

CONNECTED: PART 1

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Welcome to CONNECTED: Part I



Members, Friends and Guests,

Welcome to Connected – Part 1

The fact of the matter is that the Pandemic has taken a toll on the storytelling community in general and the National Storytelling Network in particular. We know how much the NSN members look forward to connecting and reconnecting at our annual conferences, but an in-person conference is not possible at this time.

I am reminded of a story about a man who is walking along and sees a tiger. Wanting to avoid the tiger he picks up his pace but unfortunately the tiger sees him and follows. He runs, the tiger gives chase. He comes to a cliff and throws himself over the edge, clinging to a vine. He looks down. It is a long way to the bottom. The tiger above, the rocks below. What is he to do? Looking over he sees wild strawberries growing from a crack in the cliff face. He picks one and tastes it. “Ahhh,” he says, “how sweet it is.”

Here is the sweetness we can offer on this one day of Connection between what was familiar and expected and what will yet to be, without straining our technical capacity or your attention spans: The Annual Membership Meeting to report on the state of the organization and the larger community, the Oracle Awards and Concert celebrating the life and vitality of storytelling and storytellers, and the Grand Slam, to cap off a year’s worth of 5-minute stories writ large and engaging.

My thanks to our sponsors for helping make Connected – Part 1 possible. And on behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, thanks to each of you for your continuing and much appreciated support of the National Storytelling Network.

Loren Niemi
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From the NSN Staff and Board of Directors



About NSN

NSN - The National Storytelling Network (<https://storynet.org>) is an international community of storytellers who bring storytelling into diverse settings across the world. Established in 1975, the National Storytelling Network is comprised of approximately 1,000 individuals and affiliated organizations. The National Storytelling Conference is NSN's vehicle for bringing this international community together once a year. Like our members, the conference moves to different regions, providing an array of workshops for new initiates and longtime storytellers to network and hone their skills.

NSN is located in the burgeoning, vibrant arts center of Kansas City, Missouri. Our home and partnership with the award-winning Mid-Continent Public Library System, and its Woodneath Library Story Center facilitates member engagement and allows us to develop synergies that will further NSN's international presence within arts communities at all levels.

Vision

A world in which all people value the power of storytelling and its ability to connect, inspire, and instill respect within our hearts and communities.

Mission

The National Storytelling Network is a membership organization made up of individuals and organizations involved in storytelling. Its mission is to advance all forms of storytelling within the community through promotion, advocacy and education.

Values

- Responsive Innovation: Continuous adaptation of our work in response to changing and community needs.
- Cultural Awareness and Engagement: Sensitivity and respect for diverse individuals and communities
- Inclusion: Advancement of equity by elevating underrepresented voices.
- Collaboration: Employing the power of storytelling as a way to support the missions of our partnering organizations.
- Integrity: We act with transparency, honesty and sincerity.

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NSN would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and effort in the planning and execution of this year's conferences, Slams, Fringes, and other programs. Your contributions of time and effort truly make a difference!

Due to the publishing schedule of this program book, we are not able to list the names of all our volunteers. However we do not want to miss the opportunity to say a heart-felt THANK YOU to each and every one of them for contributing to its success.

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Sponsored by NSN, Storytell listserv is an online discussion forum of more than 900 subscribers worldwide. It serves as a source of information on all things storytelling: conferences, workshops and events as well as a place to ask (and answer) questions about the origins and variations of stories, the business of storytelling, or organization of storytelling events.

