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| FEATURE

PROPOSALS FOR NSN'S 2024 CONFERENCE DUE OCTOBER 1



Margaret Read MacDonald & Delanna Reed
Conference Co-Chairs

Time to get your proposal ideas together and send them in. The forms are on the NSN website. Those whose proposals are accepted receive \$100 off registration. We are looking for proposals that fit our SIG's themes: ECO, YES, SIO, PRO and our partner HSA or any other general themes. If you have important things to share with our members, send in your proposal for a workshop, presentation, showcase, panel, ...Also looking for folks to lead movement or meditation early morning sessions. Accepted proposals will be notified before December 15.

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

FRINGE PERFORMANCES:

Fringe Performance applications will be announced in September. These are selected by lottery.

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To help you plan for the 2024 conference:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

- **\$249:** Early-bird member-rate

Plus,

- Housing at the Dumas Bay Centre will be as low as **\$200 for all three days** (includes three nights w. breakfast) for a twin room (we can assign roommate if you wish) and toilet down the hall.
- **\$330 single w. toilet in room**, shower down hall (for all three days).
- Or nearby motels begin at **\$130 per night**, we will arrange transport to center for \$10 per day.


And,


Meals \$182.64 for entire conference.

HELPFUL ADVICE FOR LEADING A WORKSHOP:

Jo Radner presented a workshop on leading a workshop at the Sharing the Fire conference last March. Many tellers contributed suggestions to Jo. Here is the useful suggestion document they produced.

JO RADNER'S WORKSHOP GUIDE





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.

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

| FEATURE

NSN'S SUMMER AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS



Kate Dudding & Marilyn McPhie
Auction Co-Chairs

Thanks so very much to all who participated in the auction - the donors and the bidders.

A special thanks to Sara deBeer and others for promoting the auction on social media.

FYI: By extending the auction for an additional week, at the request of several people, \$1,600 more was raised (\$4,300 to \$5,929.)

GRATEFULLY THANKING EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING NSN VIA THIS AUCTION,

[Kate Dudding](#) and
[Marilyn McPhie](#)



NSN NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK

2023 Summer AUCTION

\$5,929 Raised!

August 14th - 25th

54 Donors

www.32auctions.com/nsn-s23

75 Bidders

112 Donations

Thank you ALL very much

The graphic features a collage of various items including portraits of people, books, a building, and other auctioned goods, all set against a red background with white and yellow text.

| NOTICE

NEW WAR STORIES DISCUSSION GROUP BEING EXPLORED



Adam Mellema
WWII Storyteller



Do you tell war stories?

I'm interested in starting a "Special Interest Group" or a "Discussion Group"
composed of storytellers who focus on veterans and war stories.
Please contact me if you are interested in joining.

Adam Mellema
WWII Storyteller

adam@adammellema.com
<http://storiesfromthewar.com/>

| PROGRAM

PRO SIG PRESENTS WORKSHOP AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON BUILDING YOUR STORYTELLING BOARD



Lisa Overholser
PRO SIG Chair

NSN Producers and Organizers Group invites you to a virtual Workshop and Panel Discussion: "Build Your Storytelling Board"

Building an effective Board for your storytelling organization is more than just "filling seats". There is an art to learning how to build a board that is effective, inclusive, diverse, and can draw on strengths from many different fields to maximize your organization's potential. Learn from seasoned organizational board members and community developers from inside and outside the storytelling world in this hands-on workshop and panel discussion!

Monday, Sep. 18, 2023
7 pm (Central)
90 minutes

Presenters:

Jennifer Williams (University of Missouri Extension);
Ellen Munds (Storytelling Arts of Indiana);
Denise Page (Ubuntu Storytellers)

Registration:

\$10 non-PRO members (free for PRO members)

REGISTER NOW!

| PROGRAM

BURNT INTO MEMORY: AN ORAL HISTORY CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE MAUI STRONG FUND



Jo Radner
Fmr. President

In the space of a few hours on Oct. 23, 1947, a furious wildfire destroyed almost all of the small western Maine town of Brownfield. Neighbors fought and fled the fire, then returned, determined to rebuild their community. Drawing on interviews with townspeople, letters, photographs, and newspaper reports, storyteller and folklorist Jo Radner tells an epic story of terror, courage, generosity, and hope. Join us for an extraordinary evening of storytelling to benefit those impacted by the fires on Maui! All proceeds from this concert will go to the Hawaii Community Foundation - MAUI STRONG. The Maui Strong Fund is providing financial resources that can be deployed quickly, with a focus on rapid response and recovery for the devastating wildfires on Maui. HCF will not be collecting a fee for donations to the Maui Strong Fund; 100 percent of the funds will be distributed for community needs.

This program sponsored by the Healing Story Alliance is free, but donations to the Maui Strong Fund are appreciated.



Jo Radner has been studying, teaching, telling, and collecting stories most of her life, and has performed from Maine to Hawaii to Finland. She is past president of the American Folklore Society and the National Storytelling Network. After 31 years' teaching at American University, Jo moved back to her home region of western Maine as a freelance storyteller, writer, and oral historian. Her new book, *Wit and Wisdom: The Forgotten Literary Life of New England Villages*, was published in June. Committed to strengthening communities by helping them find, shape, and present their stories, Jo conducts oral history projects and workshops for organizations, families, and individuals. To develop "Burnt into Memory," the story she will tell here today, she spent a year interviewing people who lived through the terrible wildfire that destroyed the western Maine town of Brownfield in 1947. She created this story to honor and celebrate those who fought and fled the fire seventy-six years ago. In this program, she will tell it as a tribute and fundraiser for the people of Maui who suffered this summer's terrible wildfire.

REGISTER NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration forms linked in the title, if available.

VIRTUAL

[Traditions and Truth: A Virtual Open Mic Featuring Janel Behm](#)

Virtual/Zoom

September 2, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
CDT

*email Professor Janice Del Negro
(jdelnegro@dom.edu) to register*

[Adults ONLY Stories: Put the kids to bed and enjoy an evening of stories made for adult ears!](#)

Virtual/Zoom

Artists Standing Strong Together
(ASST)

September 9, 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm
EDT

[OARS in the Water: Image as Medicine](#)

Virtual/Zoom

Healing Story Alliance

September 13, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
EDT

[OARS in the Water: The Neighborhoods of Our Lives](#)

Virtual/Zoom

Healing Story Alliance

September 27, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
EDT

NEW YORK

[RISK! Live in NYC](#)

Hybrid - Virtual and Live

Caveat, 21 A Clinton Street, New
York, NY 10002

or livestream via Stellar

September 28, 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm
EDT

TENNESSEE

[National Storytelling Festival](#)

Jonesborough Visitors Center,

Jonesborough, TN

International Storytelling Center

October 6-8, 2023

| NOTICE

STORYTELLING YES YOU CAN WORKSHOP WITH NOA BAUM



Noa Baum

Award-Winning Author of *A Land Twice Promised: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace*



STORYTELLING YES YOU CAN!

LIVE ON ZOOM

Learn to tell your story with ease

Discover how to inspire others

4 week online course with

Noa Baum

[Storytelling Yes You Can! Online Course with Noa Baum | Eventcombo](#)
(8 hours) + one hour private coaching session (scheduled individually following the course)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023: \$180



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Send an email with your contribution to newsletter@storynet.org to go out to the NSN community. Stories for the next issue are due on the 25th of the month. If you have written an article, please send a headshot photo of yourself.

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