

*in the Wind*

Seattle Storytellers' Guild Summer 1993, Vol. XVI, Number 3

# National Storytelling Concert Tops Off Conference - July 11

Don't miss this one! Mark your calendars! Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. an extraordinary line-up of national tellers will be performing in a benefit concert for the guild in the HUB auditorium on the UW campus. The line-up includes Dianne Ferlatte, storyteller at President Clinton's inauguration; Donald Davis, master

teller, teacher and author; and Sandra MacLees, back by popular demand; David Novak, known for his off-beat original stories and Jeanine Pasini Beekman, teller of Texas folklore and stories of strong women.

This unique program is the perfect ending to the National Conference or, if you were unable to attend, a chance to spend the afternoon with some of our finest national tellers.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$7 for SSG members. For more information call (206) 682-4636.

## National Festival Features Diverse Group of Tellers

The annual Northwest Storytelling Festival will be held this year on October 16 at the Nordic Heritage Museum. Instead of four featured tellers, this year's festival will feature a diverse, exciting group of tellers and presenters. Morning workshops will include masking-making, improvisational theater and storytelling techniques. An afternoon family concert and lunch time story swap are also planned. The evening concert will feature four regional tellers.

Pre-registration forms will be available at the NAPPS Conference in July and in the fall SSG newsletter. Like last year, pre-registrants will have the option of pre-ordering a lunch to be delivered on site. Watch the newsletter for further details and don't miss out on this stellar Northwest storytelling event!

## New Guild Officers Elected

On Sunday, June 6, members of the Seattle Storytellers' Guild elected the following members as officers:

**President:** Dawn Kuhlman and Cherie Trebon will share the responsibilities of this office.

**Vice-President:** Margie MacDonald.

**Secretary:** Gene Friese.

**Membership and Festival Directors:** Debra Harris-Branham and Phyllis Silling will share responsibilities for these positions.

**Treasurer:** Sally Porter Smith.

**Newsletter Editor:** Susan Veltfort.

**Publicity:** Kathleen Sider.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Avis Jobrack.

**Membership-at-Large:** Camille Wooden.



# Bringing Home the Bacon from the Storytelling Conference

by Sharon Creedon

You can approach the July national conference two ways: free-flowing or goal-oriented. Both ways will get results because just being around so many storytellers and storytellers and stories will change you. So just go and soak up the stories and the people. Or go with some goals in mind to help further your growth as a storyteller.

I recommend goal setting to get "more bang for your buck." Even when I went to my first tiny storytelling gathering in Tennessee, I wrote down things I wanted to accomplish. Secretly in my heart of hearts, I wanted to be an instant mega-star and make a million bucks. What did I know? Luckily, I had more realistic goals such as "Buy books with ghost stories."

Here are some suggestions to help you get the most from your experience:

## Before the conference:

1. Pick a focus for your storytelling. Do some hard thinking about how you want to use storytelling in your life. Are you interested in beginning to use storytelling in your classroom? Are you needing advice on starting to perform professionally?
2. Acquaint yourself with the program and the presenters:
  - Read the conference schedule and tentatively circle the presentations that will address your focus.
  - Review the presenters' books and tapes before you attend. Margaret Read MacDonald had an excellent resource list in the spring issue of *In the Wind*. Take this list to a King County Library and use the computer to have available resources sent to your home.
  - Attend the library performances of out-of-state tellers which are listed in this issue.
3. Write down your goals in the notebook you will carry to the conference. Some suggested goals:
  - Hear new tellers.
  - Make new friends from your area.
  - Make a new friend from out of state.
  - Specifically observe performance technique; example: how tellers use their hands.
  - Buy tapes and books about your favorite topic. (Chauni Haslet of All for Kids will have an excellent selection of resources).

