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Storytable

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"It is the mark of a good fairy-story,
of the higher or more complete kind,
that however wild its events,
however fantastic or terrible the adventures,
it can give to child or man that hears it,
when the "turn" comes,
a catch of the breath,
a beat and lifting of the heart,
near to (or indeed accompanied by) tears,
as keen as that given by any form of literary art,
and having a peculiar quality ...

In such stories when the sudden "turn" comes we get a piercing glimpse of joy, and heart's desire, that for a moment passes outside the frame, rends indeed the very web of story, and lets a gleam come through."

J.R.R. Tolkien, "On Fairy-stories"

Seattle Storytelling Guild

Upcoming Friday Night Events at Haller Lake Community Center
12579 Densmore Ave North, Seattle, WA 98133

Holiday Treats: Open Mike and Dessert Potluck

December 16th, 2016 at Haller Lake Community Center 7:30—9:30 PM

Come one, come all! It's our annual <u>ALL Open Mic Holiday Storyfest</u>. So bring your holiday tale, traditional or personal, and a holiday treat to share. We'll make the night merry with tales that bring light to the darkness and warmth to our souls.

<u>And there will be Door Prizes!!</u> Bring a friend! John Wasco, MC. See you there.







Rebecca: A Pioneer Wife: Jill Johnson

January 20th, 2017 at Haller Lake Community Center 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Sometimes the most fascinating stories are the true ones, and Jill Johnson is bringing to life the fascinating story of the pioneering wife of Isaac Ebey and her life on Whidbey Island. Jill has crafted this story of local interest from Rebecca's diaries, and historical research. See page 5 of the Newsletter for more on Rebecca.

No Open Mike as telling the story of this remarkable wife will take the whole evening. Refreshments. Donations welcome.

Contact Barry McWilliams at eldrbarry@gmail.com $\underline{\text{or}}$ Anne Brendler acbrendler46@gmail.com for more information

Dr. Michelle Martin at Haller Lake

February 17th, 2017 at Haller Lake Community Center 7:30 – 9:30 PM

The new **Beverly Cleary Professor in Children and Youth Services** in the **Information School at the UW** will treat us to a mix of traditional tales, a family story or two, and original children's music with tales embedded in them. A passion for nature and the environment is evident in many of her stories.

See page 9 of the Newsletter for more on Dr. Martin.

Contact Virginia Ranking at varankin@comcast.net for more information.



Looking ahead at SSG Spring Events...

We have a number of exciting events at Haller Lake to follow in the Spring months including Irish Tales with Terra Lea Davis in March; Shirley Routliffe and Jenifer Ferris, tellers from our fellow Guild in Victoria, Canada, in May.

Also an Epic Telling of the Finnish Kalevala at the Nordic Heritage Center in March, and Earth Day Tales at the Duwamish Longhouse in April.

Check the SSG Website or Judith's E-mail Blasts for further details on these programs

Tellabrationtm: A Benefit for NSN

On November 18th, the Seattle Storyteller's Guild celebrated **Tellabration**tm at Haller Lake. Sandra Niman, Jeff Leinaweaver and Katherine Gee Perrone brought an evening of myths and music emceed by Pat Peterson. Sandra brought classics – *Atalanta* and *The Children of Lir*. Jeff with his drums offered two mythical tales from faraway places (India? South America?) Katherine gave us a fascinating tale of her daydreaming violin lessons rescuing a princess, punctuated by "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," and she left us with a song. Our thanks to all who helped with setting up and decorating, providing the delicious refreshments and to all in the audience who came for this marvelous night!





Tellabrationtm is an annual international evening of stories proclaimed by the **National Storytelling Network**, and the Seattle Storytelling Guild, which is an affiliate member of the **NSN**, benefited this national organization with a part of the evening's proceeds. Jill Johnson, our regional NSN Liaison gave a presentation on the value of this organization and the many benefits it offers to its

members. Check out their web site **www.storynet.org** to see <u>all the resources and programs</u> that NSN including the National Storytelling Conference; Special Interest and Discussion Groups; Grants, Oracle Awards, and their bi-monthly *Storytelling Magazine*.

Seattle Storytellers Guild members have <u>a membership discount available</u> for NSN, please contact Allison Cox for the coupon Code. As a member of NSN, you are connected with storytelling on the national scene, networked with storytellers who share your interests across the country, and supported in many ways on your storytelling journey. Your membership strengthens the national movement of advocacy for wider recognition of storytelling as a diverse and independent performing art. Membership Dues will be going up by \$15 on January 15th, so join now at the lower rate!



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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



THE KALEVALA EPIC

Saturday, March 25th, 2017 10 AM to 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM to 6 PM

In collaboration with the Nordic Heritage Museum, the Seattle Storytelling Guild invites you to an afternoon and evening celebrating Finland's Centennial when we will share the stories of the Kalevala.

