes. *PLUM PUDDING* (Sister's Choice, 1982) is a delightful collection of songs and stories.

Barb Stevens-Newcomb, another Festival performer, just released *THE DAUGHTERS OF ISHISHINI* (Black Cricket Press, 1996). This is available in both cassette and CD. The work was named to the 1997 ALA Notable Recording list. This reviewer hasn't had a chance to listen yet, unfortunately.

Now on to other works. Two new books have crossed my desk which deserve attention. Joseph Bruchac's *TELL ME A TALE: A BOOK ABOUT STORYTELLING* (Harcourt Brace, 1997) is an anecdotal personal journey of storytelling advice. Bruchac includes fourteen stories nested within his discussion. The book is addressed to the beginning teller, but it might require a dedicated beginner to approach storytelling through this format. Those already on the storytelling path, however, will find much to enjoy here.

Local teller Jana Dean will be offering a workshop during the festival. So this might be a good time to check out *WETLAND TALES: A COLLECTION OF STORIES FOR WETLAND EDUCATION* (Washington Department of Ecology, 1992). The book was available free from that department at one time and may still be. It is a very useful collection of tales on wetland themes. Most local libraries have a copy.

Storyteller Nina Jaffe proves herself to be a fine writer with *A VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: THE LIFE AND WORK OF HAROLD COURLANDER* (Henry Hold, 1997). Based on taped interviews with Courlander in the last few years of his life, and on extensive research into Courlander's career, Jaffe has produced a fascinating and introspective biography of this man who provided us with such a wealth of story collections drawn from his own African and Caribbean connections.

Congratulations to Bruce Smith of Yelm Washington. Bruce, a former member of Olympia, Mt. Tahoma, and the Seattle Storyteller's guilds, recently travelled to Millerport Ohio as an alternate finalist in the 1997 Storyteller of the Year Competition. Bruce placed third and is out East telling stories until late fall. When he returns around Tellebration time, Bruce will have many exciting stories to share.



Jim Weiss, Storyteller, to weave tales for audiences of all ages in October.

Montessori County School on Bainbridge Island will be bringing winning storyteller, and recording artist Jim Weiss to captivate children and adults with his enchanting tales at three special performances (11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.) at BPA, October 18th. Weiss is the recipient of 17 national awards, including four Parent's Choice Awards, and overall recommendation by the American Library Association. To hear Weiss tell any of his 18 different recordings is to become enthralled in the classic tales. It may be a Greek myth or a Sherlock Holmes mystery or an original spooky Halloween story. It is no wonder that young children leave Weiss's performances determined to recreate the drama in their own creative play. Jim Weiss believes that the joyful success of reading and writing begins on the lap of a storyteller. Don't miss this opportunity! Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults. Call MCS (206) 842-4996.

Weiss will offer a two hour workshop on October 17 at the Montessori Country School, Bainbridge. Workshop is from 5-7 and cost is \$25. Call (206) 842-4966 to reserve space.

OPPORTUNITIES

RACE RELATIONS STORIES SOUGHT

RaceBridges, a communications venture based in Chicago's inner city is seeking race-relations stories in an ongoing project to create media tools that will promote interracial understanding and racial reconciliation. They are seeking stories 10-15 minutes in length when told aloud, which concern the state of race relations today. Special interest in interracial success stories, known about experienced, or observed. Stipends paid for stories selected for further use in future Internet and media projects. Contact: Curt, 773-548-2381; Racebridges, Hyde Park, Box 421, 1507 E. 53rd St., Chicago, IL 60615, stories@racebridges.net, www.racebridges.net.

STORYTELLERS WANTED

Family Audio is a new audiobook publisher specializing in children's stories and family entertainment. Their interest is in publishing a line of "Storyteller" audiobooks with original material. This is an opportunity to be heard telling on audiobooks. A generous compensation package is also available. Contact Corl Riblet, (206) 860-7421, familyaudio@seanet.com for more information.

SSG FESTIVAL 97 needs people!!

Working one hour or more at the Festival earns you a \$10 credit toward Festival fees. Call Kathy Currie (425) 222-5442 or fill out the information below and mail this box to Kathy at 4632 - 357th Ave. SE, Fall City, WA 98024

I'm interested in volunteering _____ hours maximum at the SSG Festival, Saturday, October 25, 1997.