## During the conference:

1. Be present in heart, mind and soul. Show up early. Talk to strangers. Ask questions. Join in!
2. Pat Peterson's favorite tip is "collect papers." Gather brochures, fliers, reading lists and save them in a big folder.
3. After each presentation, write out what you learned. Simply taking notes is easy for me, but I get more out a session when I discipline myself to analyze and write one sentence about how the information applies to me.

## After the conference:

1. Review and file away your notes and papers.
2. Write postcards to new friends to say "I'm glad I met ya."
3. Start using those resources.
4. Set a new goal for your next step in storytelling.

Finally, perhaps the best way to take something home from the conference is to put something into it—Volunteer! Call Avis Jobrack, 752-7297.

## Publisher's Panel Planned for NAPPS Conference

Editors from three publishing houses who specialize in storytelling materials will be speaking at the NAPPS Conference, Thursday, July 8 at 1:30. The panel was added when Penninah Schram found she had to cancel her commitment to attend because of a European tour. The three editors speaking are Suzanne Barchers, editor of Teacher Ideas Press, a branch of Libraries Unlimited; Judy O'Malley, editor at H.W. Wilson; and Liz Parkhurst, editor and owner of August House. The three will speak about navigating the waters of the publishing industry, with much advice for would-be authors.





# Sources: About Stories and the Folks Who Tell Them

by Margaret Read MacDonald, King County Library System

A new addition to our NAPPS Conference program! George Shannon will be speaking at 10:30 on Friday, July 9. He fills a slot vacated when Diane Wolkstein found she could not attend. So stop reading the Wolkstein bibliography I gave you last issue and start in on George's books. George is probably best known to you as the author of *Stories to Solve*:

*Courtales from Around the World* (Greenwillow, 1985) and *More Stories to Solve* (Greenwillow, 1991). Each contains well-told elaborations of riddle tales from around the world. George will demonstrate the use of some of these tales in storytime settings. As former children's librarian and touring storyteller, George knows our needs well. His picture books *Dance Away* (illus. by Jose Aruego, Greenwillow, 1982) and *Lizard's Song* (illus. by Jose Aruego, Greenwillow, 1981) are delightful read-alouds for storytime and tell beautifully. I often recommend them to beginning tellers as the illustrated version makes them easy to learn, and the sure-fire texts never fail to



delight. Another storytelling favorite is George's *Piney Woods Peddler* (Greenwillow, 1981).

George is also the author of *The Knock at the Door: Oryx Multicultural Folktale Series* (Oryx, 1992), a collection of variants of "The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids"; *Storytelling: A Selected Annotated Bibliography* (written with Ellis Greene) (Garlord, 1986); *Folk Literature and Children: an Annotated Bibliography* (Greenwood, 1981); Young adult novel, *Unlived Affections* (Harper Collins, 1989); and numerous other titles. Best of all, George is moving to Seattle! He will soon be living on Bainbridge Island. So let's take this opportunity to welcome George to our area.

## Storytellers in Libraries

Tuesday	July 6	11 a.m.	Kent Regional, KCLS	Dianne Ferlatte
Tuesday	July 6	1:30 p.m.	Burien Library, KCLS	David Novak
Tuesday	July 6	2 p.m.	Boulevard Park, KCLS	Dianne Ferlatte
Tuesday	July 6	7 p.m.	Bothell Library, KCLS	Dianne Ferlatte
Tuesday	July 6	7 p.m.	Newport Way Library, KCLS	David Novak
Wednesday	July 7	10:30 a.m.	Henry Branch, SPL	Doug Lipman
Wednesday	July 7	11 a.m.	Woodinville Library, KCLS	Dianne Ferlatte
Wednesday	July 7	2 p.m.	Fairwood Library, KCLS	Dianne Ferlatte
Wednesday	July 7	2 p.m.	Issaquah Library, KCLS	David Novak
Wednesday	July 7	7 p.m.	Burien Library, KCLS	Donald Davis
Wednesday	July 7	7 p.m.	Mercer Island Library, KCLS	Rosalyn Bresnick-Perry
Friday	July 9	2 p.m.	Green Lake Branch, SPL	Donald Davis
Monday	July 12	11 a.m.	Columbia Branch, SPL	Dianne Ferlatte
Monday	July 12	2 p.m.	Ranier Beach Branch, SPL	Dianne Ferlatte
Monday	July 12	2 p.m.	Queen Anne Branch, SPL	David Novak
Monday	July 12	7 p.m.	West Seattle Branch, SPL	David Novak
Monday	July 12	7 p.m.	Des Moines Library, KCLS	Donald Davis
Monday	July 12	7 p.m.	Lake Forest Park Library, KCLS	Dianne Ferlatte
Monday	July 12	6:30 p.m.	320th Federal Way, KCLS	John Braden Dashney
Tuesday	July 13	1:30 p.m.	Vashon Library, KCLS	Donald Davis
Tuesday	July 13	7 p.m.	Bothell Library, KCLS	Donald Davis