The Kalevala is the national epic of Finland. Elias Lönnrot and his colleagues recorded these poetic songs of origin myths and ancient. Steeped in magic, by turns dreamlike and dramatic, the Kalevala recounts the mythic history of the ancient Finns. Its heroes are the wise shaman *Vainamoinen*, the skillful smith *Ilmarinen*, and the feisty warrior *Lemminkainen*. Stories of their interactions with one another, the spirit world, the natural world, and with their northern neighbors, the tribe of Pohjola, will unfold in a story version resonant of the Finnish songs.

Elias Lönnrot pieced these songs together to form an epic that traces several journeys, including a bardic hero-shaman's quest for a mate and the creation of a powerfully magical mill called the Sampo. The Kalevala is credited for supporting the Finnish national awakening that ultimately led to Finland's independence from Russia in 1917. Since the first edition in 1835, the Kalevala has now been translated into more than 50 languages and has been influential on the works of major authors from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to J.R.R. Tolkien.

Storytellers from California, Oregon and Canada will be featured as well as some of our favorite local talent so this should be a wonderful and diverse concert. We ask all storytelling participants to join SSG as members. We will need billets for storytellers who are visiting from out of town. Are you interested in joining our storytellers, housing a visiting teller or simply want to help?

Contact Allison Cox: <u>Allison@dancingleaves.com</u>, 206-463-3844.

The Nordic Heritage Museum will also have the Marimekko Textile exhibit and there will be dancing, singing, music, home brewed sahti, and more on Sunday afternoon, March 26th celebrating the Finn Centennial.





"Rebecca" by Jill Johnson

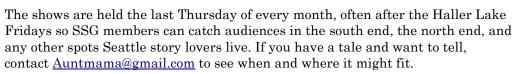
The story of "Rebecca" began as many stories do — by accident. "I was rummaging around the Island County Historical Museum Library," says Jill Johnson, creator and performer of the show, "when I stumbled upon a diary." In the course of her historical research for shows, she has read many frontier diaries. "But this one was special," says Jill, "and I couldn't get it out of my head."

Three years later, in 2012, Jill premiered "Rebecca: the story of Rebecca Ebey" at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Since then, the show has received national recognition and been performed all over Washington State - and in other states as well. Rebecca was the wife of Isaac Ebey, well known Washington pioneer. The Ebeys were part of the first group of homesteaders on Whidbey Island; Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve bears their name.

Jill will be bringing the story of "Rebecca" to the Seattle Storytellers Guild monthly program at Haller Lake Community Club on January 20th at 7:30 pm. The story traces Rebecca's journey from Missouri to the Oregon Territory in 1851; in the second part of the show, Jill brings the diary to life as Rebecca describes the joys and sorrows of being a homesteader.

Auntmama's Storytable

offers storytellers, a bit of music, and tasty morsels to warm our changing season. Most of the stories are original works, some debuting for the first time, with a dash of traditional tales sprinkled in. The name comes from the long table centered in Starbuck's community room. It's one of the coffee shops "concept stores," with food, drink and an area for performance or lectures.





Here's the line up and tellers joining in for fall:

December 29 Theme: *Food for the Table* Featured: Phyllis Franklin, a PNW Chef Tellers for January 26th and February 19th not yet announced.

All shows are held at Madison Park Starbucks from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. 4000 E. Madison Street Seattle, WA 98112 Free

Call 206-473-9523 or e-mail Mary Anne Moorman Auntmama@gmail.com for more information

Winter Calendar of Seattle Area Events (Seattle Storytellers' Guild events in Bold)

December

1st Moth StorySLAM themed open mic. Doors open at 7, stories at 8 p.m., Fremont Abbey Arts Center, Seattle, \$8; \$16 premium tickets. Info: themoth.org/events

2nd Living Room Story Swap Virginia Rankin's Home 7-9 PM (see page 8)

8th Fresh Ground Stories 7 PM Roy Street Coffee and Tea 700 Broadway E, Seattle.

11th Story and Dance Folk Tales (South Europe, India, South Russia to China plus northern Africa), **7pm**, hosted by Marion Moat Kalia Indian Cuisine, 4520 200th Ave. SW #202, Lynnwood, 425-771-6422. No cover; tips welcome

16th Haller Lake Storytelling Evening:
"Holiday Treats: Open Mike and Dessert
Potluck", 7:30-9:30 PM 12579 Densmore
Ave North, Seattle, WA (See Page 2)

29th Auntmama's Storytable: "Food for the Table" 7-8:30 pm Madison Park Starbucks 4000 E. Madison Street Seattle, WA 98112 Free Call 206-473-9523 for information (See Page 5)

At the time of publication of this issue of In The Wind, Information on many Winter events were not yet available.



