

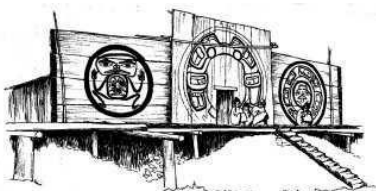
in The Wind

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A SEASON OF TELLING

In the Pacific Northwest, the First Nations had a season for storytelling. It was the winter months when huddled against the wind and rain storms in their longhouse around the fires, or gathered for feasting at the Potlatches, tales were told and acted out. Storytelling was not a summer time activity. That was a time for the other activities of life on the coasts - fishing and hunting and gathering.

The Seattle Storytellers Guild has had a wonderful storytelling season this past Fall, Winter and Spring. The Haller Lake Community Center programs have had great tellers and swappers! *Warm Tales*, *Murder Stories*, and *Tricksters!* Our *Tellebration™* and *Holiday Pot-pourri* Programs were well attended and each had several outstanding tellers! Our *Epic Event* in March: "The Wonder Smith and His Son" at the George Center was such a marvelous evening with sixteen tellers and musicians sharing one continuous story. *Earth Day* drew a large crowd on a rainy day to the Duwamish Longhouse. Memorial Day weekend had five events over three days at the Folk-life Festival with many of our members participating.

And thanks to Virginia Rankin and Gail Gensler, there were intimate living room *story swaps* were held on a regular basis. Afifi broke ground for telling in Briar. Judith Black, Margaret MacDonald; Norm Brecke and Anne Rutherford offered some fine *workshops*. Elizabeth Ellis, Judith Black and Anne Rutherford brought stories to life in Naomi Baltuck's living room. Auntmama kept the storying and music alive at Madison Park Starbucks. We have welcomed plenty of new members, and reconnected with some old ones.

With our June 18th gathering on a Saturday afternoon we will be bringing this season to its end. At that time, we will swap and share and elect new officers to the Board to carry on the work for our next season's telling.

Our thanks to Samantha Desmond, Anya Rybnikova, Glenn McCauley, Ellin Huttel, Allison Cox, Judith Alexander, Patty Zeitlin, Affifi Durr, Larry Holm, John Wasko, Cherie Trebon, and Barry McWilliams for their service on the Board this past year. They have been a great team - despite the challenges of work and school, health and travel! And for all those who have volunteered and helped with flyers and chairs and refreshments and so many other things: Thanks to you all as well! You have been indispensable this season.

But unlike the first inhabitants of these shores, our storytelling does not come to an end for the summer. While the Haller Lake programs and home story swaps will take a break, there is much happening over the summer vacation months. The PowellsWood Storytelling Festival in July is just one of a number of Storytelling activities in the region. It is the time for vacations and travel, new experiences and the hunting and gathering of stories. Have a great summer and be sure and be sure and bring some tales home to share with us in the fall.



By Barry McWilliams, Editor

A PLEA TO MEMBERS: The SSG Board will be searching for a new President and Secretary in June, and we would also like to have a person to do or coordinate publicity, and someone to spearhead planning and coordination of events for the 2016-17 season.

Please consider joining the Board !

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION WILL BE JUNE 18, 2-5 pm

with stories, swap, and a finger-food potluck --- hope to see you there !!

SEATTLE STORYTELLERS GUILD

The Board consists of four officers and seven volunteers and at large members .