# Calendar of Events

## July



**3-5** **Debbie Deutsch** performs at the Heritage Festival at Marymoor Park in Redmond, 1 p.m. all three days. Call 483-2098 for more information.

**7** **Ruth Stotter**, Storyteller, presents "The King and the Storyteller," a program for children. When the queen offers a bag of jewels to anyone who can make the King say "I am amazed," Ruthie-Toothie the storyteller decides to try. 11 a.m. Peninsula Branch Library, 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr. NW, Pierce County Library System (851-3793). Sponsored by the Nancy A. Carlson Memorial Fund.

**7** **Ruth Stotter**, Storyteller, presents a workshop for adults: "Tell Me a Story: Parenting and the Joys of Storytelling. 2 p.m. Peninsula Branch Library, 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr. NW, Pierce County Library System (851-3793). Sponsored by the Nancy A. Carlson Memorial Fund.

**7-11** **National Storytelling Conference in Seattle.** See story on page 1.

**9-10** The 13th Annual **Michigan Storytellers Festival** features David Novak; Doug and Frankie Quimby and Native American storytellers Joe Bruchac, Johnnie Moses and Simon Otto. Contact the Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48502, (313) 232-7111 ext. 224.

**10** The Nordic Heritage Museum holds its eighth annual **Tivoli Festival** from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This miniature version of the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen features the Bite of Scandinavia, craft booths, beer and wine gardens, children's games and movies, and a salmon barbecue. 3014 NW 67th Street in Ballard. For more information call 789-5707.

**12-17** **Storytelling retreat** with Barbara Griffin, author of the Storyteller Guidebook series. Six-day Oregon storytelling retreat focuses

on freelance and educational storytelling. Contact Barbara Budge Griffin, Ten South Keene Way Drive, Medford, OR 97504, (503) 773-3006.

**16** **Susan G. Blain** presents "The Wind Between the Stars," planetary musings and post-conference ramblings. Open mike at 7 p.m., featured teller 8 p.m. Burke Museum, UW campus, \$5 general, \$3 SSG members. For more information call 621-8646.

**17** **Guemes Island Storytelling Retreat** with Margaret Read MacDonald. Audience participation folktales, research techniques, integrating folklore into the classroom. 1 credit SPU. Call (206) 827-6430 for info. \$60 workshop, \$30 credit. Includes ferry, lunch, and 3-hour follow-up class.

**21** **Board Meeting.** For location call 621-8646.

**22** Debbie Deutsch performs at 2 p.m. at the Edmonds Library. **Origami Stories** with hands-on workshop following. Call 483-2098 for information.

**24-25** **10th Illinois Storytelling Festival:** "Voices Across the Prairie." Life stories, ghost stories, stories of the plains. Contact Jim May, P.O. Box 1012, Woodstock, IL 60098, (815) 648-2039.