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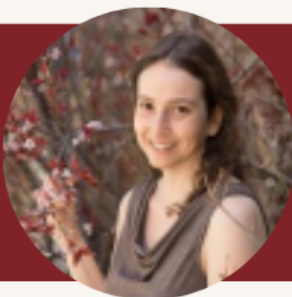
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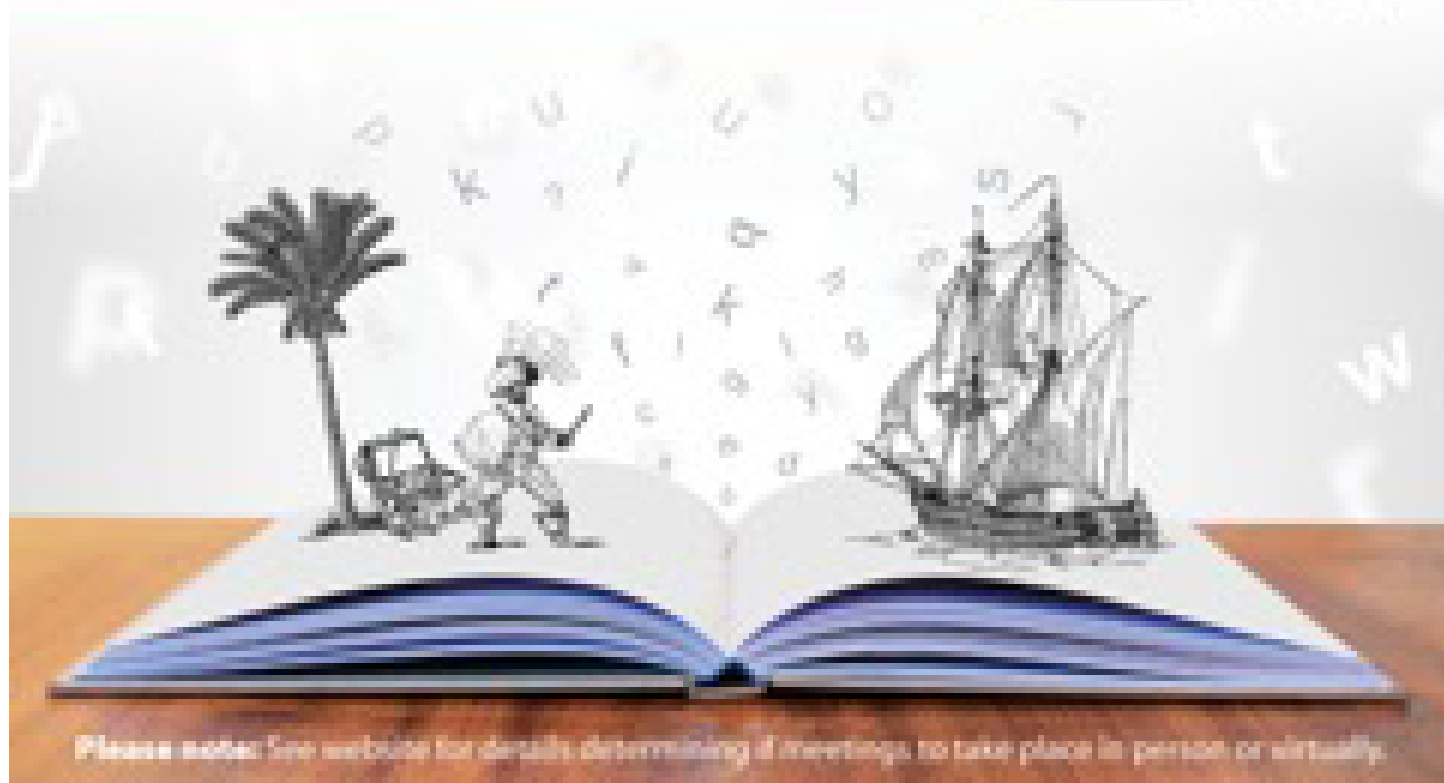
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You are invited to participate in the NSN 2022 CONNECTED: Part I Grand Slam. Ten winners from this season will compete for the grand prize - we need YOU to help decide the winners. Each five-minute story must be a true personal story and must be related to the theme "Destinations". The audience will vote for their top tellers. The results will be added to the scores given by three guest judges. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the Grand Slam.

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The money raised by this auction will help NSN be financially secure and able to achieve its vision of a world in which all people value the power of storytelling and its ability to connect, inspire, and instill respect within our hearts and communities.

The auction will officially open Monday, August 15th at 11:00 AM Central time. You can view and bid on the available items at <https://www.32auctions.com/nsn-s22>. The auction will end at 11:00 PM Central time on Friday, August 19th.

