

National Storytelling Network

FROM THE DESK OF DELANNA REED

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Dr. Delanna Reed
Chair & President
National Storytelling Network

On September 26, 2024, the deadliest hurricane since Katrina devastated the southeastern United States. Since that day, thousands of volunteers from states across the nation have donated their time and money to aid the recovery efforts in places hard hit like Asheville and Boone, North Carolina; Damascus, Virginia; Erwin, Jonesborough, and Elizabethton, Tennessee, including the small hamlets and communities in between and parts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The loss of life, homes and businesses has been catastrophic. Residents of Johnson City experienced some wind and rain damage resulting in damaged property, power and Internet loss, but we were unscathed in comparison. My home was not damaged, but I feel keenly the grief and sorrow of my neighbors in the surrounding towns.

Less than two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, adding to the damage and loss of life. Nevertheless, thanks to the outpouring of generosity from individuals, churches, volunteer organizations, including FEMA, the United Way, and state emergency aid organizations, people are rebuilding these communities one brick at a time.

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OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS!**

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While roads are opening and power and water is being restored, it will take a long time to complete restoration.

Seeing the need to step up and contribute to relief efforts, the NSN Board of Directors met to discuss what we could do to help those affected by these hurricanes. We decided our community would best be served by focusing our efforts on helping storytellers who lost their income because of these hurricanes. For that reason, we have joined forces with Artists Standing Strong Together (ASST). We have contributed matching funds to double the grant money in the Storyteller Relief Fund (SRF). While the amount is small in comparison to the need, NSN will continue to collect donations to contribute to the SRF and to aid storytellers impacted by future disasters around the nation.

We encourage all who can to go to our website at www.storynet.org and contribute to disaster relief. You can also contribute directly to ASST at www.asst.art. If you need assistance, please go to www.asst.art/storyteller-relief-fund to apply.

I want to also thank all who donated items and services to the NSN Annual Online Auction which just closed on October 25. I especially want to thank those who bid on those items to support the work of the National Storytelling Network. This money will go to the Member Grants fund. We hope to open up applications for member grants within the next few months. Those grants will enable storytellers to perform, write books, craft new stories, and collect stories for various causes. Look out for more information on member grants in the next newsletter!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR MEMBER GRANTS PROGRAM

NSN'S 2024 FALL AUCTION A SUCCESS!



Kate Dudding & Marilyn McPhie
Auction Co-Chairs
National Storytelling Network

Our storytelling community is so amazing. In the last day of this auction, you raised \$3,133 !!!
The grand total, \$5,986, exceeded our expectations for funding Member Grants. Bravo!

The more exciting phase of the auction is coming. In 2025, NSN members will be able to apply for a Member Grant. Just imagine how the selected storytellers will be enriching our world via these grants 😊

Thank you so very, very much for fueling their efforts.



BRING YOUR BEST TO GEORGIA

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR GEORGIA 2025 CONFERENCE PROPOSALS



Leslie Shelley & Rishi Nixon
Conference Co-Chairs
National Storytelling Network

Save the dates! Get ready for wonderful tales, coaching sessions, presentations, and workshops from a lineup of amazing tellers coming to Georgia, July 17-20, 2025. Connie Regan-Blake, Lyn Ford, Carmen Agra-Deedy, Bill Harley, to name a few, will be traveling to Georgia in July! Conference excitement begins July 17-20, 2025 at Kennesaw State University, located just 45 minutes north of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Full conference info and registration will open January 2025.

The due date for proposal submissions was extended to **November 11th** earlier this month due to so many in the region being seriously impacted by the recent hurricanes. Emails will be going out soon confirming receipt of all proposals submitted to date. Please contact Leslie Shelley at leslierainey.shelley@gmail.com or Rishi Nixon at rishi@storynet.org with questions or concerns. It has been exciting to see so many wonderful proposals submitted already.

[ACCESS THE PROPOSAL FORM HERE](#)

NSN MEMBER INTEREST

WEBSITE UPDATE TO STORYNET.ORG



Dot Cleveland
Office Manager
National Storytelling Network

Disaster Relief: There is a new donate button on the homepage of the website storynet.org. The fund's use is currently being defined by the NSN Board. More details to follow.

Hire A Storyteller: The current directory is being updated. Here is a link to a 2 min video detailing what the new directory will look like: app.screencast.com/cm2axqkkgepuZ.



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER WEB UPDATE AND SIO EVENT

This directory version is easily searchable by name, location and type of storytelling. The storyteller's own website can be accessed quickly by the person who is trying to find the "right" storyteller for the event. In this way, much more information is available to the person and it generates clicks on the storyteller's website.

The updated directory will also allow storytellers to update their profiles on their own instead of going through me. The cost remains \$20 per year.

The updated directory is under construction, but will be ready soon. Since photographs are a key element for persons seeking a storyteller, please have a current photo to include in your profile.