PRESIDENT

- * Set Board Meeting Agenda and Conduct Board Meetings
- * Coordinate SSG Activities and Programs with SSG Board
- * Write an Annual Report for Newsletter
- * Conduct the Annual meeting, including the election for the next Board

VICE PRESIDENT

- * Conduct Board Meetings when President is absent
- * Help Coordinate Ongoing and Special Events

SECRETARY

- * Take Minutes, send them to SSG Board Members
- * Send out Board Meeting Reminders
- * Reply to written correspondence

TREASURER

- * Balance Checkbook, Pay Bills, deposit checks
- * Prepare annual Report and annual Budget
- * Report on available scholarships for events
- * Collect money at Guild Events

"VOLUNTEER" BOARD MEMBERS do much the non-officer work: practical support/help for ongoing events, attend board meetings, help with publicity, help set up refreshments, suggest volunteer tellers, assist at events, and participate in committees to carry out actions in support of the guild

The Board usually meets once a month either together or in conference call. Volunteer board members are welcome to attend and contribute to the meetings. Most decisions are made by Consensus. There is also a lot of email discussion taking place within the larger board.

BOARD AND VOLUNTEER TASKS

MEMBERSHIP

- * Maintaining updated membership lists and Sending out renewal notices
- * Sending out new memberships cards/welcome letters
- * Coordinating membership information with newsletter editor, email blaster, Eventbrite coordinator, and the Webmaster as necessary

EVENTS

- * Planning and co-coordinating events such as The Haller Lake Programs, Story Swaps, etc.
- * Arranging for Storytellers.
- * Taking care of the various details involved.

PUBLICITY

- * Coordinating publicity efforts with Webmaster, Newsletter, email blasts, etc.
- * Preparing flyers for SSG events, Arranging Photos of SSG Events
- * Explore new opportunities for publicity

EARTH DAY and FOLKLIFE COMMITTEES

- * Work with Coordinators on locations and times
- * Conduct auditions and make recommendations for performers
- * Set schedules for storytelling events.
- * Arranging emcees and judges
- * Keep in communication with performers, Folklife / SSG Board about event
- * Contact volunteers to be at tables, etc.

NEWSLETTER Editor

- * Soliciting articles for newsletter,
- * Formatting the Newsletter and arranging printing
- * Sending newsletter to members via e-mail and seeing that paper copies are mailed.

WEBMASTER

- * Keeping web site updated and working well, inform, update or answer questions regarding the website
- * Archiving digital Newsletters

Remarks on Recent Events...

What a great evening we had with the Wonder Smith Epic!!

To have so many tellers of such a high caliber in a single event!! And we were all telling the same story - stepping out of the usual repertoires - and working with material with such wonderful language that just had to be used. The addition of the music was wonderful: two harps, a guitar, flute, penny whistle, and Jeff's amazing hand pan. And we did that without a lot of rehearsals. Despite a few minor hiccups with the sound—things went so smoothly - thanks to Eric for your help. Probably the most enthusiastic feedback has come from those who shared in the telling! Most are looking ahead to our next epic!

We had sixteen tellers for fourteen tales. So many people came by boat, train, plane and many miles by car to volunteer for the love of our art... that's really something. Thanks to all the hands involved, the George Center looked great, food tasty, interesting items to look at and purchase, the stage and backdrops were photo worthy, seating lined up with thought and all packed away afterwards - wow!

The level of telling was rich and the music so added to the feel of the tales that we touched on some magic throughout the night - hard to tell how many of our tellers had to pack learning their stories between finals and work and family and travel and all the business of our days and brawny awards to all of you who hauled your music makers and boxes of books and supplies



Thanks to all who brought friends and families to the event (several helped!) and who advertised for us with flyers, e-mail, Facebook, newsletter and website and came yourself in spite of busy schedules. And much appreciation to Mary and Eric for keeping us ready to roll and be heard - nor much happening without this. Kudos to all who had a part in this Epic Event!!

As for next year - several of our tellers and guild members have suggested that we collaborate with the Nordic History Museum and tell the Finn story of the KALEVALA in March 2017. The decor is already provided and then we will use up the credit that we have with them - maybe they would be willing to donate toward the rental as well.

Congratulations especially to Allison Cox!
Your vision became a delightful reality!

By Barry McWilliams (and Allison Cox)



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Contact information is on Our Web Site

Want more storytelling news? Or want to announce a story event between newsletters?