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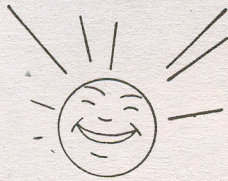
**27** Maggie Bennet and her Irish Harp perform **Songs and Stories from Ireland** at the Bothell Library, 7 p.m.

**29** **Story 'n Snack** potluck dessert and story swap. Share a story and talk about storytelling. 7:30 to 10 p.m. New location in July and August. For directions call Sharon Creedon, 935-2850.





## August



**18 The Way We Like It:** Camille Woodin and Dawn Kuhlman perform at the Bothell Library, 2 p.m.

**18 Board Meeting.** For location call 621-8646.

**20 Cherie Trebon** tells "Stories Learned at my Daddy's Knee," a combination of traditional and personal stories. Open mike at 7 p.m., featured teller 8 p.m. Burke Museum, UW campus, \$5 general, \$3 SSG members. For more information call 621-8646.

**20-22 Workshop: Personal Narrative and Cultural Perspective.** Examine family and personal experience stories. Contact Jim May, P.O. Box 1012, Woodstock, IL 60098, (815) 648-2039.

**26 Story 'n Snack** potluck dessert and story swap. Share a story and talk about storytelling. 7:30 to 10 p.m. 3202 - 11th Avenue W. (Queen Anne). For more information call Sally Porter Smith, 284-2315.

**27-28 Timpanogos Storytelling Festival** in Orem, Utah features nationally renowned storytellers Anndrena Belcher, Len Cabral, Heather Forest, Bill Harley, Syd Lieberman, Jackie Torrance; plus many regional storytellers. Call (800) 888-8499 for tickets. Call (801) 224-7161 for more information or write 58 N. State, Orem, UT 84057.

**29 Annual SSG Family Potluck and Story Swap,** 3 to 7 p.m. in North Seattle. The Guild will provide beverages, eating utensils and paper plates. Bring a dish and a story to share. Call Cherie Trebon for directions, 525-0380.



## September

**10-12 Tell it in the Mountains,** with Ed Stivender, Ray Hicks, Susan Klein, Johnny Moses, Heather Forest, Fred Park, Barbara McBride-Smith. Downtown Development, P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802, (704) 251-9973.

**15 Board Meeting.** For location call 621-8646.

**17 Sharon Creedon** tells "When I am an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Tye-Dye," stories of women in their prime. Open mike at 7 p.m., featured teller 8 p.m. Burke Museum, UW campus, \$5 general, \$3 SSG members. For more information call 621-8646.

**17-18 The 13th Annual Northern Appalachian Storytelling Festival,** Mansfield University, stars Jackie Torrence, David Holt and Jim May. Shows, master classes and two-day Torrence workshop. Contact Dr. Vernon Lapps, P.O. Box 117, Mansfield, PA 16933, (717) 662-4782.

**30 Story 'n Snack** potluck dessert and story swap. Join us and Sharon Creedon, professional storyteller, for an evening of stories and dessert. Sharon will tell a story and talk about storytelling. 7:30 to 10 p.m. For more information call Cherie Trebon, 525-0382.

## October



**1-3 National Storytelling Festival,** Jonesborough, Tennessee. New events include the Showcase of Traditions, honoring America's first storytellers; and Midnight Cabaret, a late-night adventure for adults. Call (800) 525-4514.

**22-24 The Sixth Annual St. Augustine Folk Festival** with stage performances and workshops. Contact Carl and Patty Rang, 6315 C R 208, St. Augustine, FL 32092, (904) 824-9550.

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**Through December 31,** El Centro de la Raza offers workshops in oral history to seniors and youth (18-21), and art and poetry to youth. For information, call 329-2974.

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Plans are afloat for storytelling on a regular basis in Port Angeles this summer. Details need to be worked out. The teller would be paid on a donation basis. A place to stay for the teller may be provided. If you will be in the Port Angeles area this summer and are interested, please call Josephine Pederson at (206) 457-3169.



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

\_\_\_\_ Please include my name on mailing lists for related events.

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