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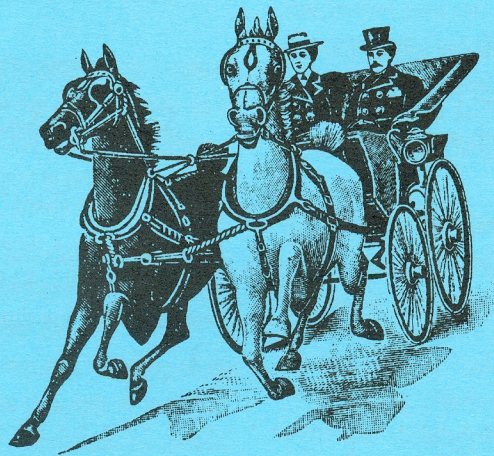
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We're moving!

The once-a-month storytelling program is moving out of New City and into the Roadrunner Cafe in Wallingford. We also have a new day and time: 3rd Sundays, 1:30-3 p.m. We are hoping this will be a better fit for those of you who are faithful attendees and those who would like to be but have found Mondays inconvenient.

We are sure the Roadrunner will be a more comfortable place for everyone. It is a small (but not too small) neighborhood cafe, already a popular site for The Folklore Society's musical programs. The Roadrunner is very excited to add storytelling to its regular programs. The cafe is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays and serves a full brunch all day.

The menu is varied and luscious: omelets, frittatas, quiches, waffles, pastries and more. They will also be serving sandwiches. They serve espresso drinks, coffee, regular and herbal tea, and have a wide selection of cold beverages as well. We think this will make an excellent stop for lunch and storytelling after Sunday morning activities. Parking is on-street, and generally not hard to find. We are hoping this will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between the



Roadrunner and the Guild.

Please join us for our first afternoon in Wallingford on January 19. The featured teller will be Kevin Cotter. Kevin is from New Zealand and in the last two years has quickly become a Seattle favorite. He will be telling stories from *Down Under* and will be followed by an open mike, as usual. Admission is \$3 for members and nonmembers alike.

Address and Directions:

The Roadrunner Cafe
2123 N. 40th (on the corner of
40th and Bagley)
547-3559

From I-5 North or South, take the 45th street exit and head west on 45th. Turn left on Bagley, (just before you pass the Guild 45th Theater) and

head down five blocks. The Roadrunner is on the southwest corner of 40th and Bagley.

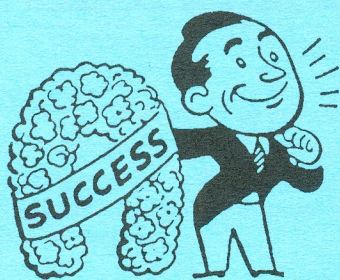
Programs and Dates:

January 19 — Kevin Cotter
February 16 — Avis Jobrack
March 16 — TBA
April 20 — Alison Cox
May 18 — Naomi Baltuck

1996 Storytelling Festival

Cheers, cheers, cheers for a great festival! Workshops, stories, pre-festival institutes, story-swapping, resources, cinnamon buns—we had it all in abundance.

Our featured tellers, Tomaseen Foley, Sandra Niman, Dorothy Ormes, Kaetz and Glover, and the Thai tellers, presented excellent workshops and shared wonderful stories. The pre-festival institutes offered by the Thai tellers and Kevin Cotter sparkled. All For Kids Bookstore provided an amazing range of books and tapes to choose from while we munched cinnamon buns as big as plates. Over



dinner, those who wished to had a chance to share stories they had prepared before we all gathered for the evening concert. There was so much to think about and so much to enjoy that afterwards it was difficult not to feel downright stuffed (in the most pleasant sort of way, of course).

I would like to congratulate all of our tellers for the wonderful job they did and to thank All For Kids Bookstore for bringing and sharing such a marvelous set of resources with us.

I would also like to give many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this conference possible: Camille Wooden, who acted as liaison for the

Guild with our tellers, giving them the information they needed, finding out their personal schedules, chauffeuring them to and fro, and who also staffed the Guild phone and fielded calls and requests; Avis Jobrack, who acted as our volunteer coordinator, supply sergeant, sweatshirt and t-shirt manager, sign maker, wonderful witchy Children's Concert MC, refreshment coordinator and purchaser, sound system arranger and deliverer and general all-around good fairy; Phyllis Silling and Deborah Harris-Branham who whipped up decorations for the tables and the stage which made all the difference in the world in how things looked and felt; Deborah, again, for arranging for the sandwiches for dinner; Sally Porter-Smith, our treasurer, who was on hand with cash boxes and the necessary finances for the day; and our committed volunteers who staffed the kitchen, sweatshirt/t-shirt table, and the registration tables.

This was a successful festival and I look forward to our next one in '97.

With thanks and congratulations to all,

Dawn Kuhlman, festival chair

Story 'N Snack Expands to East Side!

On the third Thursday of each month, Issaquah is now home to a new swapping ground. Call Kathy Murphy at 391-4312 for information and directions. See calendar for dates.