January

6th Hors d'oeuvres Story Swap in Briarcrest 7–9 pm 16010 25th Ave NE, Shoreline, Wa afifi@q.com for information (see page 8)

20th "Rebecca" with Jill Johnson at Haller Lake 7:30-9:30 PM 12579 Densmore Ave North, Seattle, WA (See Page 5)

27th Auntmama's Storytable 7-8:30 Madison Park Starbucks (See Page 5)

Storytelling ON THE AIRWAVES

Sundays. "Walkin' the Floor" with Storyteller Auntmama, KBCS 91.3 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.

February

3rd Living Room Story Swap Virginia Rankin's Home 7 PM (see page 8)

11th All Creatures Great and Small with Allison Cox at Naomi Baltuck's An Open Mike follows \$ (See Page 8)

18th Dr Michelle Martin (UW) Haller Lake 7:30-9:30 PM 12579 Densmore Ave North, Seattle, WA 98133 (See Page 9)

27th Auntmama's Storytable 7-8:30 Madison Park Starbucks (See Page 5)

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

or subscribe to

<u>Judith Alexander's E-mail List</u>

(See p.3)

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.

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

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

First Fridays, Odd numbered Months, Hors d'oeuvres Story Swaps at 16010 25th Ave NE, Shoreline in the Briarcrest neighborhood Affif Durr affif@q.com for info.

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

Second Sundays Story and Dance Folk Tales (7 pm hosted by Marion Moat Kalia Indian Cuisine, 4520 200th Ave. SW #202, Lynnwood, 425-771-6422. No cover; tips welcome. To receive updates or request a storytelling spot, telling folk tales see countries above, e-mail marion.moat@frontier.com

<u>Third Fridays.</u> Haller Lake Friday Evenings 7:30 p.m., Story exchange with occasional featured tellers <u>Sept.-June</u>, HLCC, <u>seattlestorytelliers.org</u> [Except Oct, April]

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

<u>Last Thursdays.</u> **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

<u>Third Thursdays</u> Scary Story Show and Open Mike hosted by Anne Rutherford and Norm Brecke 7 -9 PM Lucky Lab Taproom 1700 N. Killingsworth PDX Info <u>www.oregontellers.org</u> (Returns in October)

<u>First Saturdays</u> **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**

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Third Fridays</u> **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**

Getting to Haller Lake Community Club, 12579 Densmore Ave. N., Seattle

From I-5 North

Take exit 174 (130th St.) west to Meridian.

From I-5 South

Take Exit 175 (145th St.) west to Meridian.

NOW- from either direction go south (left) on Meridian to 128th (Then west (right) on 128th; 1 block to HLCC.

From Aurora

Turn east on 125th St. to Densmore. Go north (left) to HLCC at end of block.

By Metro Bus

#346 goes right by HLCC.





Directions to the Rankin / Klein Home

1222 NE 100th St in the Maple Leaf neighborhood

From the South

I-5 North (main line or express lanes) Exit 171 for Lake City Way Second traffic Light is 15th Avenue NE – turn left Go about 20 blocks north to 100th Street Turn left

From the North

I-5 South Exit 173 for Northgate Way Follow signs for driving EAST on Northgate Way Bear right off the exit and then at the light turn right on Northgate Way

Take Northgate Way to Roosevelt Way Turn right on Roosevelt, go about 10 blocks to 100th Street Turn left on 100th, go 1 1/2 blocks.

Virginia's house is on the left in the middle of the block – cream with brown trim

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 <u>and Portland</u>
<u>themoth.org/</u>

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 GuildBellinghamstorytellersguild.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

| Address _____ | City ____ | State ___ Zip ____ | E-mail ____

Name ____

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.



First Friday Story Swaps

At the home of Virginia Rankin and David Klein

December 2nd and **Februrary 3rd, from 7-9:30 pm – 1222 NE 100th St** in the Maple Leaf neighborhood of Seattle above the Northgate Mall. (Directions on Page 7)

Come at 7pm if you wish to mingle, chat, have a snack and/or a beverage. Telling will start promptly at 7:30. Come to tell or come to listen. You can contact them at 206-525-6436, or Virginia Rankin - varankin@comcast.net.

Each teller will have 8 minutes to tell all of a story that fits the time limit or a fragment of a longer one. We will be rigorous about this time limit as well as the 5 minute limit on feedback. Tellers who wish feedback will be in charge of this time, indicating what they wish help with. Of course it is always ok to tell without feedback and fine to come as a listener.

Hors d'oeuvres Storytelling in Briarcrest

January 6th, 2016. from 7 to 9 pm --- 16010 25th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 (parking across the street at the east Hamlin Park lot.)

Join your neighbors for a fun evening of storytelling. Come be prepared with a five- to seven-minute story to share, or just come to listen and enjoy. Bring your stories and your treats to share! See ya there!