Judith Alexander sends out e-mail announcements generally on the Sunday before the first and third Fridays of each month. She will also forward items to the Seattle Storyteller's Guild webmaster Larry Hohm and to Barry McWilliams for *In The Wind*.

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

Or visit our website for more news:
seattlestorytellers.org



“Telling the Song, Singing the Story”

is the theme for the **2016 FAR-West Story Expo**. Storytelling was added to the southern California conference a few years ago and organizers are continuing the tradition here in the Northwest.

The great news is that the **Seattle Storytellers Guild** has an opportunity to find tellers, sponsor a table, spread news about upcoming events and even conduct a panel. The not so great news is that the October 13-16 folk conference collides with Port Angeles Forest Storytelling Festival making it impossible for some of us to be in both places at the same time.

However, we will be a presence at this west coast event as local conference planners invited Auntmama (Mary Anne Moorman) to serve as the Expo’s emcee without realizing Auntmama is past president and a professional member of the guild. Further good news is Judith Alexander has volunteered to create a table and represent us in Bellevue. So we will be at the Hyatt Regency and if for some strange reason you are not going to the wonderful forest event, come join the Bellevue crew.

Anyone interested in assisting Judith with tabling opportunities, contact her at judith_tells@earthlink.net. This is a four-day event so she will need all the help she can get. Tellers and tablers will receive a day pass to the festival.

About FAR-West

FAR West is the western regional chapter of *Folk Alliance International*. The annual conference is both a gathering of the folk community and a business conference designed to provide contact and communication among musicians, presenters, radio programmers, and artists.

In addition to networking with others in the folk community, FAR-West offers workshops and panels where musicians can develop their skills both as performers and in marketing themselves. Emcee Auntmama is investigating the costs and logistics to mount a SSG panel.

This is an interesting opportunity for storytellers and folk musicians to meet and learn more about selling, contracting and negotiating with venues or others seeking folk entertainment.

If anyone is interested in a potential panel for SSG, please contact Mary Anne at Auntmama@gmail.com. She is currently working with the conference organizers to better understand the Story EXPO goals and will seek seven tellers from four states to perform on Sunday afternoon, October 16.

More information for tellers, musicians and dancers is available at <http://www.far-west.org/>.

By Mary Anne Moorman

Another Great Earth Day!



Sorry if you missed it, but on Sunday April 24th, over 120 of us celebrated Earth Day with storytelling at the Duwamish Longhouse. This is the 5th time the Guild has brought Native and non-Native tellers together in this beautiful venue.

The celebration opened with a blessing by Cecile Hansen, the chairperson of the Duwamish Tribe. Ken Workman, great, great, great grandson of Chief Seattle followed with a welcoming in Lushootseed, the language of the Coast Salish tribes of this region.

Rebecca Hom started us off with haunting stories including Raven and Loon and the first story she ever told – about the river overcoming a dam.

James Rasmussen, director of the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition followed with a heartfelt expression of how Indian people perceive life differently. “This isn’t just home. The river is family.” Everyone took a moment to share out loud, at least one dream that they held in their hearts, with one other person.

Dreams for our selves, each other, the Earth, and the future only start to grow when you give them voice and let them breathe in the light of day.

Blake Shelafoe, cultural director for the Duwamish Tribe, engaged us with his energetic telling, including, “Holding up the Sky,” and a story inspired from his childhood of seeing Sasquatch

Johnny Moses of the Tulalip tribe told some of the stories he is famous for, including the one that helped him survive cancer, “Grandmother Cedar”. What a generous afternoon! Johnny distilled Native values in a phrase, “It’s all about respect and acknowledgment”.

The day was made possible with a grant from Humanities Washington and the able work of volunteers Glenn McCauley, Ellin Huttle, Jim Douma, Larry Hohm, Karen Shaw, Andy Helman, Pat Peterson, and yours truly. So put April 23, 2017 on your calendar, and we’ll try and do it again next year.