Directories Available

If you wish to order a Storytellers Northwest Directory, they are now available for \$3 each. To order, complete and return this form. Make checks payable to Seattle Storytellers' Guild. Mail form and check to Dawn Kuhlman, 921 4th St. S.E., Auburn, WA 98092.

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Quantity _____ @ \$3 = Total: _____

Workshops

SSG Classes

The Guild will again offer classes in late spring of 1997. The four classes will be a mixture of repeat offerings from the fall and at least two new ones, possibly on folklore research and/or expanding stories. Look in the spring newsletter for more details and information.



Storytellers wanted

Last September, *In Your Ear*, a program of stories, folklore and tall tales, made its debut at the World Airline Entertainment Association trade show in Seattle. David K. Bamberger of San Antonio, Texas, introduced this new concept in on-board audio entertainment as a creative alternative to the stuff passengers new endure. Each one-hour program would have a theme, a host and brief interviews with the storytellers featured in that particular program.

Suppose Big Global Airways wanted to promote its South Pacific Routes. *In Your Ear* would then have the South Pacific as its theme, and the stories would be about this romantic part of the world—folklore, tall tales, anything that helped to bring the destination to life.

There is a lot to be done before this program will “fly.” While Bamberger is busy talking with sponsors, he must also build a file of storytellers who want to be a part of *In Your Ear*.

Experience in recording is not a prerequisite for being on the program. Stories can be three to 30 minutes in length. A “work for hire” agreement will be used for production. Interested storytellers can write:

David K. Bamberger, The Tireless Traveler, P.O. Box 781175, San Antonio, TX 78278-1175;
e-mail traveler@connecti.com

Include name, address, phone and fax, years of storytelling experience, whether you can send a recorded audition cassette or repertoire list, and they types of stories you tell (American folklore, tall tales, ghost stories, Biblical stories, mystical stories, holiday stories, other cultural stories, personal stories or others).

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, 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

Mid-March Concert & Workshop

Mt. Tahoma Storytelling Guild hopes to sponsor a mid-March concert and workshop by Gay Ducey. For more information, call Allison Cox at (206) 463-3844.

Tiger's Breath

The enchanting Ann Glover of Kaetz & Glover will be offering a day-long workshop in north Seattle February 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. entitled “Breathing in the Tiger’s Breath: Working with Character and Expression in Storytelling.” She will focus on bringing the stories you tell into your body and internalizing the character so that the stories are distinct and convincing.

Participation limited to 20. Students/low income, \$35; all others \$45. Call Cheri Hoffer at (206) 783-7833 for more information. Vegetarian potluck lunch.

Mythic Improv: Creating Your Own Mythological Drama

Mythic Improv is an interactive, creative, therapeutic course designed to enhance the fuller dimensions of personal identity and to increase personal responsibility toward the ecology of planetary life.

Using psychodrama techniques, “big” dreams, mythical archetypes and generative polarities, each student will have an opportunity to create and act out a mythic drama of personal significance. Fully participatory, cathartic, identity-enriching, talent developing experience. Ideal for performance artists—actors, poets, storytellers—mythographers, professional care givers and all persons interested in myth, ritual and theater.

Seven two-hour sessions: \$50. Classes held at NW Actors’ Studio, Capitol Hill, Seattle. For registration and scheduling, call instructor David Sparenberg at (206) 323-2115.

Storytelling in the Libraries

Winter with Debbie Deutsch

Storyteller Debbie Deutsch shares family stories to chase away winter's chill on January 8 and 22, and celebrates winter with seasonal stories February 5 and 19. All sessions start at 7 p.m. at the Wallingford Library, Seattle Public Library.

Songs and Stories to Reconcile By

Ted Hutchinson, local storyteller, musician and singer shares stories and song using a mixture of African and African American folktales. Stories focus on reconciling differences around the races and a family. Families welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m., Skyway Library
Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., Vashon Library
Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m., Foster Library
Monday, Jan. 27, 7-7:45 p.m., Algon-Pacific Library
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Federal Way Regional Library
Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m., Issaquah Library
Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m., Kent Regional Library
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 p.m., Bothell Library
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m., Kingsgate Library

Bring 'Em Back Alive

Ted Hutchinson also will be featured at 2 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Federal Way 320th Library. The program, called "Bring 'Em Back Alive," is a collection of short dramas of famous black Americans.

Once Upon A Time...

Linda Scott, local storyteller, shares humorous personal stories centered around mealtime and other parenting challenges through the eyes of a child. Families welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 11 a.m., Kingsgate Library

Saturday, Jan. 11, 3 p.m., Lake Forest Park Library
(registration begins Dec. 28)

Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., Kirkland Library
(ages 6 and up)

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m., Des Moines Library (ages 6 and up)

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Covington Library

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., White Center Library

Saturday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m.,

Richmond Beach Library

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., Bellevue Regional Library

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m., North Bend Library

Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m., Lake Hills Library (ages 6 and up)

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Burien Library



Story Corner at the Bellevue Regional Library

Sunday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

Pat Peterson shares family stories for all.

