

in The Wind

Seattle Storytellers Guild Spring Events

March 17th

Luck or the Draw
Audra Sisak, Debbie Dixon
Shayne Larango, Wolf Heart

April 21st

Earth Day Tales
Margaret Read MacDonald
and Tom Rawson

May 13th

Playing With Story Workshop

May 19th

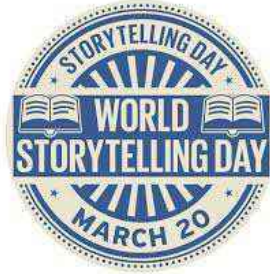
Liars SwapFest

First Fridays

Story Swaps on Zoom

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WORLD STORYTELLING DAY

The 2023 theme is "Together We Can"

This is a global celebration of the art of oral storytelling
It has been celebrated since 2003 on March 20th.



On **World Storytelling Day**, as many people as possible endeavor to tell and listen to stories in as many languages and at as many places as possible, during the same day and night.

The significance in the event lies in the fact that it is the first global celebration of storytelling of its kind, and has become important in forging links between storytellers often working far apart from each other. It has also been significant in drawing public and media attention to storytelling as an art form.

**We don't have a World Storytelling Day Event!
At least, not yet!**

But, for us, who love oral storytelling,

World Storytelling Day

is a day when
YOU can be a storyteller
with anyone
you can find,
young or old, or in between.
to just a few or a crowd.

**Wherever you find
an opportunity, tell a tale!**

So tell a story to a child - to friends over coffee
to a shut-ins or elders - while waiting in a line
in the breakroom - at the market place.
Live, or over the phone or internet!



Seattle Storyteller Guild's March 2023 StoryFest

Luck of The Draw



March 17th, 2023 at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Zoom

Hosted by Polite Kitty (Audra Sisak)

joined by Wolf Heart, Debbie Dixon, and Shayne Larango

A fantastic line up of women and non-binary speakers talking about their experiences with life and luck.

They are sure to take you for a wild ride!

Register for this event at: <https://bit.ly/luckofthedraw317>



Here is more about this unusual group of storytellers:

Polite Kitty = A comedic storyteller by nature. They tell about their life experiences as an autistic, disabled super-parent with epilepsy, raising kids, hyper-fixations, and dysfunctional family fun. A brilliant style of entertainment that leaves an audience participating and laughing!

Debbie Dixon = Debbie Dixon is an author as well as a yoga teacher, life coach, and an inspirational speaker who leads transformational, healing retreats all over the world. She encourages people to step outside of their comfort zones and helps show them the way to a life filled with freedom, prosperity, joy, and infinite possibilities. Incorporating all she had learned on her path of self realization, she developed her "Realizing Your Dreams" programs and seminars where she informs people of the power of their thoughts. Now, igniting spiritual health in others has become her life-long purpose.



Wolf Heart = They are an Autistic Agender and Indigenous (Taino) writer and martial artist of mixed descent first published in two high school poetry and writing compilations at the age of fifteen. They were collectively known as Bronx Expressions. They spent a portion of their young life as a vigilante helping strangers in need and fighting against predators and potential traffickers as a way of coping with trauma. Then they became involved in various charity organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and its REstore operations, and M.M.I.W. and 2S (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Two Spirit Indigenous peoples).

Shayne Larango = Lucky Larango aka Shayne is a Story Teller and Grand Mother new to the Seattle area from Dallas. She is the 2018 Biggest Liar in Texas, 2019 Second Biggest Liar in Kendall County, and supposed to be a featured Teller in the 2020 Texas Storytelling Festival but that was shut down due to Covid the day before she was scheduled to tell. As her favorite Irish bartender says, "That's Life!"



First Friday Night Zoom Story Swaps

To provide better security for our Swaps,
We now require Pre-Registration with Zoom

Register for these **Recurring First Friday meetings** at
Register at: <https://bit.ly/SSG1stFridaySwap>

March 3rd 7:00 PM Pacific Time

No Swap in April

May 5th 7:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Our Swaps are meant to be casual and informal opportunities for storytellers to try out a story they are working on, and a place for novice storytellers to begin to explore the craft. Feedback is offered, but is optional

Come to share an 8 minute or less story
Family Friendly – Told, not Read
or come just to listen and encourage

If you have a story to share, please let us know:



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Mailed copies have been discontinued.
But please feel free to print it out!