By John Wasko

PowellsWood Garden Storytelling Festival

Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, 2016

Don't miss the 5th Annual PowellsWood Garden Storytelling Festival!

This year we have David Novak, whose quirky, humorous tellings have long delighted Jonesborough audiences. David will be offering a Friday morning workshop on "Massaging the Story/ Exercising the Listener". He'll help us think about ways to interpret our stories to get their messages across to listeners.

Brenda Wong Aoki, an elegant teller trained in Noh and Kyogen traditions, will be presenting her beautifully crafted Japanese tales.

On Friday afternoon she offers a workshop on "Finding Voice: Japanese Movement and Voice". We learn new ways to move through and give voice to our tales.

Donald Davis will again be offering his day-long workshop "Personal & Family Story Intensive". This is a chance to get expert help in shaping and polishing your own personal or family story.

Saturday we hear these three tellers plus storyteller and musician, Adam Booth, a new voice to this area, who hails from West Virginia. His folk, personal and original stories were a hit at Jonesboro last year. And bi-lingual teller, Olga Loya, comes from California to share tales and traditions from her East LA Latino culture. Quite a feast of telling we have for you!

Saturday alone is just \$20 for adults, \$40 family. (purchase in advance or at gate)
A full festival pass, which include the day of workshops on Friday, plus the Tea with the Tellers event, is \$125. A good price for a full day of workshops, a full day of listening, plus a delightful hour in the garden partaking of an English tea party in the company of our featured tellers.
(advance registration for Friday needed)

Note that free programs for groups of children are available on Friday by advance registration. Let your home schooling and daycare friends know.

Hours are: Friday 9-4:30. Saturday 10:00-5.

Address: Park at Sacajawea Middle School, 1101 South Dash Point Road, Federal Way.

To register and for more info see our website: www.powellswoodfestival.org



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

June

3 MOTH StorySLAM Fremont Abbey Arts Center, 4272 Fremont Ave N, Seattle

5 Children's Storytelling at Ravenna Third Place Books, 11 a.m., 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, free. See Ongoing Events below

4 Anne-Louise Sterry "Audacious Joy" 2 PM Stories and Songs at Naomi Baltuck's in Edmonds. (Page 8)

4 PJ Storytime at Island Books, Mercer Island 3014 78th Ave SE Mercer Island, See Ongoing Events below

10 Fresh Ground Stories 7 p.m., Roy Street Coffee & Tea, 700 Broadway E, Seattle, free. See Ongoing Events below.

* **18 Annual Meeting and Story Swap** 2-5 PM at Haller Lake Community Center

25 Meg Philp "One Fine Night" 5 PM Potluck, stories, story swap. At Naomi Baltuck's in Edmonds. (Page 8)

30 * Auntmama's Story Table 7 p.m., Madison Park Starbucks, free. www.auntmama.wordpress.com



July

22 and 23 PowellsWood Story Festival (See page 5)

29 * Auntmama's Story Table 7 p.m., Madison Park Starbucks, free.

Storytelling ON THE AIRWAVES

Sundays. "Walkin' the Floor" with **Storyteller Auntmama**, KBCS 91.3 FM or .fm, 8:30 a.m.

Sundays. **The Storytelling Show**, Vancouver Co-op Radio, CFRO 102.7 FM or www.coopradio.org, 9-10 p.m. thestorytellingshow.com

Saturdays. **Prairie Home Companion**, KUOW 94.9 FM 3-5 p.m.

August

25 * Auntmama's Story Table 7 p.m., Madison Park Starbucks, free.

At the time of publication of this issue of In The Wind, information on many Summer 2016 events were not yet available.

For an Up-dated Calendar of Regional Storytelling Events go to Seattlestorytellers.org

or subscribe to **Judith Alexander's E-mail List** (See p.2)

And check the On Line Calendars of the Storytelling Communities on p. 7



Ongoing Events : Seattle Area

Please check before you go! Details may change.

