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| FEATURE

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT NSN'S AUGUST AUCTION!



Kate Dudding & Marilyn McPhie
Auction Co-Chairs

Thank so much to all our donors! This collage is a mere sampling of the items which are being added to the auction website. Now we need your help to spread the word about the auction. Please share the auction address www.32auctions.com/nsn-s23 on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and other social networks. Let your non-storytelling friends, family, and co-workers know about the auction, especially if you spot an item they might be interested in. We look forward to a fun, profitable online event on **Aug 14 to 18**.



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| ANNOUNCEMENT

NSN CALLS FOR 2024 CONFERENCE PROPOSALS



Margaret Read MacDonald & Delanna Reed
Conference Co-Chairs

Now is the time to plan for the 2024 NSN conference in Seattle TOGETHER AGAIN! July 11-14, 2024 at the Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way, WA. We are accepting proposals for workshops, panels, topical presentations, and for leaders for early morning activities...yoga, meditation, etc. All presenters receive \$100 off conference registration. Visit the NSN Website to submit your proposal.

<https://storynet.org/conference-2024-call-for-proposals/>

Those selected will be notified by December 15, 2023. We look forward to offering an exciting conference with a range of relevant and stimulating topics.



Together Again!

While celebrating our roots and honoring the paths already traveled, we open a space to create, innovate, and imagine a world renewed.

The National Storytelling Network invites you to the shores of Puget Sound outside Seattle, WA—from **July 11 to 14, 2024**—for our first in-person conference in five years.

NOW ACCEPTING PRESENTER PROPOSALS
DUE MIDNIGHT CDT, OCT 1, 2023.

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| EDITORIAL

NSN'S 2023 GENERAL MEETING MARKED BY MEMORABLE STORIES



Trudy L. Hanson
President

At NSN's July 15 online membership meeting, members shared memories of their past experiences with NSN through the years and wonderful performances by the three ORACLE Award Winners (Dolores Hydock, Jessica Piscitelli Robinson, and Lorelee Cooley) of personal stories, folktales and adapted tales touched all who attended. If you want to hear those stories or follow the business meeting, be sure to visit <https://storynet.org/> (NSN's homepage) to watch the video, read the chat, see the financial report, and review the meeting minutes.

2023 Oracle Awards Committee members Sarah Juba Addison, Alton Chung, Mary Gay Ducey, Angela Lloyd, Toni Simmons, and Cora Newcomb, together with NSN Board Vice Chair Delanna Reed and NSN Digital and Technical Specialist Rishi Nixon, produced a delightful program that introduced each of these gifted tellers. Angela Lloyd helped begin the gathering with enthusiasm and song, inviting attendees to share their memories of NSN and throughout the afternoon brought joy to all who attended.

The membership meeting covered the following items (For a full report, check out the Official Minutes posted at the link listed previously):

- Treasurer's Report by Bob Johnson showed that NSN is in good financial shape.
- Finance Committee Chair report by Rishi Nixon reminded us that NSN's financial plan relies on the 3-legged stool of hosting an in-person conference, leadership by the SIGs, and volunteer efforts.
- 2024 Summer Conference update by Margaret Read MacDonald announced that the online proposal form would be available.

- NSN Auction Co-Chairs Kate Dudding and Marilyn McPhee shared that 30 items had been donated as of July 15, and encouraged members to log on to the auction website and participate August 14-18.
- Membership Update from Bookkeeper Dot Cleveland and Treasurer Bob Johnson reported that lapsed members were being contacted. Dot also explained that the current website update is ongoing.
- Special Interest Group reports by Linda Yemoto for Environmental Storytelling, Lisa Williams for Storytelling in Organizations, Lisa Overholser and Barry McWilliams for Producers and Organizations, and Angela Lloyd for Youth Educators and Storytellers informed members of upcoming programs and regular meeting schedules.
- NSN Chair Trudy Hanson explained that the two goals the NSN Board were concentrating on for the year include hosting an in-person conference in 2024 and improving communication with our membership.
- Members were encouraged to reach out to storytelling friends to create additional Special Interest Groups. (With recent board action, 15 NSN members are needed to form a new SIG.)

As members participated and shared stories, several ideas were offered that the NSN Board plans to consider, including creating some venue to capture members' historical accounts of their experiences with NSN and considering the benefits of offering lifetime NSN memberships. (Currently, lifetime membership is not an option on our website, but Bob Johnson said that lifetime memberships were previously set at \$1100.)

One of the highlights of the afternoon performances was the closing frame of ORACLE Circle of Excellence awardee Dolores Hydock's story.

*Those moments in your life when you feel you're just about to drop,
a little band of angels magically appears, holding you up and staying
with you until they see you safely back to solid ground.*

We sincerely thank all the NSN members who are part of the band of angels who keep this organization going!

| NOTICE

THE GOOD LIARS CLUB FESTIVAL RIDES AGAIN!



Anne Rutherford & Norm Brecke
Co-Founders, The Good Liars Club

Twenty-four storytellers from across the country are featured in the 2nd Annual Good Liars Club Festival, live on Zoom **Saturday August 5th**.

Andy Offutt-Irwin, Angela Lloyd, Chetter Galloway, Alton Chung, Ingrid Nixon and Ed Stivender are among the storytellers who will stretch the truth 'til the audience chortles in the six-hour event produced by Anne Rutherford and Norm Brecke.

This second annual online festival features twenty-four tellers in six showcases, starting at 1pm PDT/4pm EDT and running until the last showcase at 6pm PDT/9pm EDT.

Audience members can drop in and out for as many showcases as they please, or stay for the whole festival of fabulation.

Register for one link, and you can come in and out to watch as many showcases as you want. It's free to watch live, and we do encourage donations that are split among all our tellers. Donors will get a link to watch a recording of all the showcases on demand for a month after the event.

See showcase lineups and register [here](#). Donate [here](#).

Anne & Norm present:
The 2nd Annual ONLINE--Live on Zoom
GOOD Liars Club Festival



Saturday, August 5, 2023 1:00-7:00 Pacific / 4:00-10:00 Eastern
6 Showcases ★ 24 Tellers ★ Full schedule at: www.anne-norm.com/glc-festival-2023
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/goodliarsclubfestival2023>
Donate to the tellers at: <https://tinyurl.com/GLCFest2023Donate>
All who donate will be able to watch the festival for two weeks after the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration forms linked in the title, if available.

[The Good Liars Club Festival 2023](#)

Sat Aug 5th 2023

Noon AKDT / 1pm PDT / 2pm MDT /
3pm CDT/ 4pm EDT

[BackStory](#)

Live & Virtual

The Victory Theatre Center

August 6, 2023, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
PDT

3326 W Victory Blvd, Burbank, CA
91505

[Adults ONLY Stories](#)

Virtual

Artists Standing Strong Together
(ASST)

August 12, 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM EDT

[SAC Genre Series - Personal Stories](#)

Virtual

Storytelling Assn. of California

August 16, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
PDT

[The Reboot - Storytelling](#)

[ReImagined](#)

[Live](#)

Top Dog Coffee Bar Garden Stage

August 25, 2023, 7:00 PM PDT

857 Main St, Morro Bay, CA 93442

[Michigan Bright Water Storytelling Festival](#)

Live

Howell Opera House

August 26, 2023, 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
CDT

[You and I, Oh My! Couples Tandem Telling](#)

Artists Standing Strong Together
(ASST)

Virtual

August 31, 2023, 8:00 - 10:00 PM
EDT



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