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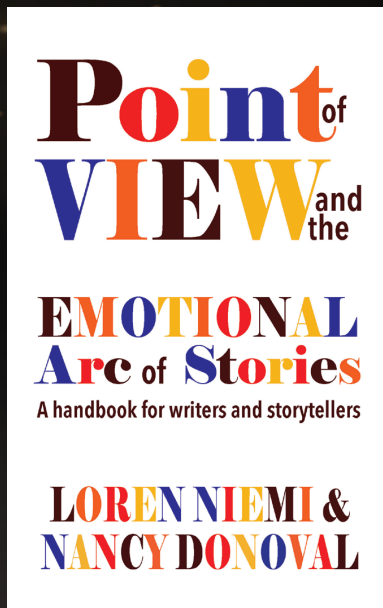
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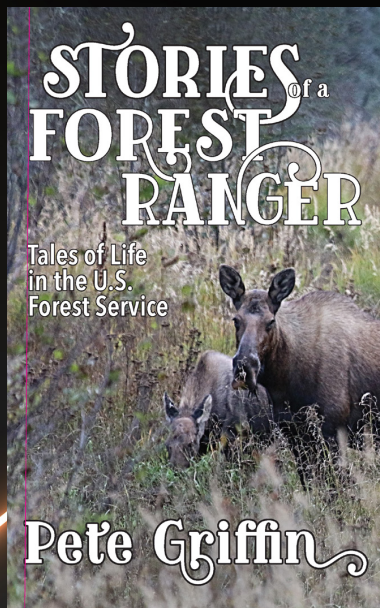
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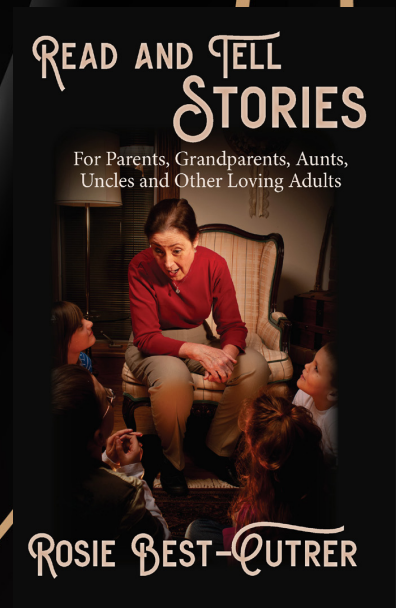




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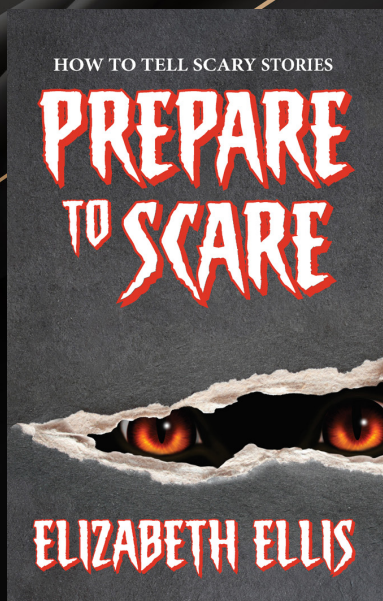
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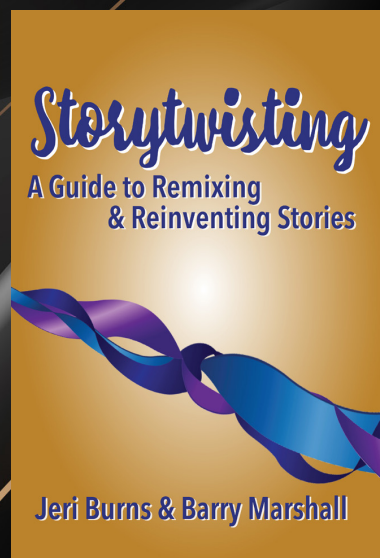
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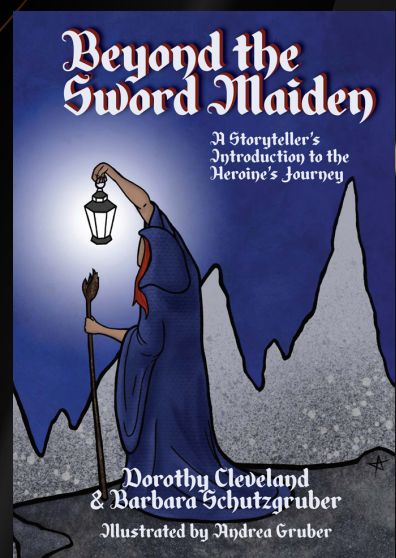
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2022 NSN ORACLE Awards