Contact Afifi Durr at afifi@q.com for more information.

This is a free, all-ages event sponsored by the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote community. We hope you'll join us!

Up Coming "House Concerts" at Naomi Baltuck's

Special Rates for SSG Members!!!

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

A House Concert - Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 2 PM

Celebrate upcoming Valentine's Day! Hear Allison Cox share myths, folktales and true stories of one of her great passions, the *WILD* critters of the world. The Concert will be followed by open mic, so bring your own beloved tales of furred, scaled, finned, feathered and winged friends.

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

\$15 suggested donation, \$12 for SSG members:

Refreshments included.



Introducing Dr. Michelle H. Martin

On February 17th at 7:30 p.m. the Seattle Storytellers Guild welcomes Dr. Michelle H. Martin, the new Beverly Cleary Professor in Children and Youth Services in the Information School at the UW to our Haller Lake Program. She will treat us to a mix of traditional tales, a family story or two, and original children's music with tales embedded in them. A passion for nature and the environment is evident in many of her stories. She spent 5 years as an outdoor environmental educator. From 2011 to 2016, Dr. Martin was the inaugural Augusta Baker Chair in Childhood Literacy at the University of South Carolina. Now she is in the Northwest on the faculty of the University of Washington.



WHO IS DR. MICHELLE H. MARTIN? AND WHO WAS AUGUSTA BAKER?



The life and career of GSLIS research fellow Michelle H. Martin was fundamentally influenced by a woman named Augusta Baker. As a child, Martin knew Baker and had opportunities to see and hear the storytelling specialist, who was a storyteller-in-residence at the University of South Carolina (USC) for fourteen years.

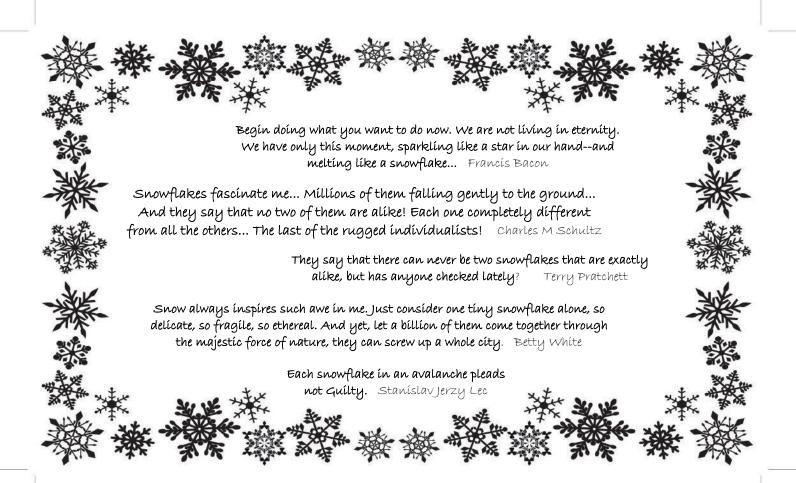
Augusta Baker (1911-1998) was the first African American woman to work in the administration of the New York Public Library. She dedicated herself to removing books with negative stereotypes of black characters and purchasing new

books with unbiased images of African Americans. She was assisted by the noted black scholars Arthur Schomberg and James Weldon Johnson, whom she met while working as the Assistant Coordinator and storytelling specialist at the NYPL's Harlem Branch. Beginning in 1953 with the <u>Talking Tree</u>, she published four collections of stories. Baker also served as a consultant to Sesame Street. After retiring from the NYPL, she moved to Columbia, South Carolina where she was storyteller-in-residence at the University of South Carolina for the next 20 years. Guild members old enough and lucky enough to have heard Augusta Baker tell can testify to her skill as a teller.

A look at Dr. Martin's career finds many parallels for like Ms. Baker she is both a scholar and a teller. She is the author of <u>Brown Gold: Milestones of African American Children's Picture Books 1845-2002</u> (Routledge, 2004). She co-wrote with Katie Stigliano <u>Katie's Cabbage</u>, a picture book about a 40 lb. cabbage Katie grew that fed 275 people at a soup kitchen. Her current project, <u>Dream Keepers for Children of the Sun</u>, analyzes the works that Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps wrote for children, both separately and together, during their 40 year friendship. And she has been telling stories for many years. Dr. Martin delivered the 2014 Gryphon Lecture - *Augusta Baker and Art of Storytelling: Gateway to Children's Literacy and Literature* at the Illinois School of Information Services.



We look forwards to welcoming Dr. Martin to our area and enjoying an evening of her stories as our featured teller at our February 20th program at the Haller Lake Community Club, 12579 Densmore Ave, North, Seattle. The program is from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Following Refreshments, there will be an Open Mike. Donations welcome.



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