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| FEATURE

STORYTELLING RESOURCE PLACE IN JONESBOROUGH, TN ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Margaret Read MacDonald
Managing Editor

Got a houseful of wonderful storytelling materials you can no longer house? The Storytelling Resource Place in Jonesborough, Tennessee might be interested in accepting donations.

Pamela Miller has founded a storytelling library in Jonesborough. The Old Slemons House, property of the town of Jonesborough, has been leased to her as a library for \$1 a year and the town is doing all upkeep on the property. She is interested in storytelling books, audios, videos, and artifacts. Check out the website: <https://storytellingresourceplace.com/>

You can contact Pamela Miller at fairytaleteller246@gmail.com

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| NOTICE

NSN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARD, COMMITTEE, SIG LEADERSHIP

COME ON BOARD!

NSN needs worker bees to bring our organization up to speed again.

Our board has openings for two new members:

Publications Manager: Oversee all digital or print publications. Our Newsletter Committee is already functioning well, so this person needs to work mainly with our social media and website postings.

Volunteer Coordinator: Helps coordinate volunteers for NSN initiatives, events.

Our current board members are:

Chair: Trudy Hanson

Vice Chair: Delanna Reed

Secretary: Margaret Read MacDonald

Finance Committee Chair and Digital/Technical Specialist: Rishi Nixon

ECO SIG Rep: Linda Yemoto

YES SIG Rep: Angela Lloyd

PRO SIG Reps: Lisa Overholser and Barry McWilliams

At-Large: Sara deBeer, Gary Kuntz, Linda Marchisio, and Debra Olson-Tolar.

The Storytelling in Organizations, SIO SIG, has indicated that they wish to disband. If any past or future members of that SIG wish to revive it, now is the time to step up.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Clever with money? Join our Finance Committee to help oversee NSN finances.

Experience with policy and procedure? The By-Laws Committee can use you.

Good at encouraging folks to join NSN? Join our Membership Committee.

Fundraising Committee? Events Committee? Nominating Committee? NSN can use you!



Thanks to those folks who have already stepped up!

Accreditation Committee: Kathy Santopietro Weddel, Kevin Cordi, Gail Herman

Bylaws Committee: Margaret Read MacDonald; Bob Johnson, Linda Marchisio

Finance Committee: Rishi Nixon, Lisa Overholser, Cora Newcomb, Bob Johnson, Ellen Munds

Fundraising Committee: Tim Ereneta

Membership Committee: Debra Olson-Tolar, Sara DeBeer

Newsletter Committee: Margaret Read MacDonald, Rishi Nixon, Bob Johnson, Rita Rigano, Nick Smith, Sara Armstrong, Ashton Cynthia Clarke, Cassie Selleck

Oracle Award Committee: Angela Lloyd, Sarah Addison, Alton Chung, Cora Newcomb, Toni Simmons

Events Committee: Delanna Reed, Marilyn McPhie

BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL:

You can find our board minutes on the NSN website: [ABOUT > BOARD MEETING MINUTES](#). A video of the 2 hour meeting is also available there. You are welcome to sit in on our monthly board meetings. The link is found on the same page.

Tuesday, May 16 at 6 pm

Saturday, June 17 at Noon

Tuesday, July 18 at 6 pm

Saturday, August 19 at Noon

Tuesday, September 19 at 6 pm

Saturday, October 21 at Noon

Tuesday, November 21 at 6 pm

Saturday, December 16 at Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration forms linked in the title, if available.

VIRTUAL

[Second Annual Liar's Swapfest](#)

Seattle Storytellers Guild

May 19, 2023, 7pm PST

["Stories Without Borders"](#)

[International Conference](#)

May 17 - 19, 2023

[Healing Story Alliance: A Heroine's](#)

[Journey Workshop with Lani](#)

[Peterson, Psy.D.](#)

May 21, 2023

IN-PERSON

[Shoals Storytelling Festival](#)

Shoals, Alabama

May 18-20, 2023

[Taking Your Stories to the Stage \(in-person\): Three-Day Intensive Workshop](#)

Asheville, North Carolina

Connie Reagan-Blake

October 20-22, 2023

[Sacramento Valley Storytelling](#)

[Festival](#)

Sacramento, California

Sacramento Storytellers Guild

May 20, 2023

[Revealed: True, Personal Storytelling](#)

The Glendale Room, Glendale, CA

Erica Blumfield

May 7, 2023

[In the Voice of Our Ancestors](#)

[Workshop Retreat](#)

Oakland, Maryland

Ilene Evans & Roots to Sky

Sanctuary

May 4 - 7, 2023

[Playing with Story Workshop](#)

[\(contact Margaret Read MacDonald for more info\)](#)

Des Moines, Washington

Margaret Read MacDonald & Seattle

Storytellers Guild

May 13, 2023

Enter your events to our [COMMUNITY CALENDAR](#) on the NSN website for publication in the newsletter and to the wider storytelling community.

We also accept contributions with external links to the newsletter email at newsletter@storynet.org.

FEATURED EVENTS

THE HEALING STORY ALLIANCE PRESENTS

KIND STORIES IN CONCERT

LISTEN, SHARE, AND REFLECT ON STORIES OF KINDNESS GIVEN, KINDNESS RECEIVED


**SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2023
7-8:30PM EST**

Emcee

JACKSON GILLMAN

Also featuring two Community Tellers who will share anecdotes of kindness from their lives and work.


