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BUY SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES FOR THE APRIL 8 ECLIPSE



Lisa Overholser
Finance Committee Member

A Total Solar Eclipse will pass through [much of the U.S.](#) on Monday, April 8. Safe*, quality eclipse glasses will be in high demand. Purchase NSN-branded eclipse glasses from NSN, and sell them locally to generate profit for your organization! Here's how it works:

- Purchase glasses from NSN - (min. quantity is 50 pair). Cost is \$2/pair.
- Sell them locally at your venue, festival or event, or through your organization, at **WHATEVER PRICE YOU WANT!**
- **YOU KEEP THE PROFIT!** (HINT: The more you purchase and sell, the more profit you generate...)

Order by emailing me at linlis334343@hotmail.com or 812-360-9271. Visit storynet.org/eclipse-glasses for more info and FAQ.

*Glasses were manufactured by American Paper Optics, an approved vendor of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) Eclipse Task Force, and meet the international safety standard ISO 12312-2.

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DUE MARCH 11TH! Click [here](#) 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.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

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NSN ORACLE AWARDS

NOMINATE BY MARCH 11

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

Distinguished National Service

Regional Excellence

Regional Service & Leadership

| ANNOUNCEMENT

KATHRYN TUCKER WINDHAM NSN CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES ANNOUNCED



Linda Marchisio

Chair, Kathryn Tucker Windham Scholarship Committee

We are excited to announce the recipients of the Kathryn Tucker Windham NSN Conference Scholarship 2024.

Charlot Lucien

Lillian Nantucket Shoji

Darlene Nelda Tone

Garol Knarr Gebert

Gwendolyn Napier*

We had a large number of highly qualified applicants from Connecticut to Hawaii and Texas to Ohio and even the Philippines. Some experienced tellers and some beginners. Applicants wrote passionately about the benefits of attending a NSN Conference. Making our decisions difficult and challenging.

If you're wondering why the scholarship is named after Kathryn Tucker Windham? A bit of history: in the early days of Jonesborough, Tennessee storytelling, Kathryn Tucker Windham handed Jimmy Neil Smith a \$5 bill and suggested he start a storytelling organization. And he did. In Kathryn's memory, NSN is offering five partial scholarships for the Seattle National Storytelling Conference in 2024. *"For every dollar, there is a scholar."*

Congratulations to the 5 scholarship recipients,
NSN Scholarship Committee

*Please note that NSN Board Member Gwendolyn Napier was awarded her scholarship prior to the vote to add her as a board member. The Board agreed to accept the committee's deliberation and recommendation of all 5 recipients.

STORYTELL LISTSERV

Many NSN members keep in touch with Storytell Listserv. You can select a digest format, which gives you just one post daily. To Find Storytell Listserv on the NSN webpage:

On the NSN homepage there's a "**Resources**" tab at the top. The drop-down menu includes "**Storytell Listserv**":
<https://storynet.org/groups/storytell/storytell-listserv/> - gives information about and directions.

And gives this link with more info and directions, with a "subscribe" button in the left column:
<https://lists.storynet.org/lists/info/storytell>
Or just click on the link above to go there.

DONATING TO NSN

If you are 70 ½ years old, or older, you can donate to the charity of your choice and not need to include the income on your tax return, effectively deducting the contribution even if you don't have the nearly \$30,000 of deductions it takes to itemize. How? Through what's called a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from an IRA. It can be used to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) or simply because you want to support your favorite charity. There is a limit to how much, \$100,000, which for most of us is irrelevant! To make the distribution, have your IRA custodian make the distribution directly to the charity. You then do not need to include that income on your tax return, as you normally would by taking money from the IRA, effectively deducting it. You will get a 1099-R from your custodian, but the code will indicate that the distribution is not taxable.

Thanks to Judith Alexander for her clever financial tip!

Judith suggests a Lifetime Membership: I find that not having to remember to send money annually has been a help to me, and some folks could actually pay for lifetime membership with a QCD from their IRA, and save money on taxes in the process.



2024 CONFERENCE LATEST

BOOKSTORE

Anyone attending the July conference at Dumas Bay may deposit items for sale in our bookstore (books, DVD's, etc.). Each person bringing materials for sale is expected to donate two hours of work time to the bookstore (a sign up sheet will be sent out). NSN receives 20% of the list price of your sold items. If you would like to be included in our store (and have not already let us know) email mrm@margaretreadmacdonald.com. When you arrive with your materials, bring an itemized invoice.