Articles and comments should be directed to eldrbarry@gmail.com
send pictures as separate attachments.

Summer deadline:
May 15th

Your Articles Welcomed!

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seattlestorytellers.org

ELLENSBURG WIND STORYTELLERS

meets regularly on 3rd Wednesdays from 6 to 7 PM

at Hal Holmes Community Center

(3rd and Ruby in Ellensburg, WA).

All ages welcome * The meetings are free,
thanks to the Ellensburg Public Library.

You can bring personal, fanciful, whatever kind of finished stories, ones you are working on and want feedback, twinkles in your eye, or just ears to listen.

No pressure to tell, but please do come!

Bring your dinner, snacks, and/or drinks.

Questions or information?

Email Marte at fallshore@gmail.com.

The Little Liars Club:

Join Marte Fallshore and the group
on Zoom every 4th Monday at 6 PM
to create, provide feedback,
or just listen to tall tales and other stories.

Join the meeting at:
<https://bit.ly/littleliarsclub>



Want more Storytelling News

**Or want to announce an event
between newsletters?**

Judith Alexander sends out her e-mail blast generally on the Sundays before the first and third Fridays of each month. She will also forward items to the Guild webmaster Larry Hohm and to Barry McWilliams for In The Wind.

Judith's e-mail address is
juditha5@earthlink.net

Or visit our website for more news:
seattlestorytellers.org
Press the [Show All Events] Button

The Seattle Storytellers Guild is proud to present:

Earth Tales

Join us for heartfelt stories and whimsy in this concert for all ages

Get ready for a rollicking time of music, stories, and laughter.

Friday, April 21, 2023

On Zoom 5:30pm Pacific Daylight Time



Margaret Read MacDonald

She travels the world telling her lively, tellable tales.

She has published many tales in picture books and collections.



Tom Rawson

He brings us the folksy sing-a-long songs and ballads of the 60's accompanied by his banjo and guitar.

Together, we will Celebrate our Earth with Joy!

Register at: <https://bit.ly/earthtales0421>

This program is intended for listeners of all ages & early enough for the young folks to join in!

Suggested Donations can be made at: seattlestorytellers.org



Our "Second" Annual Liar's SwapFest!

An Evening of Tall Tales and "Stretched Truth"

Friday Night, May 19th, 2023 7:00 PM on Zoom

Register at: <https://bit.ly/liarsfest2023>

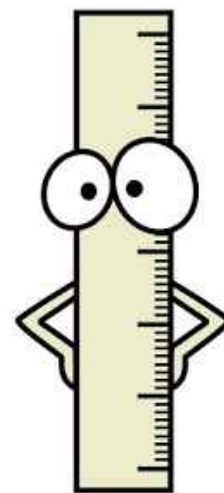
An evening of hilarious "leg pulling" and only slightly stretched whoppers, guaranteed to be the absolute, verified, unvarnished "honest" truth.

You are invited to join the fun as we swap tales which will have us rolling in laughter or shaking our heads in disbelief.

Tales should be 8 minutes or less and ready to tell.

Please let Marte, our host, know if you intend to tell one -
email her at fallshorem@gmail.com

This "Truely Fantastic" program is brought to you by the Seattle Storytellers Guild and the Little Liars Group.



PLAYING WITH STORY WORKSHOP

Live With [Margaret Read MacDonald](#)

WHEN: Saturday May 13, 2023 TIME: 9 am - 4 pm

WHERE: Huntington Park Community Clubhouse
1000 S. 248 th Street, Des Moines, Washington
(just off of Marine View Drive).

A lively, hands-on workshop that will send you out ready to start telling! You will learn 8 easy-to-tell folktales that engage listeners and receive a copy of the textbook with these tales and more.

WHO: Teachers, librarians, recreation leaders, storytellers.

**Anyone who wants a fun story in their pocket
to delight listeners both young and old.**

HOW MUCH: \$30 fee—Pay at the Door –Cash or Check
(includes coffee, lunch and copy of the textbook
which includes 20 easy-to-tell tales.)