Any questions, contact dot@storynet.org.

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Storytelling In Organizations Presents a Workshop

"Harnessing Emotional Fitness Through Storytelling"

When:

Saturday
November 9, 2024

Time:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

Where:

Zoom



Facilitator: Sadika Kebbi

Founder and CEO of Kun Consultancy
TEDX Speaker
John Maxwell certified trainer
Emotional Fitness Coach

This workshop offers a unique opportunity to explore how storytelling can be a powerful tool to build and enhance emotional fitness.

Participants will learn techniques to harness narratives for growth, resilience, and effective leadership.

Sadika's expertise and engaging approach promise to provide valuable insights and transformative experiences for all attendees.



SIO Members: Free
Non-SIO Members: Free



NSN PRO presents:

THE FUTURE OF HYBRID

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024

1 - 2:30 pm (Central)

\$10 (free for PRO members)



PRESENTERS:

Heather Forest

Claire Hennessy

Rachel Hedman



21st century of electronic media. You can access it on the Tellabration page or look for Storytelling Event Production Guide on Amazon.

In addition, members are invited to put all your storytelling events on the NSN calendar. You can also post your events on the NSN Facebook page by sending the information to Dot Cleveland at dot@storynet.org. As a national organization, we want our website to be a source of information about storytelling events for people in every state and around the globe. So, join us in spreading the joy of storytelling!

FROM ARTISTS STANDING STRONG TOGETHER

Reclaiming the Feminine, an online storytelling program presented by Her Voice Returns & ASST

Saturday, November 2, 2024

7:00-8:30 PM EDT \$15 suggested donation

Tickets:

bit.ly/ASSTNov24HVR

Youth Standing Strong Camp

Story Arts. Mentoring. Connecting.

Thursday, December 26 - Monday, December 30, 2024 small group, online, one-on-one storytelling camp for youth ages 5 - final year of high school \$150 per youth teller; scholarships available.

Youth registration open.

Now hiring mentors, group hosts.

More info: asst.art/winter-2024

Weekly Community Gathering

The water cooler for independent artists.

Live online every Monday except Memorial Day & Labor Day 4:00-5:30 PM Eastern Time More info:

asst.art/weekly-gathering

TUESDAY. 19 NOVEMBER. 2024
(CST 7PM. ET 8PM. PT 5PM.)

**STORYTELLING
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
101**

WITH TIM LOWRY

**YES STORY LAB
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

**REGISTRATION AT
[HTTPS://STORYNET.ORG/EVENTS](https://storynet.org/events)**

Logos for YES Youth, Educators, & Storytellers and NSN National Storytelling Network are at the bottom.

THE HEALING STORY ALLIANCE PRESENTS

KIND STORIES IN CONCERT

LISTEN, SHARE, AND REFLECT ON STORIES
OF KINDNESS GIVEN, KINDNESS RECEIVED

Emcee



BOB KANEGIS

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3
7-8:30PM EST**

Community Tellers



STU ERVIN



WHITTIER MIKKELSEN



ADAM BOOTH



CINDY RIVKA MARSHALL



LISA WILLIAMS

**Free: Registration Required
Donations Welcome!**

HSA presents November's "Kind Stories in Concert" with Adam Booth, Cindy Rivka Marshall and Lisa Williams as well as community tellers Stu Ervin and Whittier Mikkelsen. Bob Kanegis, emcee. Register [here](#) for more info and to receive a FREE Zoom link. Registration Required: Donations of any amount are welcome.



LISTENING TO OUR ANGER. ACTING FROM LOVE.

HOW HEALING STORY WORK HELPS.



A workshop with Elisa Pearmain
Sunday November 10th
2:00pm-5:00pm
\$25-\$75 (pay what you are able)



NATIONAL STORYTELLING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2024

Kind Stories in Concert

Healing Story Alliance (HSA)

November 3, 2024 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm CST

Virtual

Michigan Bright Water Storytelling Festival

November 9, 2024 | 9:30 am – 9:00 pm EST

Howell Opera House

123 W Grand River Ave | Howell, MI 48843

Tellabration! New Hampshire

Central New Hampshire Storytelling Guild

November 9, 2024 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST

Horseshoe Pond Place Senior Center | Community Room

26 Commercial St | Concord, NH 03301

Harnessing Emotional Fitness Through Storytelling

Storytelling in Organizations (NSN SIO SIG)

November 9, 2024 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm CST

Virtual

Voices in the Glen Monthly Story Swap

November 9, 2024 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm EST

Bethesda, MD

Panel Discussion: The Future of Hybrid

Producers and Organizers (NSN PRO SIG)

November 9, 2024 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm CST

Virtual

Listening to Our Anger, Acting from Love Workshop

Healing Story Alliance (HSA)