AUCTION

NSN will be holding an in-person silent auction during our conference July 11-14, 2024 at the Dumas Bay Conference Center in Seattle, WA. Bidding on auction items will open on Thursday at 5 pm and close on Saturday at 5:30 pm. Want to donate something to the auction? Just contact Lisa Overholser, the NSN Conference Auction Coordinator. To help us prepare, please let Lisa know no later than the Monday before the conference. (email: linlis334343@hotmail.com). Lisa will send you a bidding item description sheet to fill out for each item. Bring the description sheet along with your item to the Dumas Bay Conference Center on Thursday, July 11. Help us with this great fundraiser for NSN! Books, puppets, musical instruments, storytelling attire, artwork, workshops and coaching sessions...anything you want to donate!

ADVERTISING

NSN Accepting Program Advertisements!

Keep your business, organization, event, and other announcements at conference goers' fingertips when you purchase a color or black and white ad in the Dumas Bay Conference program book. Give your name prominence in the printed program and digitally on the NSN website. Space is limited, so reserve your space now—contact Dot Cleveland, dot@storynet.org.

Submission Deadline: May 29, 2024

AD PRICING SCHEDULE

Page	Color	B&W
Full Page Outside Back Cover (Premium)	\$600	NA
Full Page Front or Back Inside Cover (Premium)	\$550	NA
Full Page Interior	\$500	\$425
Half Page Interior	\$300	\$250
Quarter Page Interior	\$175	\$150
Eighth Page Interior	\$90	\$75



SWAPS

We have 8 story swaps scheduled for the July conference. If you would like to lead one of these swaps, email mrm@margaretreadmacdonald.com. Have a specific topic in mind for your swap? We can include that info in the program.

TRANSPORT

Uber estimates \$40-59 from Sea-Tac to Dumas Bay Centre. Lyft estimates \$55-60. Taxi is similar. The light rail line to Federal Way is under construction and not open for a few years yet. A large bus will bring those staying in conference hotels to Dumas Bay Centre Sunday morning along with their luggage. You can arrange carpools for Ubers or Lyfts to the airport after the conference.

SUNDAY

No rooms will be available at Dumas Bay Centre Sunday night. Surestay Plus Hotel by Best Western at Sea-Tac is directly across from the airport and the elevator to the light rail station. They also have a shuttle service. It would be easy from there to go downtown on the light rail to enjoy Seattle Sunday evening.

HOUSING

Dumas Bay has one twin bed open as of this writing...we assign a roommate. Male only. Guaranteed delightful flatmate. Need a roommate for a conference hotel? If you would like to be on a list to help find a roommate for the conference hotels, send your info to mrm@margaretreadmacdonald.com.

VIRTUAL-TRACK EVENTS



2024 NSN CONFERENCE VIRTUAL OFFERINGS

Tickets: \$75

THURSDAY JULY 11th	
6:45 pm-8:45 pm Pacific Daylight Time	Pacific Northwest Regional Showcase <i>Opened by Gene Tagaban. Regional tellers: Eva Abram, Tobey Anderson, Eric Foxman, Ken Iverson, Ingrid Nixon, Joy Ross</i>
FRIDAY JULY 12th	
9:00 am-10:30 am Pacific Daylight Time	Untold Narratives and Restorative Programs--Sharing Program Models for Individuals who are Incarcerated and Restored Citizens. <i>Kevin Cordi, Ellen Munds, Michael D. McCarty, Kendra Hovey, Blakk Sun and zoom guests.</i>
10:45am-12:15pm Pacific Daylight Time	Using Storytelling to Plant the Seeds of Social Change. <i>Jo Radner, Eva Abram, Milbre Burch, Heather Forest</i>
1:15pm-2:45pm Pacific Daylight Time	Vividness, Verve & Vigor --Word Play for Stronger Stories <i>Ingrid Nixon.</i>
3:00pm-4:30pm Pacific Daylight Time	Strong Like Bamboo: Stories of Resilience in the Era of Anti-AAPI. <i>Nancy Wang, Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo, Eleanor Clement-Glass, Bowen Lee, Alton Chung, Lilian Shoji.</i>
4:00 pm-5:15 pm Pacific Daylight Time	Together Again Virtual Gathering Space-- courtesy of Healing Story Alliance <i>Host: Heather Forest</i> On Zoom
6:45 pm-8:45 pm Pacific Daylight Time	National Teller Showcase: <i>Elizabeth Ellis; Eth-Noh-Tec; Adam Booth; Antonio Rocha; Angela Lloyd.</i>
SATURDAY JULY 13th	
9:00 am-10:30 am Pacific Daylight Time	The Malaga Ship: A Story of Maine and the Middle Passage. <i>Antonio Rocha.</i>
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Pacific Daylight Time	Vulnerability: Your Storytelling Superpower <i>Elizabeth Ellis</i>
1:15 pm -3:15 pm Pacific Daylight Time	NSN Annual Meeting. <i>This session is free to all Virtual Ticket Holders and all NSN members.</i>
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time	Asian American Storytellers in Action: A Tapestry of Braided Stories <i>Linda Yemoto, Anne Shimojima, Karin Amano, Roopa Mohan, and Tobey Anderson</i>
6:45 pm - 8:45 pm Pacific Daylight Time	Oracle Awards <i>Includes concert by Oracle winners and SLAM winner. This session is free to all Virtual ticket holders and NSN members.</i>
SUNDAY JULY 14th	
9:00 am -10:30 am Pacific Daylight Time	The Producer's Guide: Diversifying Your Income Sources <i>Ellen Munds.</i>
10:40 am -11:40 am Pacific Daylight Time	International Tellers Concert <i>Including: Alicia Dongjoo Bang (S. Korea); Shreya Biswas (India); Colin Urwin (Ireland).</i>
12:00 pm- 1:15 pm Pacific Daylight Time	Together Again Virtual Gathering Space-- courtesy of Healing Story Alliance <i>Host: Heather Forest</i> On Zoom