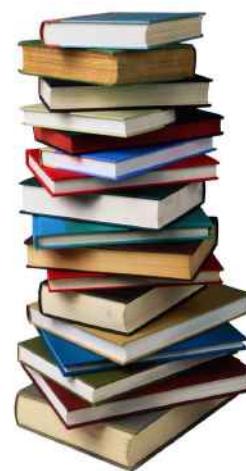
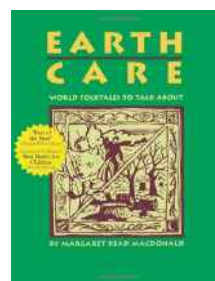
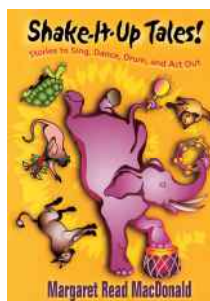
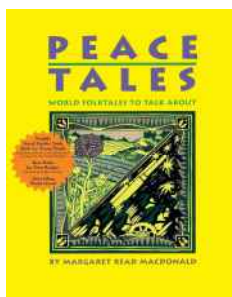
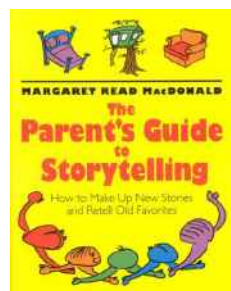
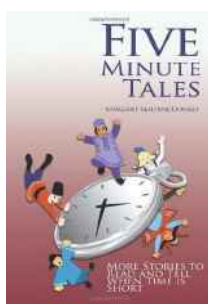
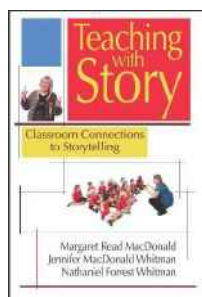
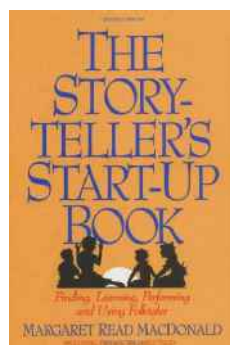
Register by email: mrm@margaretreadmacdonald.com

Please come prepared to Pay by Cash or Check at the Event



CULTURE

Just some of [Margaret Read MacDonald's](#) books on Storytelling



Check out her [Amazon Store Page](#) for a list of many more.
Look for them at the library or your favorite bookseller.



GENE FRIESE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gene Frieze was a much-loved member of the storytelling community who passed away in 1995. Many storytellers in our area will remember Gene and his many teddy bears that traveled with him to so many events. A scholarship fund was established in his name. Its purpose is to support storytellers in their continuing education, through attending a storytelling festival, conference, workshop, or class.

In the past, the \$100 award (or less) went to one or two recipients in the Fall for use during the school year. The Board will consider applications at other times, if funds are available. Please see below for the requirements for applying.

To qualify for this scholarship, you must be a resident of Washington or Oregon and be a member of a storytelling guild in Washington, Oregon, or of the National Storytelling Network. Your application must include the following: Your name, address, phone number, email, and the storytelling guild to which you belong. Your storytelling experience (beginners are encouraged to apply). How you would like to use the scholarship money - a description of the event, limited to 300 words. Note: The recipient must provide proof of the use of the scholarship (receipt, voucher, ticket stub, etc.) to receive reimbursement through the scholarship fund.

Send your application to the **Seattle Storytellers Guild, Attn. Gene Frieze Scholarship Committee,**
PO Box 18361, Seattle, WA 98118.

The scholarship fund has been augmented by gifts in the past several years, including from John Wasko, Jill Johnson's children, and in honor of Glenn McCauley. Those wishing to donate may do so on the website, seattlestorytellers.org, or by mailing a check to the SSG Treasurer, Seattle Storytellers Guild, PO Box 18361, Seattle, WA 98118. Please designate it to the Gene Frieze Scholarship Fund



All hands on Deck!!! — Jump on Board !! Save our Guild!!

**Calling all Storytellers, friends of storytelling,
and those who want our Seattle Storytellers Guild to keep going strong !**

The SSG Board is shrinking, and our current President and our Treasurer are stepping down. Audra Sisak took over from Barry, after his 6 years of service, in order to help the Guild continue last year, but is unable to continue. Anne Brendler sailed with us as our Treasurer for 6 faithful years and is going on shore leave. With the loss of other Board members for various reasons. Including those Board officers, we need 4 or 5 volunteers to fill out these vacant positions.

Please consider stepping "on board" into an open position, or as an "at large" representative, so our 40-year-old Guild can continue to provide storytelling programs, swaps, and workshops in the Seattle area and beyond. You don't need a lot of qualifications, just an openness to share some of your time and energy. We will help show you the rest. It is a great way to learn new things and to develop skills as part of a non-profit team. Board members don't pay membership fees, not even for the professional teller listing.

