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IN THE WIND

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Dear Friends,

Hope all your gardens are in and your feet raised comfortably as you read this!

The summer finds the Guild with its feet planted in the ground and its nose to the grindstone (with its tales in the air....?). The Board of Directors has had several all day meetings, working towards a more efficient administration of this ever expanding organization of ours. We are spurred on for two reasons: the need to organize so that we can better respond to the interests and requests of our 200 plus members, and to involve more members in the development and planning of Guild events.

In addition to administrative structuring, the Board has also made some major changes in the activities of the Guild and come to grips with financial realities. We'd like to present the ideas and changes to the membership and hear your suggestions in person! So, please, set June 15, 7:30 to 9:00 PM, aside on your calendars, for the first annual GENERAL MEETING. It will be a chance for everyone to meet Board members, hear their committee reports and plans for next year, and most importantly, for members to offer advice, suggestions, and work time on the various committees. Also, we will be taking self nominations for the Board position of Treasurer. The meeting will be held at the Good Shepherd Center in Wallingford. An agenda will be available at the door and, after the reports, ample time for discussion. Please make a special effort to come!! As a volunteer organization, we depend on your help and support. We really need you.

If you want to become more involved in the Guild, but are unable to attend the GENERAL MEETING, please call 634-1634 and leave your name and phone number on the answering machine. Specify the area of interest: Finance, Program Development, Publicity, or Facility (finding the Guild a home). To head up a committee or nominate yourself for Treasurer, call by June 15.

Our rapid growth leads to other needs. We are forced to raise the membership dues to \$10 per year. Maintaining the tape library, office supplies, and newsletter production have kept us in the red much of the year. If your newsletter is stamped "RENEW" please use the enclosed form to do so. If not, please pass the form on to a friend.

GUEST ARTIST SERIES

The Guest Artist Series is regularly held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside N., Seattle. Please Note, however, that there will be no Guest Artist Program in July and August. The series will resume again on the second Wednesday in September. Introduce your friends to the joys of storytelling on these evenings. All of the programs will begin at 7:30 pm.

JUNE 9: Bring the whole family to this playful night of TRICKSTER TALES. You'll laugh at, sigh with and most of all relate to the troublesome tricksters who appear in folk tales from every culture. Sylvia Herom, Merna Hecht, Richard Greenberg and Clare Cuddy will tell some of their favorite adventures of Br'er Rabbit, Ananse, Jack and the Hodga, to name just a few. \$2.00 non-members, \$1.50 members, .75¢ 12 and under.

SEPTEMBER 8: AN EVENING WITH SYLVIA HEROM. This is a night you must not miss! In her storytelling, Sylvia has the rare ability to convey and enlarge upon the humor and pathos of everyday life. You'll find yourselves holding your sides in laughter one minute and then shivering at the dark side of things that go bump in the night. Her stories will be best suited for ages 7 through adult. Check the Calendar for opportunities to hear Sylvia's stories through the summer. \$3.00 non-members. \$2.50 members. \$1.00 12 and under.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ PLEASE RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

☐ I WANT TO JOIN SEATTLE STORYTELLERS' GUILD

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$ 10.00 / year

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Calendar

- JUNE 9: Trickster Tales told by Guild members at the Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside North, Seattle. 7:30 pm. \$2.00 non-members, \$1.50 members, .75¢ 12 and under.
- JUNE 13: Joseph Campbell/Visionary Journey. Kane Hall 130, University of Washington. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. \$30.00.
- JUNE 15: GENERAL MEETING! 7:30pm - 9:00 pm. Good Shepherd Center. Please Come!!!!
- JUNE 19: Stories, Songs and Poetry of West Africa told by Clare Cuddy and Ken Agena. DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, Third Floor, Auditorium at 2:00 pm. 625-4992.
- JUNE 4: Story 'n' Snack pot-luck dessert and story swap for members. 7:30 pm. NEW LOCATION: 6028 3rd NW. Apt. #1, Seattle.
- JUNE 26: Faery Tales for Children will be told and sung by Erica Helm Meade and Michael Meade. Island Center House, Bainbridge Island at 10:30 am. \$1.00 children. \$2.00 adults.
- JUNE 28: Shadow Spirits and Singing Bamboo. Cathy Spagnoli will share stories, songs and poetry of IndoChina. QUEEN ANNE LIBRARY 400 West Garfield. 625-4901. 7:30 pm.
- JULY 3: Regional American Storytelling with Merna Hecht for ages 7 through adult. On the lawn next to Broadway Performance Hall, corner of Broadway and East Pine. 1 pm. free.
- JULY 7: Sylvia Herom begins a series of four storytelling sessions for ages 7 through adult. 10 am at the Federal Way Library branch of King County Library system. Also on July 14, 21 and 28. 848 South 320th, Federal Way. 839-0257.
- JULY 7: Summer Around the World. Cathy Spagnoli will tell Folktales at 1:30 pm at the Museum of History and Industry. 324-1125.
- JULY 7: Clare Cuddy, Cathy Spagnoli and Ken Agena will tell Stories Songs and Poetry of West Africa at the NORTHEAST LIBRARY, 6801 35th Ave. NE at 7 pm.
- JULY 10: ELANA FREELAND will tell Fairy Tales With Stand-Up Puppets for ages 3-8 at 1pm on the lawn next to the Broadway Performance Hall at the corner of Broadway and East Pine. free.
- JULY 12: Stories, Songs and Poetry of West Africa with Cathy Spagnoli and Ken Agena. RAINIER BEACH LIBRARY 9125 Rainier Ave. S. 7pm
- JULY 14: Shadow Spirits and Singing Bamboo with Cathy Spagnoli at COLUMBIA LIBRARY, 4721 Rainier S. 7 pm.
- JULY 15: Shadow Spirits and Singing Bamboo with Cathy Spagnoli at MONTLAKE LIBRARY, 2300 24th East. 2 PM.