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE TODAY

39th Annual
TEXAS
StoryTelling
FESTIVAL

March 7-10, 2024

Denton Civic Center • Denton, Texas

www.tejasstorytelling.com

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Davis**



**Nestor
Gomez**



**Kathy
Culmer**



**Fran
Stallings**



**Personal
Stories**

**Sacred Tales
Folktales**

**Story Slam
Poetry Slam**

**Kids Activities
Music**

Ghost Stories

Liars Contest

Story Swaps

Workshops



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HSA presents
HEALING STORY ALLIANCE

**NAVIGATING
CONTROVERSIAL CONVERSATIONS**

A BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP
MARCH 10, 2024
2:00PM-5:00PM EST
WITH
REENA BERNARDS & TOM SMERLING

FEE: \$40-\$75 SLIDING SCALE ON ZOOM!

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Story Arts Studio Presents:

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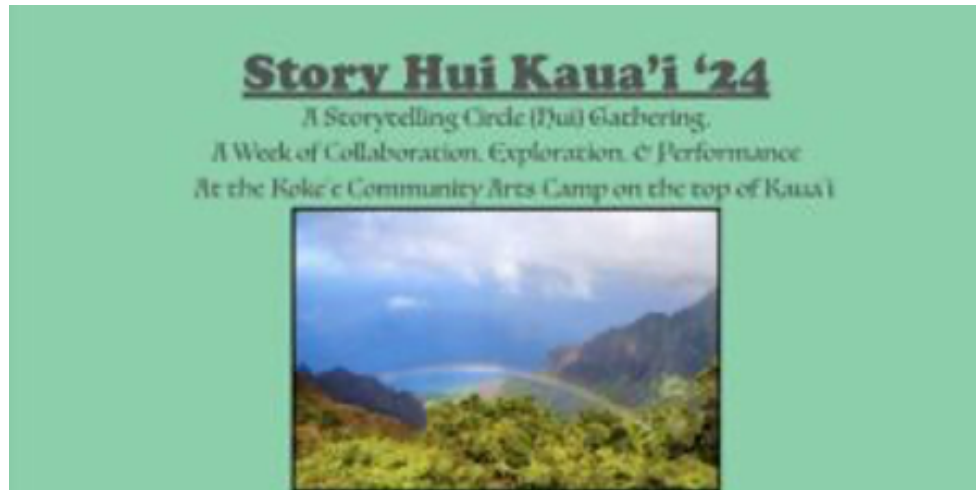
A STORYTELLING SKILLS WORKSHOP
TUESDAYS
MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26
10:30- 12:00 PM EST
TUITION: \$120

SMALL INTIMATE CLASS!



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Kauai Story Retreat. March 21-28th. For more information, contact Jeff Gere at jeffgere1031@gmail.com.

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Traditions and Truth
A Virtual open mic

Saturday, March 2
7-8:30pm CST
Featuring: Sue Searing

free - donations welcome

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INTERESTED IN TELLING A STORY (7-
10 MINUTES)

Email jdelnegro@dom.edu for the free Zoom link and/or if you want to tell in the open mic (7-10 min story).