Saturdays— **Children's Storytelling** at 3rd Place books, Ravenna, 11:00am. 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA, Free. thirdplacebooks.com

First Thursdays. **Moth StorySLAM** themed open mic. 8 p.m., Fremont Abbey Arts Center, Seattle, \$16 premium, 8 general, themoth.org/events

First Fridays, Even numbered Months **Living Room Story Swaps Virginia Rankins**, 1222 NE 100th ST in the Maple Leaf neighborhood

First Saturdays **Island Books PJ Story Time**. 6:30 p.m., 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Isl., especially for children ages 3+ and their families. Free Mercerislandbooks.com

First and Third Mondays **Thrilling Tales for Grownups** 12:05—12:50 P.M. Seattle Central Library Free

Second Sundays **Middle Eastern Stories and Dance, 7pm**, hosted by Marion Moat Kalia Indian Cuisine, 4520 200th Ave. SW #202, Lynnwood, 425-771-6422 No cover; tips welcome. Updates or request a storytelling spot, e-mail marion.moat@frontier.com

Third Fridays. **Haller Lake Friday Evenings** 7:30 p.m., Story exchange with occasional featured teller. Sept.-June, HLCC, seattlestorytellers.org

Fourth Thursdays. **Fresh Ground Stories**. 7 p.m. Roy Street Coffee & Tea, 700 Broadway E, Seattle, WA 98102, free. www.meetup.com/Fresh-Ground-Stories/

Last Thursdays. **Auntmama's Storycorner**. 7-8:15 p.m., Starbucks at Madison Park, 4000 E. Madison Street Seattle, WA 98112 Free Call 206-473-9523 for information

Every other Month **A Guide To Visitors Live** *7:30 p.m. Theater Off Jackson 409 7th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98104 \$10. agtv.org

Regional Ongoing Events

Fourth Tuesdays **Ellensburg Storytellers - The Yarn Spinners**, 6:00 p.m., Hal Holmes Center, 209 S Ruby St., Ellensburg, WA, Every month except Nov. / Dec. Contact: Bret & Elaine Bleggi bleggi@charter.net

Third Thursdays **Scary Story Show and Open Mike** hosted by Anne Rutherford and Norm Brecke 7-9 PM Lucky Lab Taproom 1700 N. Killingsworth PDX Info www.oregontellers.org

Second Fridays. **Portland Storytellers Guild Potluck and Story Swap** 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 Southwest Capitol Highway, Portland, OR

Second Saturdays **Portland Storyteller's Guild StoryThon! 7:30-9:30** Hipbone Studio, 1847 East Burnside Street, Suite 101 (enter from the parking lot side of the building), Portland portlandstoryteller.org

Second Mondays. **Fireside Story League of Tacoma** Story Circle and Storytelling Lesson, 6:30 pm Go to www.firesidestoryleague.org & click newsletter for location. Details contact: Penny Tennon 253-265-2113. or Eileen Brekowitz 253-759-0941

Second Wednesdays. **South Sound Storytellers Guild** Featured teller and open mike. 7 p.m., The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, WA, Free

Third Mondays. **Stories at Fern**. 7:30 p.m., 1831 Fern St., Victoria, B.C., \$5. victoriastorytellers.org

Third Sundays. **Listen! Laugh! Enjoy!** Stories for grown-ups, Featured teller and open mike. 7 p.m., Vancouver, B.C., \$7. vancouverstorytellers.ca (Not in Sept.)

Third Fridays. **The Bellingham Storytellers Guild: Storytelling for the Love of It** Fairhaven Library Fireplace Room General Meeting and Informal Workshops 6:00 to 7:00 PM Storytelling Showcase 7:00 - 8:00 Family friendly and free to all. BellinghamStorytellersGuild.org

Up and Coming SSG Events

The Annual SSG Meeting will be at
Haller Lake Community Center
on June 18th from 2-5 pm.