Our Board usually meets **once a month on Zoom**. Various members volunteer for various tasks such as planning or organizing StoryFest events, or promoting and meeting other event needs. Of course, other concerns arise occasionally needing decisions. [Our Bylaws are in our website under "About Us"](#).

You are welcome to attend any of our meetings and see! Contact one of those listed below for the info on how to come. Bu Huang said, at the summer planning meeting which was her first Board meeting, that she had "never sat on a Board that had so much fun." Figuring out who to invite to perform for the Guild, and planning the programs is just one of the exciting parts of the Board's tasks.

PLEASE consider volunteering as an "at large" member, or consider serving as President or Treasurer. We will welcome you and support you so you, too, will feel like we're having fun, sailing into our next 40 years. Questions about the positions can be directed to Anne acbrendler46@gmail.com, Judith (Vice President) juditha5@earthlink.net, or Barry eldrbarry@gmail.com.



In the **Fall Issue of In the Wind**, I shared with you the recent woes of the **National Storytelling Network**. Over the past months, I have followed events, and lurked at some NSN discussions and

meetings of the board. I would like to bring you up to date on what is happening and the changes under way.

First of all, I want to encourage you concerning NSN. It will continue, adapting to our new situation and opportunities. The financial situation has improved considerably. The board has been restructured and the bylaws updated to reflect those changes. Those were sent out to the membership for approval - voting just closed and the Board met on February 25th to finalize the results. It is hoped that NSN will become even more of a "network" connecting storytellers on a national level. I have renewed my dues (with the SSG discount) for this coming year. I hope you will renew or join up as well.

A bit of review. In the past, NSN was focused on a network of regional liaisons which attempted to connect with various guilds and organizations, and its principal focus was on the Annual National Conferences - which also brought in the bulk of NSN's income. It is very expensive to put on a large conference and expensive to attend them. The shutdown caused by the pandemic torpedoed those, at the same time opening up a more virtual world for storytelling organizations world wide. NSN attempted virtual programming for a conference, with very limited success - NSN found there is a lot of competition out there for those virtual audiences. At the same time, NSN membership has continued declining - something many arts organizations are now struggling with, including us. NSN also has continuing issues with the website and email communications. Added to this was the loss of the paid staff and the board members who have stepped down. The need for other sources of income, such as grants, have become clear.

The NSN Bylaws have now gone through a substantial revision - mainly a restructuring of the **NSN Board**. The **Chair** will be elected to a three year term with three steps, the first year serving as **Vice Chair Elect** with oversight over standing committees: nominating, membership, bylaws, grants, Oracle awards, events, etc. (see my simplified diagram below)

Executive Board:

Chair ← Vice Chair ← Vice Chair Elect + Secretary - Finance - Tech Spec - Publications - Volunteer Co-ord's
(appointed positions) + some "At Large" Members

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Agenda/ Meetings

Board of Directors*: (Representatives of SIG's) (Generating Programming)

YES - PRO - SIO + additions - (20 members needed to apply) (**Discussion Groups** ie Proto-SIG's)

Standing Committees:

Nominating - Bylaws - Grants - Membership - Events - Fund Raising - Oracle Awards - etc

Chair positions are for 3 years - progressing each year up a step.

* Replaces former Regional Directors (Liaisons)

Then moving the second year into the **Vice Chair** position working with the **Board of Directors** made up of various **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** representatives on generating programming. Finally on the third year advancing to the **Board Chair** over the **Executive Board** which includes the other two chairs; and elected, volunteer or hired officers such as the secretary, finance officer, publications, volunteer coordinator, and a digital specialist; as well as a number of "at large" members.

The Board voted on January 28th to focus on the nation as a group rather than divide it up by regions. In part because now so many of our "virtual" audiences are scattered about. In doing so, the emphasis is shifting to various members groups with an interest in types of stories or aspects of storytelling - **The Special Interest Groups**. These interest groups would have a say in NSN governance and programming as each special interest group would select a member to serve on the NSN Board. NSN membership dues will include not only membership in NSN, but also in one special interest group. This would increase membership interest and involvement in these various groups - and in creating new ones.