Welcome to the National Storytelling Network ORACLE Awards Ceremony. Each year since 1995 our community has gathered to honor those who have spread the joy, innovation, and timeless importance of storytelling within North American and beyond. We celebrate those moving storytelling into the future while assuring its continued relevance in the unbroken line from storytellers from the ancient world. We celebrate them all with gratitude and jubilation, we praise them as light bearers, exemplars, visionaries and inspired artists.

The ORACLE Awards are national, even international in scope The Story Bridges Award recognizes those who cross oceans to seek commonality among disparate cultures. The Talking Leaves Award honors authors, editors, collaborators and translators who contribute to the breadth and depth of story collections, commentary, interpretation and archives. Circle of Excellence recipients are chosen for their artistry and invention, acknowledged by their peers as masters. The additional awards for Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished National Service join all awardees reaching and telling wherever they land All awardees teach and tell wherever they land, leaving countless new storytellers and stories wherever they land. Our awards reveal our hopes and dreams.

In this unsettling time of disputes, perils and division, storytellers work to settle, to encompass, to embrace the essence of story.

Regional Awards given within the 7 NSN regions of the United States and the unincorporated territories mirror our founding as a membership organization: A national nonprofit that sees the value and influence of those who work within states and U.S. territories. A multitude of storytellers at work within communities and professions that fill the urgent need for stories, storytellers, story listeners and welcoming schools, businesses, governments where storytellers go each day, each week, each month each year. To schools and libraries where the tiniest listeners gather close to hear ancient narratives, and fresh new tales, to churches with gifted preachers, to parks, to commons to ply their magic and honorable trade. There are dancing storytellers, singing storytellers, storytellers with scissors and string, storytellers who use the desert sands to speak and draw stories. Stories in the languages of the First Nations, the sharp rhythms of rap, or hymns through countless dialects, patois, poetry, sign language; these stories hop and jump across the divide of history, race, and opportunity to spin an endless narrative. It never stops; it never ceases. It can't.

This is who we are. This is what we celebrate; this is what we honor. Both ORACLE Awardees and Regional Recipients, are, our gifted practitioners, our Seers. Let us Praise them now. Thank them now. Let their accomplishments inspire us to claim our essential place. We are storytellers. This world needs our honored recipients every day. It needs us too. Now.

MaryGay Ducey
ORACLE Award Committee

NSN ORACLE Awards

The National Storytelling Network (NSN) values our members and their art by annually recognizing individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to storytelling by presenting them with an ORACLE Award.

Now is the time to start thinking about honoring a deserving storyteller or storytelling supporter through the NSN ORACLE Awards in 2023. The NSN ORACLE Award Categories are Lifetime Achievement, Circle of Excellence, Regional Excellence, Distinguished National Service, Talking Leaves, International StoryBridge, and Regional Service and Leadership.

The NSN ORACLE committee only gives awards that come through YOUR nominations. It's up to each of you to recognize those deserving folks who may otherwise be overlooked. All nominations require a nomination form, narrative addressing qualifications, and three (3) letters of support.

Nomination for the Regional Excellence Award is the only award that requires a video sample. This category recognizes the creativity, professional integrity, and artistic contributions of tellers who have greatly enriched the Storytelling culture of their region. Note: A video is required with this nomination since the evaluation committee may be unfamiliar with the nominee's Storytelling work.

Please be careful to address the criteria of each separate award in your nomination, particularly keeping in mind the differences between Regional Excellence (evaluating a candidate's performance skills) and Regional Service & Leadership (evaluating a candidate's service & leadership actions).

Please visit <https://storynet.org/awards/oracle-awards/> for ORACLE Award nomination and submission instructions.

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The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to individuals in the storytelling community who have dedicated their lives to the art form of storytelling and who have demonstrated meritorious service to the National Storytelling Network, as well as to the community of storytellers at large. The individuals who are awarded are those who have expanded public awareness of the art of storytelling by virtue of their preservation of traditional art forms or the significant originality of their body of work.

