BUY SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES FOR THE APRIL 8 ECLIPSE

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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.

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.

https://storynet.org/awards/
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.
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.

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.
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

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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
39th Annual Texas Storytelling Festival

March 7–10, 2024
Denton Civic Center • Denton, Texas
www.tejasstorytelling.com

Donald Davis
Nestor Gomez
Kathy Culmer
Fran Stallings

Personal Stories
Sacred Tales
Ghost Stories
Folktales
Liars Contest
Story Slams
Poetry Slams
Story Swaps
Kids Activities
Music
Workshops

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| EVENT

Navigating Controversial Conversations
A Braver Angels Workshop
March 10, 2024
2:00PM - 5:00PM EST
With
Reena Bernard & Tom Smerling
Fee: $40 - $75 Sliding Scale

| Event

Story Arts Studio Presents:

Heather Forest
The Wisdom & Wonder of Folktales
A Storytelling Skills Workshop
Tuesdays
March 5, 12, 19, 26
10:30 - 12:00 PM EST
Tuition: $120
Small Intimate Class!
Kauai Story Retreat. March 21-28th. For more information, contact Jeff Gere at jeffgere1031@gmail.com.

CLICK TO REGISTER
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.
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
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
CONTRIBUTE TO THE NSN NEWSLETTER!

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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