There will be an hour story swap followed by the election of Seattle Storytellers Guild Officers, and then a break for potluck finger food enjoyment

Bring a 5 minute story to share on any topic, there will be a sign up at the event

No Haller Lake Programs in July and August! See you in September!!

Due to conflicting circumstances, the June 3rd Story Swap at Virginia Rankins has been cancelled!

seattlestorytellers.org



Linking up with nearby storytelling communities

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

The MOTH :True Stories told Live
Seattle and Portland
themoth.org/

A Guide to Visitors Stories on Stage
Seattle
www.agtv.org/

Seattle Public Library:
Calendar of Events
spl.org/calendar-of-events

Story People of Clallum County
Port Angeles
clallamstorypeople.org/

South Sound Storytellers Guild
Lakewood
southsoundstory.org/

Fireside Story League of Tacoma
firesidestoryleague.org/

Bellingham Storytellers Guild
BellinghamStoryTellers.org/

Storytelling Club—Yarn Spinners
Ellensburg
See their Facebook Page

Portland Storytellers Guild
portlandstorytellers.org/

Portland Story Theater
portlandstorytheater.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 Network? name only _____ e-mail too _____

To join the SSG You can fill out the form below and send it to:
Seattle Storytellers Guild
P.O. Box 45532
Seattle, WA 98145-0532

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 membership 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.



With “Alice” in Naomi’s “WonderLand”

In front of a hearth, fire-lit with bundles of bright orange lights, instead of logs, we sipped tea in delicate, flower rimmed cups, along with small sandwiches while visiting, and gazing especially at the mad mad hats of the other tea party tellers and guests at the home of Naomi Baltuck and Thom Garrard. Strands of orange lights above us everywhere cast a cheerful glow over the happy, chatty crowd awaiting Anne Rutherford’s performance of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Then, like Alice, we went down, down down to Wonderland at the bottom of the stairs where a small, cozy home theatre awaited us. There were thirty-five chairs and one aisle leading up to the stage with a forest background curtain.. With aplomb and enthusiasm, Norm Brecke (our

former SSG President) introduced the person we were all waiting to meet. Enter Alice, in true story-book fashion in full skirted dress and apron. Alice, she truly was, brought to life by Ann in the very same words I read long ago when I first met her, along with her friends...the hookah smoking caterpillar (a sleeve puppet) the anxious, always tardy White Rabbit, and the blabbering Mad Hatter (with a hat divided between the two).

But it was the way Anne was able to become and portray all of the characters, capturing their personalities and accents so perfectly that enchanted and inspired us. Next time maybe we’ll be able to step with her into the Looking Glass, although perhaps we already have. There was also a mad hat contest, but in my opinion, we were all winners at this delightful event..

By Patty Zeitlin

Up Coming “House Concerts” at Naomi Baltuck’s

Special Rates for SSG Members!!!



Saturday, June 4, at 2PM.
Portland storyteller and singer Anne-Louise Sterry will present stories and songs Of “*Audacious Joy*.”

Everyone will go home with a smile on their lips, a spring in their step and humming the songs they heard.

Saturday, June 25, 5 PM.
“*One Fine Night with Meg Philp*”
An Internationally celebrated storyteller from Australia. Potluck dinner, followed by a very fine evening of storytelling. You might also want to bring a jacket, as we will tell outdoors, weather permitting.

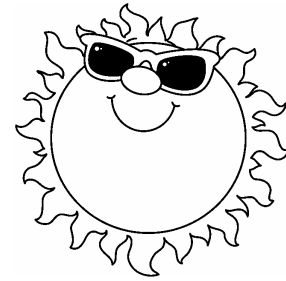
She will present some of her favorite stories, and to hear some of yours. Bring a story ten minutes or less, so everyone can have a turn.