November 10, 2024 | 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CST

Virtual

45th Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival

St. Louis County Library

November 13 – 23, 2024

Tellabration! Liars Contest

Blue Ridge Story Space

November 16, 2024 | 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. EST

The June Bug Center

251 Parkway Ln S | Floyd, VA 24019

Storytelling Entrepreneurship 101 with Tim Lowry

Youth, Educators, and Storytellers (NSN YES SIG)

November 19, 2024 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 CST

Virtual

When Storytellers Write About Healing with Noa Baum

Healing Story Alliance (HSA)

December 8, 2024 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm CST

Voices In The Glen Monthly Story Swap

December 14, 2024 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm CST

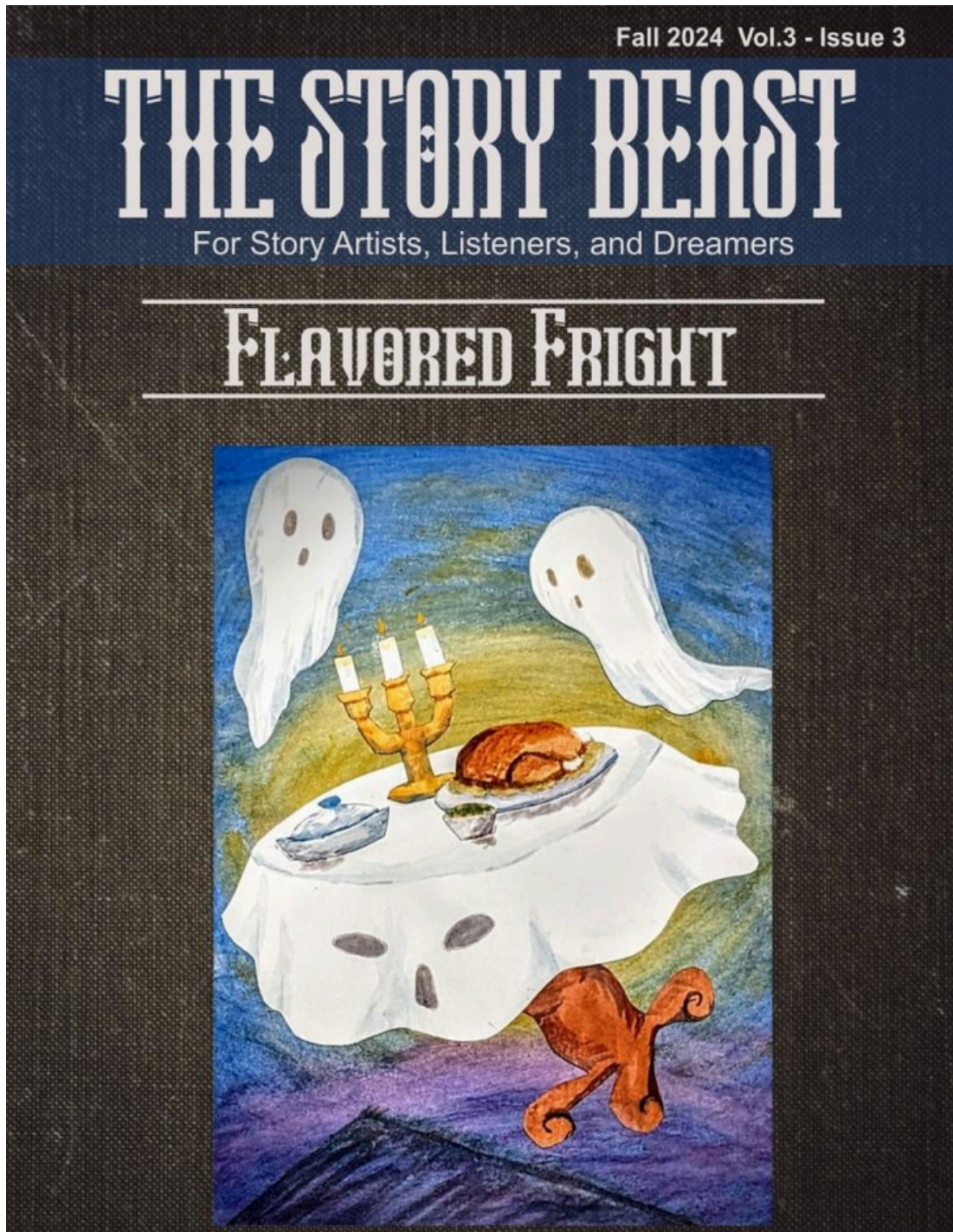
Virtual



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER
THE STORY BEAST

RELEASED!

THE FALL ISSUE OF THE STORY BEAST IS OUT!



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Send us your events, articles, opportunities, storytelling or storyteller news, and more in an email to newsletter@storynet.org to go out to the national storytelling community!

1. Contributions due on the 25th of the month.
2. Membership in the National Storytelling Network *not* required.
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