No 2022 recipients

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Circle of Excellence Award recognizes master storytellers who set the standards for excellence and have demonstrated, over a significant period of time, a commitment and dedication to the art of storytelling.

No 2022 recipients



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DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished National Service Award is presented to those individuals, members or groups who contribute their time and energy in an exemplary manner on the national level to forward the work of the National Storytelling Network.

No 2022 recipients

TALKING LEAVES AWARD

The Talking Leaves Award is presented to those members of our community who have made outstanding contributions to the literary body of storytelling as authors, editors or collectors.

Laura Simms



Laura is an internationally acclaimed storyteller, writer, activist and teacher. She combines traditional stories with personal narrative. Her coaching is legendary. She is artistic Director of the Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling Center ,NY., served as a Senior Research Fellow at Rutgers University Peace Center under the auspices of UNESCO, won the Sesame Street SUNNY DAYS AWARD for work with children worldwide, and received the Hasbro September 11 Grant. Laura has appeared at festivals, theaters, schools, and universities worldwide. She has written six books, directed festivals, and saved a zoo in Romania. She is a senior mindfulness instructor and is trained in Council, and with The Constellation. Her most recent book is OUR SECRET TERRITORY: The Essence of Storytelling. She is working on a new book: WILD ROSE: Summoning The Restoration of the World.

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INTERNATIONAL STORYBRIDGE AWARD

The International StoryBridge Award recognizes the exemplary work, dedication, and spirit of those individuals or groups that promote the art of storytelling in their own country or promote the building of bridges between their country and other countries through the use of storytelling and/or storytelling events.

No 2022 recipients

REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Regional Excellence Awards recognize the creativity, professional integrity, and artistic contributions of tellers who have greatly enriched the storytelling culture of their region.

Cooper Braun - Western Region

Cooper was raised by granola eating coyotes in Boulder Colorado and grew up without a television. Lacking the traditional American form of child pacification, he found a love of storytelling from records and cassette tapes. In 2013, he took to the storytelling stage for the first time. Cooper was featured at the Exchange Place at

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the National Storytelling Festival in 2017. He was awarded the 2018 JJ Reneaux Emerging Artist Award by the National Storytelling Network.

Cooper's stories remind us that fairy tales were never just for children. That traditional stories can be funny, dark, poignant, and anything but dry.

Since the beginning of the pandemic Stories with Spirit, his company with Rachel Ann Harding, has become one of the leading producers of virtual storytelling shows. Their series Fairy Tale Variations has proved wildly successful, regularly attracting audiences of over 200 from around the world.

Rachel Ann Harding - Western Region

Rachel is a traditional storyteller who is passionate about sharing beautiful folk, myth, and traditional tales. In 2018 she was a featured storyteller for the Exchange Place at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. She is the creator and producer of the Story Story Podcast, which showcases traditional storytelling from around the world. Rachel Ann believes that fairytales are for all ages.



REGIONAL SERVICE & LEADERSHIP AWARD

Regional Service and Leadership Awards are presented to individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to their local or regional storytelling community and/or have used storytelling to make a significant contribution to the larger community in which they live.

Marilyn McPhie - Pacific Region

Marilyn once had to choose between cleaning bathrooms and telling stories. She's been a professional teller since 1985, performing in the usual – and unusual – venues across the county and beyond. She has collaborated with a classical pianist, a bagpiper, and a full orchestra; with art exhibits from William Wegman photography to ancient Chinese art to modern book arts; with a dance troupe for peace strategies.



She has led a troupe of student storytellers, has written a review column for a national newsletter, has been a judge for a national spoken-word competition and a TEDx speaker. The past Pacific Region Director for the National Storytelling Network and President of the Storytellers of San Diego, she has presented at many regional and national conferences. She's descended from Charlemagne, pioneers, and witches, and she has a fondness for old stories with new twists.

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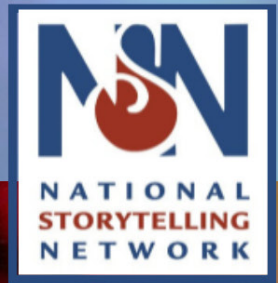
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