\$15 suggested donation, \$12 for SSG members. Refreshments included.
At the home of Naomi Baltuck and Thom Garrard
20228 87th Ave West in Edmonds Space is limited
For more information or to reserve a seat,
please email Naomi at nbaltuck@earthlink.net or call (425) 776-1175.

TAKE A SUMMER FIELD TRIP . . .

Liars Contest hosted by the **Story People of Clallam County**,
June 4th from 7 to 9-ish p.m.
Raymond Carver Room of the Port Angeles Main Library,
2210 South Peabody, **Port Angeles, WA 98362**



How to sign up: Contact Ingrid Nixon at newsletter@clallamstorypeople.org
We are seeking tellers of tall tales, exaggerated personal stories and outright lies to perform in the 5th Annual . We will accept tellers for the event in the order they sign up. We are seeking to have ten tellers in the program line-up with one alternate.

Fabulous prizes: \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd, \$25 for third. Plus, bragging rights.

Rules and nitty gritty:

- Tellers will get seven minutes with a one-minute grace period. (There will be a timer!)
- Stories must be told, no reading.
- This is family friendly, so no off-color language or content.
- Tellers will be judged on creativity, quality of delivery and audience response.

All of this is on their website:

<http://www.clallamstorypeople.org/special-events/2nd-annual-liars-contest-fri-june-7th-2013/>

We think this would be a fun event for families in town for the North Olympic Discovery Marathon that happens the next day. **Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for Story People members, \$5 for under 16 .**

To Hear and Be Heard: Tales to Link Us All Conference 2016

July 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2016 Vancouver, Canada



The 2016 Storytellers of Canada-Conteurs du Canada Annual Conference will be held in Vancouver, Canada, on July 8th, 9th, and 10th, with a Master Class on July 11th at the beautiful University of British Columbia.

Learn more about the conference and accommodations by clicking:

<http://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca/en/conference-registration/Vancouver-2016.html>

NATIONAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE

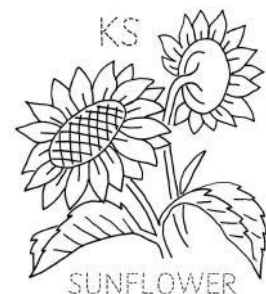
“Spotlight on Storytelling”

July 21 –24, 2016

Kansas City Marriot, Country Club Plaza

Kansas City, Missouri

www.storynet.org/conference



Looking for some Storyteller “Pro” Tips?

Whether you are a Professional Storyteller, or just a wannabe or a storytelling enthusiast, if you want to add to your craft, there are plenty of on line resources to help you on your way. Many tellers have regular blog posts that you might want to follow. Finding them is the first step. Here are some resources you can sign up for . . .

The National Storytelling Network

www.storynet.org

has all sorts of resources—check their site!. Joining the Network offers all sorts of benefits and resources, and SSG members can get a discount on their membership.

Storytell Listserv

lists.storynet.org/lists/info/storytell

For many years, has been an ongoing community e-mail discussion group of tellers from around the world. As postings can quickly overwhelm your mail box – you will want to get them in a one-a-day Digest Form. Whether you participate or just lurk, there are stories galore and practical tips, and many of the posters include links to their websites and blogs as well!!

Professional Storyteller

professionalstoryteller.ning.com

Is a web ring community with about 2300 members. Its front page has lots of links to current blog postings, you can connect with other members, and share and advertise yourself as well.

Storyteller.net

storyteller.net — seantells.com

Has book reviews, a “find a teller service”, connections with other tellers, and a bookstore Its founder,

Sean Buvala, along with blog posts, offers coaching and workshops on Business Storytelling, marketing and the business side of storytelling. Some are on line.

Dave Ruch

www.daveruch.com/

Is a musician and teller with many years of experience and his site has plenty of practical articles in his advice blog on finding gigs and marketing storytelling, and helping libraries and schools find the money.

By Barry McWilliams, a “wannabe—gonna-be” teller

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