For example, if you like youth education, there is the (YES SIG) interest group. There is a Producers and Organizer's Group (PRO SIG), and Storytelling in Organizations (SIO SIG). Unfortunately the Healing Stories Alliance (HSA SIG) is no longer a part of NSN, another SIG left due to a shortage of members. Much of NSN's programming in the future will proceed out of these. YES, for example, has programs planned for this coming August, which you will be hearing about.

NSN would like to see the formation of other special interest groups of 20 or more members. (Previously 30 members were required). Certainly we could use SIG's developing on such as "Traditional Folktales", "Personal Narrative Telling", "Historical", etc. "Epic Events", anyone? Those with similar interests thus network together! Perhaps new SIGs might gradually develop out of "discussion" groups, which may arise as well. Some of these already exist on the internet.

Certainly the key to keeping alive oral storytelling, and growing future storytellers is for storytelling organizations and storytellers to network in this new virtual world - and NSN can be an important part of this task. Let's support and be involved in our **National Storytelling Network!**



Meeting recordings,
Bylaws' revisions, and
the new organizational
chart can be viewed at
storynet.org/events.

Fall Calendar of Seattle Area Events *indicates Seattle Storytellers' Guild event

March

- 3* SSG Zoom Story Swap [Zoom](#) 7:00 PM
(See Page 3)
- 4 Portland Storytellers Show 7:30 PM
[LIVE](#) and [Streaming on Youtube](#)
- 8 South Sound Story Swap 6 PM Live and
[Zoom](#) Featured Tellers open mike (Page 11)
- 13* Under The Rainbow Stories for LGBTQ+
[Zoom](#) (See Page 11)
- 16 Fresh Ground Stories 7 PM [Live](#)
- 17* StoryFest: Luck of the Draw 7 PM
[Zoom](#) (See Page 2)
- 18 Portland Storytellers Extra [Zoom](#) 5 PM
- 21 B.C. Tellers' World Storytelling Day
Concert [Zoom](#) 7—9 PM (Page 11)
- 27 Little Liars Club [Zoom](#) 6 PM
- 28 TBD Storytellers [Zoom](#) 5 PM

Read The Story Beast
A Monthly e-Pub

April

- 1 Portland Storytellers Show [Zoom](#) 7:30 PM
- 11* Under The Rainbow Stories for LGBTQ+
[Zoom](#) (See Page 11)
- 15 Portland Storytellers Extra [Zoom](#) 5 PM
- 20 Fresh Ground Stories 7 PM [Live](#)
- 21* StoryFest: Earth Tales 5:30 PM [Zoom](#)
- 24 Little Liars Club [Zoom](#) 6 PM
- 25 TBD Storytellers [Zoom](#) 5 PM

For an Up-dated Calendar of Regional Storytelling Events

go to Seattlestorytellers.org
And Press [See All Events]

Lots of Special Events are listed in
Judith's Storytelling News (see page 3)

Check the [On Line Calendars](#) of
the Storytelling Communities on p. 9

May

- 5* SSG Zoom Story Swap [Zoom](#) 7:00 PM
(See Page 3)
- 6 Portland Storytellers [Zoom](#) 7:30 PM
- 8* Under The Rainbow Stories for LGBTQ+
[Zoom](#) (See Page 11)
- 13* Playing with Story Workshop Live
9AM—4 PM (Page 5)
- 18 Fresh Ground Stories 7 PM [Live](#)
- 19* Liars SwapFest 7 PM [Zoom](#) (Page 4)
- 20 Portland Storytellers Extra [Zoom](#) 5 PM
- 22 Little Liars Club [Zoom](#) 6 PM
- 26-29 Folklife Story Events

Listen to Auntmama on the Radio:
KBCS's weekly show :Sunday Folks
Airing alternating Sundays,
9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
on 91.3 FM (Bellevue)

Ongoing Events : Seattle Area

Please check before you go! Details may change.