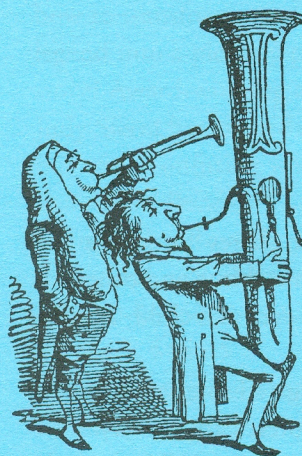
Sunday, March 16, 7 p.m.

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For directions, call your local King County Library System library.

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January



4 Linda Scott, adventures in story. 8 p.m., JJJ Cafe, 101 Central Way in Kirkland.

7 Debbie Deutsch returns to the Pacific Science Center to delight preschoolers with whale, sea and sand castle stories. A

story-related craft activity follows each session. 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

11 Suzy Irwin: start the new year with old favorites. 11-11:30, Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 232-6920. Recommended for age 3 and up. FREE

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

18 Linda Scott: weaver of wintry tales. 11-11:30, Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 232-6920. Recommended for age 3 and up. FREE

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25 Phyllis Silling: exciting & funny stories. 11-11:30, Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 232-6920. Recommended for age 3 and up. FREE

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

February

1 Tales of a Winter's Eve. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Kirkland Arts Center (sponsor), 620 Market St., Kirkland. Storytellers Debbie Dimitre, Cherie Trebon, Kevin Cotter and Sharon Gunn share tales to touch the heart and warm the spirit. Gourmet desserts for sale at intermission. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. Reservations recommended, call 822-7161. (Not recommended for children 5 and younger.)



1 Kathy Currie: tales that jump with joy. 11-11:30, Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 232-6920. Recommended for age 3 and up. FREE

3 Linda Scott, adventures in story. 8 p.m., JJJ Cafe, 101 Central Way in Kirkland.

8 Camille Wooden & Dawn Kuhlman: double the fun. 11-11:30, Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 232-6920. Recommended for age 3 and up. FREE

See page 5 for additional events

New research guide

Are you searching for a lost tale, interested in stories with variants from many cultures, or wondering how to transform a promising but sketchy myth or legend into a pleasing performance piece or publishable story? Award-winning author, folklorist and storyteller Judy Sierra has created a user-friendly guide to the vast but often confusing world of oral traditional tales. In the *Storytellers' Research Guide*, you will find more than 300 reference books, tale collections, periodicals and electronic and on-line resources.

ISBN 0-9636089-4-0, Folkprint, 1996

90 pages, \$14.95

Order directly from publisher, add \$3 shipping and handling.

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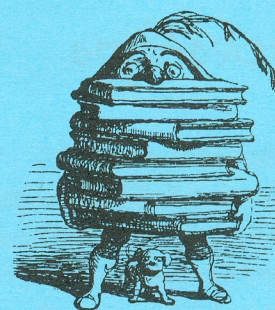
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More multicultural folktales

Judy Sierra's *Multicultural Folktales for the Feltboard and Readers' Theater*, new from Oryx Press, gives educators, librarians and storytellers a way to nurture young children's awareness and appreciation of different global cultures, customs and traditions both around the world and within their own communities.

A sequel to the Oryx bestseller *Multicultural Folktales: Stories to Tell Young Children* by Sierra and Robert Kaminski, this new volume features 20 short folktales from around the world suitable for grades K-6. ISBN 1-57356-003-0, Oryx Press
Paper \$26.50



Book Review

By Camille Wooden

The Storytelling Coach: How to Listen, Praise and Bring Out People's Best

Doug Lipman, August House, 1995. \$14.95 (paperback)

The only unfortunate aspect of this book is its title. Many people may dismiss it as being only for teachers and coaches of oral language, but this would be a huge mistake. I can't imagine anyone not benefiting from reading this book and putting its principles into effect, even in casual conversation. Doug Lipman is one of storytelling's most gifted and perceptive coaches. He has worked with many of storytelling's finest tellers and in this book he shares years' worth of insights and techniques for helping people bring stories to life and power. The book is clear and very well organized. He outlines the principles involved in coaching, structure (including a wonderful section on listening) and very specific strategies for overcoming obstacles that a teller may encounter. He includes sections on coaching in the classroom and developing coaching relationships with other tellers. A fine, helpful, practical book of warmth and wisdom.

Storytelling in Cyberspace

Here are two ways to "connect" with storytelling in cyberspace.

1. Eldrbarry's Story Telling Page on the world wide web: <http://www.seanet.com/~eldrbarry/>

You'll find—

The Joy of Listening: stories and links to finding stories;

The Art of Storytelling: links to storytellers and "how to's";

The Old Old Story: storytelling for church situations.

2. Storytell, an on-going e-mail discussion group (a listserv of Texas Women's University)

To participate, send the following e-mail to: storytell-request@twu.edu

subject: none needed. aol users use a "."

message: Subscribe Storytell (Your Name)

You will receive further information about the listserv and about 20-30 postings a day on all sorts of storytelling topics from people interested in storytelling around the country and world.

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22 Margaret MacDonald: telling and signing from her new book, *Tuck-me-in-tales*. 11-11:30, Island Books, 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 232-6920. Recommended for age 3 and up. FREE

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