- JULY 17: Storytelling in American Sign Language will be presented by Jer Loudenback, faculty member of Seattle Central Community College's Interpreter Training Program. 1 pm, on the lawn next to Broadway Performance Hall, corner of Broadway and East Pine. Program suitable for all ages.
- JULY 17: Shadow Spirits and Singing Bamboo with Cathy Spagnoli at the DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, Third Floor Auditorium, 2 pm.
- JULY 21: Summer Around the World. Cathy Spagnoli will tell Folktales at 1:30 pm at the Museum of History and Industry 324-1125.
- JULY 24: Talking Drums - Singing Bamboo. Cathy Spagnoli will tell stories from West Africa and IndoChina for ages 7- adult. 1 pm on the lawn next to the Broadway Performance Hall, corner of Broadway and East Pine. free.
- JULY 28: Tales From Northwest Coast Tribes will be told by Clare Cuddy and Marilyn Murphy at the BROADVIEW LIBRARY, 12755 Greenwood N. at 7:30 pm.
- JULY 29: Story 'n' Snack pot-luck dessert and story swap for members 7:30 pm. NEW LOCATION: 6028 3rd NW, Apt #1, Seattle.
- JULY 31: Clare Cuddy will tell Stories From Around the World for ages 7 - adult at 1 pm., on the lawn next to the Broadway Performance Hall at the corner of Broadway and East Pine. free.
- AUGUST 2: Tales From Northwest Coast Tribes will be told by Clare Cuddy and Marilyn Murphy at SOUTHWEST LIBRARY, 9010 35th SW at 7 PM.
- AUGUST 4: Sylvia Herom will begin a series of readings from Classical literature to be held Wednesday mornings from 10-10:45 am. Selections will be read from King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and Robin Hood among others. The program is for ages 9 and up, and Sylvia encourages adults to come too. King County's Federal Way Library, 848 South 320th (just west of SeaTac Mall.) Also held on August 11, 18 and 25.
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Tales From Northwest Coast Tribes will be told by Clare Cuddy and Marilyn Murphy at the following locations:
- AUGUST 5: UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, 5009 Roosevelt Way NE, 7 PM.
- AUGUST 11: WEST SEATTLE LIBRARY, 2306 42nd SW, 7 PM.
- AUGUST 14: DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, Third Floor Auditorium, 2 PM.
- August 26: Story 'n' Snack. 6028 3rd NW, Apt. #1, Seattle.
- SEPTEMBER 8: The Guild presents An Evening With Sylvia Herom at 7:30 PM at the Good Shepherd Center. \$3.00 non-members, \$2.00 members. \$1.00 12 and under.

Classes

The Guild will not offer storytelling classes this summer in order to be able to address some of the more pressing administrative issues. We will begin offering classes again in the Fall through the Experimental College. Call 543-4375 later in the summer to receive your course listings. In the meantime, beginning and intermediate storytelling students, and members who have not taken a class are encouraged to come to the Story 'n' Snack nights on the last Thursday of the month. See the CALENDAR for the NEW LOCATION of Story 'n' Snack.

Workshops

WRITING AND TELLING: TO MAKE A STORY LIVE. This is a workshop for people who have collected stories from experience or other's lives who would like to learn how to explore and develop those stories through writing. The relationship between writing and telling will also be part of the study. The workshop will be taught by Margaret Scarborough, PhD., visiting faculty member at the University of Washington. The workshop will consist of four sessions held on July 20 and 27 and August 3 and 10 from 3-5 pm or 7:30-9:30. Exact time will be arranged at registration. \$24.00, Call the Guild at 634-1634 to register and please state time preference.

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Storyteller CYNTHIA ORR will be teaching two one week storytelling classes as part of Portland State University's Haystack program. A beginners class will be held July 12-16 and an Intermediate class will be held July 19-23. Both classes will explore body language, vocal techniques, story selection and preparation. The class will be limited to 20 and students will be telling stories. Contact, Haystack, Portland State University, P.O. Box 1491, Portland, Ore. 97207

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ROBERT BELA WILHELM, storyteller, pastoral theologian and publisher of STORYFEST QUARTERLY will conduct a two-and-a-half day seminar with limited enrollment on August 24-26 at Palisades Retreat House, Tacoma. "Telling and Listening: Stories for Marriage and Family Enrichment" is designed for all persons whose ministry or personal life involves marriage and family life. For Brochure, write or call: STORYFEST PRODUCTIONS, 4912 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118 (415) 751 8326.