NAME (Please PRINT first & last name):

Phone Number:

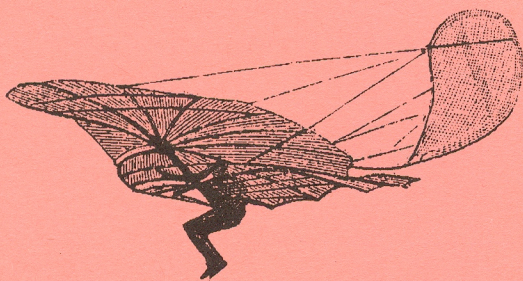
A Journey Down the Silk Road

In November of this year a delegation of storytellers headed by the National Storytelling Association will travel to The People's Republic of China under the auspices of People to People International. The aim of People to People International is to promote world peace through individual professional and artistic exchanges. Although the organization has been arranging professional exchanges for 30 years, this is the first time storytellers have been involved in such an exchange. About 20 tellers from across the country will participate in this rich time of learning and sharing.

Local storyteller Linda Scott will be part of this delegation representing the Northwest regional area.

October 15th at 7:30 p.m. you will have the opportunity to hear some of the stories representing the great American spirit as well as the wisdom and humor of the Chinese folktales as Linda presents "A Journey Down the Silk Road" at the Roadrunner Coffeehouse. A highlight of the evening will be a folktale told in English and translated into Chinese by an interpreter. The program will be suitable for all ages and tickets are \$5.00. Proceeds will be used to help fund Linda's participation in the exchange.

The Roadrunner Coffee House is located at the corner of 40th and Bagley in Wallingford, (206) 547-3559. For information about the storytelling or the China Exchange, call Linda at (425) 702-4723.



Beginning Storytelling Classes

The Guild will offer a beginning storytelling class starting on September 27th and continuing on Oct 4 and Oct 11. The class will be taught by Cherie Trebon, and experienced teller and workshop leader. The classes are highly interactive, will cover storytelling basics and provide student a chance to learn and tell stories to each other.

Specifics

Dates: Sept 27, Oct. 4, Oct 11
Time: 9:30-11:30 AM
Place: All For Kids Bookstore
Cost: \$45 for 3 sessions

To Register: Send form to Zelda Foxall
810 Third Avenue
#140-43

or call in registration at _____ and pay at the time of the first class.

Students will be accepted up to the first class session on a space-available basis.

SSG Storytelling Class REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Send \$45 and form to: Zelda Foxall
810 Third Avenue #140-43
Seattle, WA 98104

Make check's payable to: The Seattle Storytellers' Guild

Out of Area Events

September

91-21

PORT ANGELES WA

Port Angeles Storytellers Festival

Contact: Josephine Pederson, The Story People
(360)457-3169

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NEWPORT OR

Stories By the Sea

Contact: Rebecca Cohen; (541)265-2153

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FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

California Indian Storytelling Festival

(510)794-7253

October

3-5

JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE

25th Anniversary of the National Storytelling Festival

Contact: Rebecca Cohen, (541)265-2153

3-18

MARYLHURST, OR (FRI 1-5PM, SAT 10-5 PM)

Soul of the Storyteller, A Master's Class in Storytelling

Call 503-699-6261 ext 3375, Fax (503)636-1957

e-mail khoward@marylhurst.edu

10-11

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO FESTIVAL 10/10-11

features Gay Ducey & Antonio Sacre (bilingual
storyteller from Chicago)

(714)768-1916

Calendar

(See "Get and Earful" on page 2 for event descriptions and refer to articles as listed.)

September

17 DUVALL LIBRARY-7 PM

(15619 NE Main St., Duvall; 205/ 788-1173)

Debbie Dimitre: Stories of Revolutionary War Heroines

18 EASTSIDE STORY AND SNACK -7PM

Contact: **Kathy Murphy**, (425) 391-4312 for more
information

20 ISLAND BOOKS - 11-11:30 AM

Michelle Lucien: Bring a favorite toy to help tell these tales

21 ROADRUNNER COFFEEHOUSE-1 PM SSG PRESENTS

Camille Wooden and Dawn Kuhlman: "The Way We
Like It"

23 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 10:30 AM AND 1 PM

Debbie Deutsch: Back to School Stories & Such

24 NORTH BEND LIBRARY, 4 PM

(115 E 4th St., North Bend; 425/ 888-0554) **Debbie**

Dimitre: Stories of Revolutionary War Heroines

25 FAIRWOOD LIBRARY, 4:15 PM

(17009 - 140th SE, Renton: Please Register; (206/
226-0522) **Debbie Dimitre**: Stories of Revolutionary

War Heroines

SEATTLE STORY 'N SNACK - 7 - 9:30 PM

Call SSG, 621-8646

27 ISLAND BOOKS - 11-11:30 AM

Phyllis Silling: Fall fun and fantasies

27 ALL FOR KIDS - 9:30-11:30 AM

Cherie Trebon: Beginning Storytelling Class #1

(see page 6)

Calendar



October

4 ISLAND BOOKS – 11-11:30 AM
Linda Scott: Autumn stories at their best

ALL FOR KIDS – 9:30-11:30 AM
Cherie Trebon: Beginning Storytelling Class #2
(see page 6)