Second Mondays Under the Rainbow [ZOOM](#) Stories from the LGBTQ community—
See Page 11

Second Mondays Fireside Storytellers of Tacoma [ZOOM](#) 6:30 PM (Sept-June)
Contact pmtennison@centurytel.net for details

First Thursdays Moth StorySLAM themed, Fremont Abbey Arts Center
themoth.org/events \$

Second Thursdays North Seattle Storytellers Meetup [VIRTUAL](#)
facebook.com/northseattlestorytellers/

Third Thursdays Fresh Ground Stories. 7 p.m. [Live](#) at Chabad of Queen Anne-
Magnolia in Seattle www.meetup.com/Fresh-Ground-Stories/

First Fridays SSG Story Swaps [ZOOM](#) (Monthly—except April, see Page 2)

Usually Third Fridays Seattle Storytellers Guild StoryFests [ZOOM](#).
(See pages 2, 4 and 5 for dates, times and details!!) (Sept-May)

Third Fridays Moth StorySLAM themed, Bloedel Hall St Marks themoth.org/events \$

Last Fridays Burien Culture Club's 7 Stories at Highline Heritage Museum 7-8:30 PM
burienculturehub.org/7stories for information (Not in December)

Regional Ongoing Events

First Sundays NorthVanTellers Cric Crac Vancouver, BC 7 PM
Contact afisherlang@gmail.com or northvantellers@gmail.com (Sept-June)

Third Mondays Stories at Fern. Nanaimo, BC [VIRTUAL](#)
victoriastorytellers.org

Third Mondays Story People of Clallam County / South Sound Story Guild hosts
Story Works 7-9 PM [ZOOM](#) www.clallamstorypeople.org (Sept-June)

Last Tuesdays TBD Storytellers 5 PM [ZOOM](#)
Link to register: www.anne-norm.com

Second Wednesdays South Sound Story Guild 7 PM [ZOOM](#)
southsoundstory.org (Sept-May)

Second Fridays Portland Storytellers Guild Story Swaps [ZOOM](#)
portlandstorytellers.org (Sept-May)

Second Fridays Around Town Tellers "Stories on Friday," 7:30 pm [VIRTUAL](#)
aroundtowntellers.com/stories-on-friday

First Saturdays Portland Storytellers Guild Member's Showcases [ZOOM](#)

Third Saturdays Portland Storytellers Guild Extra Shows [ZOOM](#)



This reflects the status of these events as of late February, as best we can determine.
If venues open, things may change. Check websites.

FGS Storytelling Workshop, Virtual usually first Sunday of the month in the Afternoon
Bring a story up to eight-minutes long to work on; give and receive feedback.
More info: <https://www.meetup.com/Fresh-Ground-Stories-Storytelling-Workshop/>

The Seattle Storytellers Guild

is fortunate to have been awarded

Sustained Support grants from

4Culture - A cultural funding agency

for King County, Washington,
which helped us recoup much
of our 2022 program expenses
and will also help us next year for 2023.

**We still need and can use your donations,
especially if you are attending our events.**

Suggested Donations of \$5 -\$20

Or more will help us pay our tellers
and other expenses
and expand the growth of storytelling
in our community!



Donate at
Seattlestorytellers.org

Linking up with nearby storytelling communities

Fresh Ground Stories Virtual
Seattle Meetup Group
meetup.com/Fresh-Ground-Stories/

The MOTH : themoth.org/events

Story People of Clallam County
Virtual — Port Angeles
clallamstorypeople.org/

Quimper Story Guild
Port Townsend
facebook.com/QuimperStoryGuild

South Sound Story Guild
Lakewood
southsoundstory.org/

Fireside Storytellers of Tacoma
firesidestorytellersleague.org/
Contact: pmtennison@centurytel.net

Bellingham Storytellers Guild
facebook.com/Bellingham-Storytellers-Guild-120965527946008/

Portland Storytellers Guild
portlandstorytellers.org/

Ellensburg Wind Storytellers
Contact: fallshore@gmail.com

Seattle Storytellers Guild

Membership Form

Circle one: New member or Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Today's Date _____

Individual \$25/year ____ \$70/3 years ____

Family \$35/year ____ \$85/3 years ____

Professional Membership \$75/year ____
(SSG membership plus Web listing)

Additional tax-deductible contribution _____

OK to share your data with National Storytelling _____



**For More info on Local and Regional Events
visit: www.seattlestorytellers.org**

To join the SSG You can fill out the form below and send it to:
Seattle Storytellers Guild
P.O. Box 18361
Seattle, WA 98118
Or go to www.seattlestorytellers.org Click on "Join Now" at
the top of the page. From there you can join or renew online
using PayPal. By clicking the "Pay Now" button or you can print
and mail the form with a check.

Employer matching funds? Check if your employer
will match your SSG membership donation.

Find us on Facebook. Be a fan, get updates, join
discussions.

Professional memberships include guild member-
ship and a listing on the Performing Tellers section of
the guild website. Join with the form on page 9 or at
www.seattlestorytellers.org. You'll be contacted for
details for your web listing.