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The THIRD ANNUAL STORYTELLING RESIDENCY led by Laura Simms and Guest Artists will be held at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut from August 30 through September 5, 1982. The residency will be a week-long process of workshops, discussions, concerts and special events to develop in-depth understanding and practice of the art of the storyteller. The cost is \$300 (which includes room and board). Participation is limited to 24 people. For more information, write to Laura Simms, 814 Broadway, New York, New York 10003. Please include a statement of your interest in and background in storytelling.

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Special Notes

The Seattle Public Library has given the Guild a grant from the Robert C. Bunn Fund to present stories, songs, and poetry from West African, IndoChinese, and Native Northwest Coast cultures. The programs will be presented at several library branches throughout June, July, and August. We are very excited about the support the Seattle Public Library is giving to the Guild and the active role it is taking in helping perpetuate storytelling in Seattle. A special aspect of the grant is that it provides opportunities for serious storytelling students to begin telling in the community. Cathy Spagnoli, Clare Cuddy, Ken Agena, and Marilyn Murphy will be performing at various programs. Check the CALENDAR for specific program details.

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Merna Hecht, Elana Freeland, Clare Cuddy, and Cathy Spagnoli will be featured at free outdoor storytelling programs on Saturdays at 1:00 PM throughout the month of July. The programs will be held on the lawn next to (or inside of, in case of rain!) the Broadway Performance Hall located at the corner of Broadway and East Pine. These events are part of Seattle Central Community College's SUMMER ON THE LAWN '82. Call the College at 587-3806 weekdays for further information, and see the CALENDAR for details.

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Seattle's Public Radio Station, KUOW 95 FM airs a fine locally produced program on Saturday mornings at 9:30. "Our Own Folk", hosted by Jon Lindeman, highlights local performing artists and has begun including Seattle storytellers as a regular part of its weekly fare. Sylvia Herom will be featured throughout June.

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It's a real joy to be able to announce a major accomplishment of one of our Guild members! Dr. Margaret Read MacDonald, Children's Librarian for the Bothell branch of the King County Library system, has just had a book published that will be of immense value to anyone interested in storytelling. Storyteller's Sourcebook is an index by subject, motif, and title to over 700 collections of folktales. It includes a separate Ethnic and Geographic Index to help in planning story programs. The King Country Library will be honoring Margie at a reception on Friday, June 18 from 2 to 4 PM at their Service Center, 300 8th Avenue North. All Guild members are invited to attend. Call Bob Polishuk at 344-7455 if you plan to attend.

SEE YOU AT THE GENERAL MEETING ON JUNE 15 !! (See letter on front page.)

Clare Cuddy, Director

Tobiatha Tucker, Newsletter Editor

HUNTING IN THE LIGHT

The moon shone through the window into the little house where Mulla Nasr-ed-Din Hodja and his wife were getting ready for the night by the light of a single flickering candle. There was the clink of a coin dropping and rolling across the floor.

"Let's wait till morning to hunt for it." The Mulla yawned.

"I won't sleep a wink unless I find it," snapped Fatima, falling to her knees to search. The Mulla knew that if Fatima did not sleep, he would not be allowed to close his eyes either. So down on his knees he creaked to join her in hunting for the lost coin.

"I think it rolled this way," he said, creeping toward the door.

"No, I think it rolled this way," said Fatima, creeping in the opposite direction.

They searched under tables and chairs. They explored every dark corner with only the wavering candle for light. They scraped their knees and bumped their heads. They knocked over a pottery jug full of water. But Fatima would not give up the hunt.

The Mulla stood up to stretch his cramped back muscles. He glanced through the window at the moonlit world outside. Immediately he ran into the courtyard, dropped on his knees, and started crawling about. He patted the ground searchingly with his hands, first on one side and then on the other.

"What are you doing out there?" It was Fatima's voice from the doorway.

"Looking for the lost coin, of course," said the Mulla as he crept round and round the trunk of the mulberry tree, silvery in the moonlight.

"You lost your coin in the house, Stupid!" his wife reminded him. "We heard it roll along the floor. Remember? Why are you hunting for it outdoors?"

"It's dark in the house. There's no light but that one sputtering candle," explained the Mulla. He crawled through the cucumber patch peering under the big leaves one by one. "It's too dark in the house to find anything. But, thanks to that beautiful moon, it is almost as light as day out here. Who would hunt for anything in that dark house when there is such a wonderful place as this to look for a lost coin?" And the Mulla crawled toward the wall where the jasmine flowers gleamed white and fragrant in the moonlight.

Taken from Once the Mulla, Persian Folk Tales
retold by Alice Geer Kelsy

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