8 BURIEI LIBRARY 4:15 PM
(14700 6th SW, Burien; 206/ 243-3490) **Debbie Dimitre:** Stories of the Revolutionary War Heroines

11 ISLAND BOOKS – 11-11:30 AM
Debbie Deutsch: Not-So-Scary Stories & Such

ALL FOR KIDS – 9:30-11:30 AM
Cherie Trebon: Beginning Storytelling Class #3
(see page 6)

12 LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY, 7 PM
(Lake Forest Town Center, 17171 Bothell Way NE, 206/ 362-8860) **Linda Scott:** Autumn tales, scary and fun

15 KENMORE LIBRARY – 7PM
(18131 73rd NE, Bothell, 425/ 486-8747)
Debbie Dimitre: Stories of Revolutionary War Heroines

ROADRUNNER COFFEEHOUSE – 7:30 PM
Linda Scott: "A Journey Down the Silk Road" (see page 6)

16 ALL FOR KIDS – 7PM
Jim Weiss: Family Storytelling

EASTSIDE STORY AND SNACK – 7PM
Kathy Murphy, (425) 391-4312 for more information

17 COUNTY MONTESSORI SCHOOL (BAINBRIDGE ISLAND)
5-7 p.m. **Jim Weiss:** Storytellers' Workshop (see page 5)

18 COUNTY MONTESSORI SCHOOL, (BAINBRIDGE ISLAND) 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00p.m. **Jim Weiss:** Storytelling Concerts (see page 5)

ISLAND BOOKS 11-11:30 AM
Cherie Tribone: Tales to tickle your funny bone

19 ROADRUNNER COFFEEHOUSE – 1 PM
SSG presents: **Tahoma Potpourri:** Our neighbors from the South regale with Tahoma tales

23 SEATTLE STORY 'N SNACK – 7 - 9:30 PM
Call SSG, (206) 621-8646

24 UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE 7 PM
(4326 University Way NE; 634-3400) **Jack Esau,** character actor, tells the Halloween favorite "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (free)

25 ISLAND BOOKS – 11-11:30 AM
Ann Roush: "Boo"-ti-ful stories for Halloween

NORDIC HERITAGE MUSEUM – NOON - 9 PM
SSG presents **Northwest Storytellers Festival**
(see page 1)

November

1 ISLAND BOOKS – 11-11:30 AM
Cindy Easterson: Back with new stories to tell

7 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER 10:30 AM AND 1 PM
Debbie Deutsch: Thankful Stories & Such

8 ISLAND BOOKS – 11-11:30 AM
Pat Peterson: Stories to be thankful for

13 EASTSIDE STORY AND SNACK – 7PM
Kathy Murphy, (425) 391-4312 for more information

Calendar



15 ISLAND BOOKS: 11-11:30
Camille Wooden and **Dawn Kuhlman**: Double the fun.

16 ROADRUNNER COFFEEHOUSE-1 PM
 SSG presents **Valerie Moriarty**, "A Northern Heart with a Southern Twang"

20 SEATTLE STORY 'N SNACK - 7 - 9:30 PM
 Call SSG, 621-8646

21 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM
Debbie Deutsch: Thankful Stories & Such

22 ISLAND BOOKS 11-11:30 AM
Kathie Vitz: A festive feast of stories.

ALL FOR KIDS 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Jana Dean/Rebecca Chamberlain Tellebration Workshop (see page 2)

ROADRUNNER COFFEEHOUSE - 7-9 PM
 SSG presents the **Tellebration Concert** (see page 2)

18 EASTSIDE STORY AND SNACK -7PM
Kathy Murphy, (425) 391-4312 for more information

21 ROADRUNNER COFFEEHOUSE 1-3 PM
 SSG presents **Holiday Potpourri**: Annual holiday event moves to the Roadrunner

25 NO SEATTLE STORY 'N SNACK, IT'S CHRISTMAS, BUT
 Call SSG, (206) 621-8646 to find out when in December a Story 'n Snack is scheduled

January

13 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 10:30 AM AND 1:00 PM
Debbie Deutsch: Stories & Such for a New Year

27
 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 10:30 AM AND 1:00 PM
Debbie Deutsch: Stories & Such for a New Year

December

2 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 10:30 AM AND 1:00 PM
Debbie Deutsch: Stories & Such for a Giving Season

6 ISLAND BOOKS - 11-11:30 AM
Nancy Stewart: Enchanting holiday songs old and new

13 ISLAND BOOKS - 11-11:30 AM
Julie Miller: Interactive stories to warm the heart

16 PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM
Debbie Deutsch: Stories & Such for a Giving Season



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Membership Form

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____

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

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