The Seattle Storyteller’s Guild welcomes you to our first in-person NSN conference since COVID. Come join us! Click [here](#) and register early to get first choice for housing and for PowellsWood tours and You can see our schedule and notes about our programs at the NSN website.

A couple of notes about housing issues we might help you resolve: If you need help finding a roommate, contact me at mrm@margaretreadmacdonald.com. We are keeping a list to help match folks up. Once the Dumas Bay rooms fill up, we can help you find a roommate to keep your hotel costs down too. If you would like to stay over Sunday night at Dumas Bay Centre dormitory, also [send me an email](#). If we have 12 or more interested in staying over Sunday night, they will keep the Centre open for us.

We look forward to seeing you in Seattle July 11-14, 2024!
COACHING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CONFERENCE

Milbre Burch, Elizabeth Ellis, Nancy Donoval, and Antonio Rocha will be offering coaching sessions at the conference. Each session will coach only four tellers. If you would like to prepare an 8 minute story for coaching, email mrm@margaretreadmacdonald.com. First come, first served. For descriptions of the coaching sessions see the Conference Program on the NSN website.

FEATURED EVENT

Click here to register for SIO SIG’s February event.

STORYTELLING IN ORGANIZATIONS PRESENTS

The Confluence of Storytelling and Publishing with Ted Parkhurst

Thursday, February 22, 2024
4–5:15pm EST
Online via Zoom
Free for SIO Members | $10 for Non-Members

Participants will learn:
- to identify lucrative ideas for promoting your career while serving informational needs of organizations,
- How to sell your services to businesses, educational institutions, and public service clients,
- self-confidence when proposing publications to organizational partners
- differences and comparative features of publishing through a media company vs. self-publishing

Register: https://storynet.org/events/event/the-confluence-of-storytelling-and-publishing/

Ted Parkhurst
www.parkhurstbrothers.com
has published over 400 storytelling titles of renown authors such as, Davis, Ed Stivender, Jackie Torrance, Elizabeth Ellis, Syd Lieberman, Pete Griffin, Sherry Norfolk, and a host of other storytellers. His current booklist includes Donald Davis’s fourteenth title and a large anthology for the Texas Storytelling Festival.
Click [here](https://storynet.org/awards/) to learn more and submit an ORACLE nomination. Awardees will be honored at the 2024 Seattle conference. The ceremony and concert will be live-streamed for free from the conference for NSN members both in-person and virtual to enjoy.
CALL FOR STORYTELLERS

Claire Nolan
NSN Board Member - ECO SIG Representative

ECO SIG will showcase 4 storytellers in a concert of shareable environmental stories that will help colleagues prepare for Earth Day (April 22).

The story you choose should be in the public domain or a story that you own and are willing for others to retell. We will invite the listeners to then go on and share the stories with their audiences.

We ask that you provide a synopsis of the story and any related resources. The concert will be recorded, and we will share the recording with the audience. The event will take place on Zoom on March 30, 2024 at 8:00 pm EST.

Each storyteller will receive an honorarium of $100.00.

Open to all storytellers, not just ECO SIG Members.

Auditions will be scheduled during February.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Claire Nolan at cbnolou@gmail.com

Thanks!
Claire, Fran, and Linda
THANKS

We've all heard the old saying that “a chain is as strong as its weakest link.” In the case of NSN donors, the chain of giving makes our organization very strong!

Thanks to all who have donated to the National Storytelling Network. Your generous contributions make our mission to bring the art of storytelling to people everywhere possible.

Dr. Trudy Hanson
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On behalf of the National Storytelling Network Board, I want to thank at-large NSN Board members Debra Olson-Tolar and Gary Kuntz for their long-time service to storytelling and especially to the National Storytelling Network. Both of these dedicated members completed their terms of service at the end of December, 2023.

Debra Olson-Tolar was born in Chicago and raised in Colorado. She earned a Ph.D. in Speech Communication at the University of Denver before moving to California. After many years of teaching storytelling, public speaking, screenwriting, and other communication courses, Debra quit her "day job" to follow her bliss and become a full-time actor and storyteller.

Debra starred in the award-winning indie feature Half Way, and has appeared in a number of short films, including leads in Cause for Divorce and One in Eight. Her television appearances include the Lifetime movie Adopting Terror and the Comedy Central shows Key and Peele and Tosh.0. Stage performances include Amanda in The Glass Menagerie, Bridgette in Mourning Song, and her solo show, Raising My Voice. Her numerous performances as a storyteller have included venues such as The Getty and The Los Angeles Storytelling Festival. Debra most recently served as an at-large member of the NSN Board after the restructuring of the board to reflect a SIG-Centric leadership model. She served as a member of the Membership Committee and the ad hoc committee to select scholarship winners for the first Kathryn Tucker Windham Scholarship.
Thank you, Debra and Gary, for sharing your expertise, love of storytelling, and commitment to the success of the National Storytelling Network!

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February 3, 2024 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm ET
In-Person at Clare and Don’s Beach Shack, 130 N. Washington St, Falls Church, VA, at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

**Traditions and Truth: A Virtual Open Mic Featuring ASE’s Youth Storytellers**
February 3, 2024 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm CST
Online Zoom
Email Janice at: jdelnegro@dom.edu for the Zoom link and/or if you are interested in telling a story (7-10 minutes)

**Kind Stories in Concert**
Healing Story Alliance
Online Zoom
February 4, 2024 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm CT

**Our Roots, Our Journey: An interrelated sequence of stories!**
February 4, 2024 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EET
Venue: Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Road
South Fulton, Georgia 30331

**Versions of Childhood**
featuring Bob Sander and Nestor Gomez
Storytelling Arts of Indiana
February 10, 2024 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm CT
In person
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center
450 W. Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
OARS in the Water: Celebrating love
Healing Story Alliance
Online Zoom
February 14, 2024 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm CT

Narativ's Leadership Storytelling Virtual Workshop Series
4-Part, 60 Minute Online Workshop Series
February 15, 22, 29 and March 7
9am PT / 12pm ET / 5pm UK / 6pm CET
Online Zoom
Email to inquire registration.

Let's Talk About Love with Eva Abrams
Seattle Storyteller's Guild
February 16, 7 pm PST
Zoom

The Confluence of Storytelling and Publishing
February 22, 2024 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm. CST
NSN S10 SIG
This presentation will discuss the publishing opportunities you may encounter working with organizations, as well as the nuts and bolts of publishing your stories, either through a publishing house or as a self-publisher.
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