The Benefits of Joining the Seattle Storytellers Guild!

As a SSG member, you join a active community of story lovers, who plan and present regular events for listening to and for telling stories—with lots of opportunities to volunteer and help us promote oral storytelling in a variety of ways. Generally, there are 1or 2 workshops per school year. A colorful quarterly newsletter arrives in your inbox, filled with news, events, articles and tips on storytelling. Monthly story swaps are intended for learning and practicing stories in a supportive environment, with helpful feedback, if desired. There are member discounts on certain programs and workshops.

Sure, anyone can attend our programs whether a member or not. But without our members, we would not have been here for forty years. Our organization since its beginning, has depended on the support and activity of its members—all volunteers who contribute a great deal to the Guild's regular and special storytelling events, the swaps, and workshops

We are not kidding when we say that "we need you!"

Now more comes with your Seattle Storytellers Guild membership

The **Seattle Storytellers Guild** recently became an **Organizational Member** of **Story Crossroads** – a non-profit Utah Based Storytelling Festival and Organization. That means that paid-up Guild Members will have access to their exclusive content and connections (including monthly articles, quarterly e-workbooks, Zoom hangouts, discounts with businesses, and reduced prices for Story Crossroads offerings like the Story Crossroads Academy with its self-led tuition-based online storytelling courses. (All this a \$50 value). If you are already a Guild member—contact Treasurer@seattlestorytellers.org to be added to our Organizational Membership group!



SSG Members get a discount when joining or renewing memberships in the **National Storytelling Network**. NSN members have exclusive access to lots of resources on its web site —storynet.org, including Greenwood's World Folklore and Folklife Resource and Database Guide and discounts for NSN programs and now opportunity for a free membership in one of NSN's Special Interest Groups as well. **Contact Barry McWilliams** for the Guild's membership discount code.

Professional SSG members can have a listing in the "Find a Storyteller" section of the Seattle Storytellers Guild website. Contact [Larry Hohm](#) regarding that.

Women's Storytelling Festival



The **2023 Women's Storytelling Festival** starts on Friday March 24, 2023 and runs through Sunday March 26, 2023 at the Old Town Hall in Fairfax, VA. The festival features performances by 27 storytellers and will be in-person, in front of a live audience, as well as streaming online. Everyone who purchases a ticket through the website, whether purchasing a virtual-only or an in-person ticket, will receive an email with the virtual festival pass, to watch the videos for one month after.

THE 2023 WOMEN'S STORYTELLING FESTIVAL STORYTELLERS:

Our own **Eva Abram**, Shweta Bhatt, Laura Deal, Lynette Ford, Rachel Ann Harding, Sammie James, Jenn Kamara, Bowen Lee, Misty Mator, Roopa Mohan, Carol Moore, Jennifer Munro, Mo Reynolds, Cindy Rivka Marshall, Anne Rutherford, Nancy Wang, Donna Washington, Kim Weitkamp, Megan Wells, and Cyndi Wish!

Visit <https://www.bettersaidthandone.com/womens-festival/> to find out more about the storytellers and to purchase Festival Tickets

They are also hosting a story contest at the festival. Over 300 people voted for their favorite storytellers and the top seven are competing in the **People's Choice Storytelling Contest**. The contest is part of the festival and your festival ticket gives you access to watch and to vote.



Under the Rainbow
LGBTQIA+ Storytelling Series
 for Teens and adults

Second Mondays: Live Streamed on Zoom.

6:00 pm Socializing; 6:30–7:45 pm

Featured and open-mic storytelling

Each story followed by group conversation.

No admission fee.

March 13th: Nancy Kiefer * April 10th: Eddie Estrada

Check their website for other Winter Events at

<https://edmondsnac.net/under-the-rainbow/>

Zoom Link : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83671133469>

Under the Rainbow is supported by Seattle Storytellers Guild, Edmonds Library, Edmonds Arts Commission, Edmonds Neighborhood Action Coalition, and grants from the Pride Foundation.

Around Town Tellers

Stories on Friday

Live in person and also via Zoom.

2nd Fridays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Unitarian Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo, BC.



Around Town Tellers

Upcoming Shows: March 10: Fur & Feathers April 14: Storyteller Favorites
 May 12: Moments in History June 9: Away We Go!