DIANE FERLATTE


BILL HARLEY


LEENY DEL SEAMONDS



**Free: Registration Required
Donations Welcome!**



NORTHWEST
FOLKLIFE

**Live Storytelling at
The 52nd Annual Northwest Folklife Festival
at the Seattle Center**

LAGONI

"Not too much, not too little, just right!"

Friday May 26, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Center Theatre

Tantalizing Tales: Leighona Cara Tom Rawson

Saturday May 27, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Eve Alvord Theatre (Seattle Children's Theatre)

Ghost Stories: Sarah Comer Mary Anne Moorman Larry Hohm


Sunday May 28, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Center Theatre

Liar's Contest (Sign-up one hour before, from 6:30 to 7:25, Center Theatre)

MC: Marte Fallshore

(Seattle Storytellers Guild will match your donations to NW Folklife [made at these performances.](#))


FEATURED EVENTS

 YES STORY LAB SERIES
 —————> VIRTUAL WORKSHOP


PUPPETRY 101

BY GENE CORDOVA

Learn how to incorporate puppetry skills in your storytelling! All the experience levels are welcome!



Let's Learn Puppetry





MAY 12 (FRI) 2023
7 PM Central
(5 Pacific 7 Mountain 8 Eastern)



YES Member FREE
Non-YES Member \$15

Don't miss this experience!
Broaden your knowledge and register yourself here:

<https://storynet.org/events/>



 <https://www.facebook.com/yesallies>

FEATURED EVENTS



In Her Name:
the Legacy of J.J. Reneaux

A virtual concert to benefit
the J.J. Reneaux Emerging Artist &
Mentorship Grants
featuring past grant recipients

April 29, 2023
7:30 PM EDT



Mokoto Dworkin



Alton Takiyama



Regi Carpenter



Dustin Loehr

www.artistsstandingstrongtogether.net/event-details/in-her-name-the-legacy-of-j-j-reneaux

Suggested Donation: \$20







JEFF'S PICKS: RECORDED STORYTELLING EVENTS

Jeff Gere

Producer (retired), Hawai'i Talk Story Festival

Featuring my picks of GREAT storytelling from the (Asia) FEAST FEST 2021:

Roger Jenkins (British man, FEAST pillar, in Singapore) with a little lesson.

Prakrati Agrawal (an Indian living in Canada) with a short funny tale. Gauri Raje

(an Indian working in Scotland) an intimate walk (via hand- held camera) tells a

long, intricate ghost romance story both disturbing & gorgeous. Rebecca Lemaire

(English/Belgian at home in India) of Ramtanu Trio (with music throughout the

show.) tells 2 short tales of silence, music & mysticism. Shereen Saif (Indian

dancer/storyteller in Dubai) tells of love between a celestial dancer & a mortal

King. Her self-assured elegance, easily chanting, with hands flowing in classical

Indian dance mudras... RICH & powerful!

Come see. ... just take a quick look at them here in this short video:

<https://youtu.be/60q8KGzuXQQ>

New 'STORY RETREAT' Video:

At the end of March (last month) a group of 19 Storytellers (3 Koreans, many

Californians, & handfuls from both USA & Hawaii)(+ 4 staff) came together for a

week in an old Camp (renewed!) in Koke'e, the mountain top tip of Kauai in

Hawaii. Their compiled media (video & photos) are meshed together to make a

21 minute documentary. It includes glimpses into the opening & closing

ceremonies, hikes, visits to sites on Kauai, local storytellers, & 3 public shows.

Take a look! <https://youtu.be/gNaiVU3n6pc>

There's interest in doing it again in Spring, 2024. It will be similar. Details will be

coming out sooner or later. If you are interested in participating, GREAT! Let us

know. We'll add your name to a contact list. Write to Jeff Gere

(jeffgere1031@gmail.com)... and ALOHA.

REMEMBERING RUTH HILL

Linda Goss

Co-Founder, National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS)

DEAR NABS COMMUNITY,

PEACE & WELLBEING! I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM SISTER LAURA PACKER THIS MORNING INFORMING ME THAT OUR DEAR BELOVED MAMA RUTH HILL IS NOW AN ANCESTOR. SHE CROSSED OVER THIS MORNING BETWEEN 2 AM AND 3 AM, APRIL 15TH, 2023.

*MY BELLS OF PRAYER ARE RINGING!
WE REMEMBER! WE RECLAIM!
WE RECALL OUR ANCESTOR WARRIOR
QUEEN NANA MAMA RUTH HILL'S NAME.*



MAMA RUTH LOVED NABS. SHE AND BROTHER BLUE WERE AT THE FIRST FESTIVAL AND WERE CHARTER (FOUNDING) MEMBERS OF NABS.

MAMA RUTH'S LIBRARY HAS NOT DIED.
IT IS A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY'S
COLLECTIVE MEMORY BANK.

THE NABS FAMILY WILL BE INFORMED WHEN ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. ASANTE SANA!

IN THE SERVICE OF LOVE & STORYTELLING,
Mama Linda



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CONTRIBUTE TO THE NSN NEWSLETTER!

Send an email with your contribution or article to newsletter@storynet.org to go out to the NSN community. Stories for the next issue are due on the 25th of the month.

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