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30TH ANNUAL KANSAS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL APR 26-27

Downs, Kansas — The Kansas Storytelling Festival, now in its 30th year, is set to captivate audiences with a diverse lineup of nationally acclaimed tellers, regional talent, and engaging workshops. Held in the charming storytelling capital of Kansas, this year's festival promises to be an unforgettable celebration of the timeless art of oral storytelling.

Scheduled for April 26 and 27, the festival will feature five nationally achieved tellers who will enchant audiences with their captivating tales. From personal adventure, folklore, and prize-winning lies Bil Lepp, Kim Weitkamp Gum, Andy Offutt Irwin, Anne Rutherford, and Dino O'Dell, will showcase the depth and richness of the storytelling tradition.

In addition to the featured tellers, the festival will highlight the talents of regional storytellers, providing a platform for local voices to shine.

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Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops led by professional storytellers, honing their own storytelling skills and public speaking techniques.

"One of the highlights of the festival is the Tall Tales Contest on Friday evening, where storytellers compete for the title of the best tall tale. Audiences can expect larger-than-life tales that stretch the bounds of your imagination," said Mike Nyhoff, Master Storyteller.

To enhance the festival experience, attendees can enjoy breakfast and dinner with the tellers, offering an intimate opportunity to connect with the featured storytellers and fellow storytelling enthusiasts. Meals are at an additional cost. Downs will host Food trucks during the day downtown and a dessert bar at intermission of the evening performances at the Memorial Hall.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Kansas Storytelling Festival," said Sherry Knouf, festival organizer. "For three decades, this festival has been bringing together storytellers and audiences from across the country to celebrate our shared oral traditions," adds Knouf.

The Kansas Storytelling Festival is proud to be hosted in Down, the storytelling capital of Kansas, renowned for its rich history and vibrant storytelling community. With its charming streets and welcoming atmosphere, Downs provides the perfect backdrop for a weekend of storytelling magic. For more information, visit Kansas Storytelling Festival and purchase buttons.

Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of the Kansas Storytelling Festival!

Join NSN PRO-SIG for a
virtual hands-on:
**Social Media
Workshop**

DATE

Saturday, May 18, 2024
1 -2:30 pm (Central)
\$10 (free for PRO members)
Register here:

PRESENTERS

- Carol Moore
- Jessica Robinson



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UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTRATION LINKED IN TITLES WHEN AVAILABLE

Voices 2024: South Asian Immigrant Stories

March 2, 6-8 EST and March 3 4-6 EST.

Academy of Creative Arts 12 A Street, Burlington, MA. \$20.

Traditions and Truth: A Virtual Open Mic

March 2, 7-8:30 EST

email Janice at: jdelnegro@dom.edu for the Zoom link and/or if you are interested in telling a story (7-10 minutes)

If These Walls Could Tell: Bottleworks Hotel

March 3, 4-5pm. CT

Indiana Landmarks, 1201 Central Ave. , Indianapolis, Indiana.

Kind Stories in Concert

March 3, 7-8:30 EST

Virtual.

Texas Storytelling Festival

March 7-10

Denton Civic Center, 321 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Narrativ's Leadership Storytelling Virtual Workshop Series

March 7, 11-12 Central Time.

Virtual

email Jerome at: jerome@narativ.com for the Zoom link

Voices in the Glen Monthly

March 9 VITG Monthly. 6:30-7:30 EST

Virtual

For more information, contact Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818, dorfmanjo@gmail.com

Navigating Controversial Conversations in the Family & Beyond

March 10, 2-5 EST.

Virtual.



YES Coffee Hour

March 14 10 -11 am

The Women's Storytelling Festival.

March 14-17

The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax City, Virginia. Live and Virtual.

Seattle Storytelling Guild StoryFest Word Storytelling Day-International

Folktales

March 15 7 pm Pacific Time.

Virtual

"Six-Triple Eight" told by Charlotte Blake Alston

March 16, 7-9. Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Indiana

Navigating Controversial Conversations in the Family and Beyond.

March 17 1 -4 pm CT

A Braver Angels Workshop. \$40-\$75. Virtual.

Kauai Story Retreat

March 21-28

Koke'e Community Arts Camp, Kauai, Hawaii.

Jeff Gere jeffgere1031@gmail.com

How Stories Help Discover the Purpose of an Organization

April 24, 11-12:15 EST

SIO workshop, NSN. \$10. Free to SIO members. Virtual



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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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