Zoom tickets \$10 at www.aroundtowntellers.com/stories-on-friday

For more information or if you are interested in telling,

contact Christine at the.around.town.tellers@gmail.com



The Six Storytelling Groups in BC, Canada
are hosting a Story Concert on March 21st to honor

World Storytelling Day

On the Theme: "Together We Can"

On Zoom and free

Time: Tuesday, March 21st, from 7 to 9 pm. (Pacific Daylight Time)

Register to get the Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/2023World>

Contact for more information: <https://www.aroundtowntellers.com/events>

Or contact Christine at the.around.town.tellers@gmail.com

Celtic Harpist & Storyteller Patrick Ball presents



The Fine Beauty of the Island

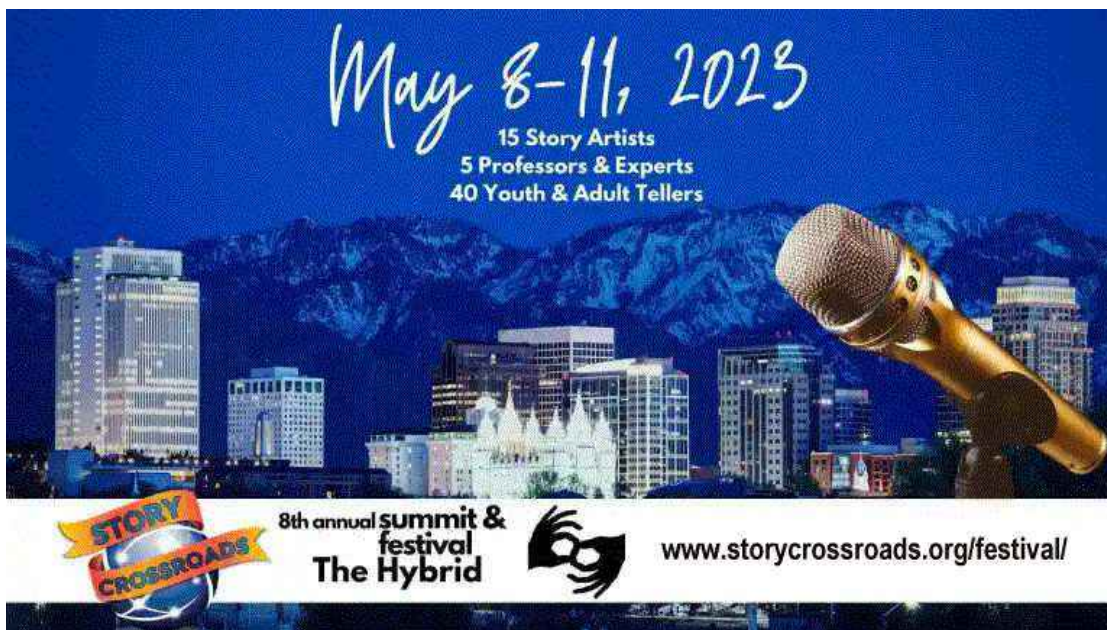
at Green Lake United Methodist Church, Seattle,

March 4th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

"Patrick Ball rekindles the fire and wonder of an evening of Irish storytelling. For in telling the marvelous old tales of wit and enchantment, and in playing the ancient, brass strung harp, he not only carries on two of the richest traditions of Celtic culture, but blends them to create a warm and magical performance."

Mary Dessein says: "A rare Seattle appearance by a master – not to be missed!"

Tickets : <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5710002>



"Hybrid" because you can attend workshops and concerts in person, online, or both.

Included in tickets – hybrid 5-hour workshop (in-person, virtual-live, or enjoy recording) guided by Norm Brecke



The TBD storytellers are

Anne Rutherford, Simon Brooks,
Paul Strickland, Norm Brecke,
Ingrid Nixon, Jeff Doyle, & Antonio Rocha.

Upcoming Shows:

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

5 PM Pacific time on Zoom

For lots of other
Virtual Storytelling and Workshops
follow these Facebook Pages

[The Seattle Storytellers Guild](#)

[Storytelling Seattle](#)

[Portland Storytellers Guild](#)

[The Storytellers Network](#)

[Artists Standing Strong Together](#)

[National Storytelling Network](#)

[Federation of Asian Storytellers](#)

[Worldwide Virtual Storytelling Guild](#)

[Storytelling Association of California](#)



First Saturdays
8-10 AM Pacific Time
\$5—\$25 w/ Recording