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“Tellabration”™ 2017

“Such a fun night that the time just flowed by... and not a bad seat in the house!”

“That was a wonderful shindig last evening!”

“Pint and Date were Fantastic!”

“The Baltuck-Garrard family was excellent, especially the way Naomi told Thor’s Tale”

“A genuinely fine evening.”

“What wonderful music and stories and performed so well. Kudos to Jill for coordinating it all and being a great MC!”

“That quartet had so much fun telling their tales!”

“The nice wide venue really benefited from all John’s lighting, it helped create the stage space along with another beautiful quilt. And those fancy snacks from Jill and Sandra made it special! Thanks to the ticket takers and all the general schlepping of all the stuff.”

“There were seventy-four in attendance - only a couple of empty chairs! And we were able to get out only 10 minutes late! Wish the evening could have been longer!”

“Thanks to all who put themselves into Tellabration: Jill as organizer and M.C. Naomi and family and Pint and Dale for providing FINE entertainment. Barry for backdrop and other assistance. Judith and Allison for being in three places at once - helping all! John for setup and the lighting [yes, it worked!]. Our great sound tech! Sandra for all the delicious goodies...and an unbelievably quiet wrap-up after intermission. Anne for taking care of the financial situation - and staffing the table at the last minute! And to University Unitarian Church for use of their fine facility. When we all work together, we can really create a wonderful event. Thank you again to all!”
Seattle Storytelling Guild's
Haller Lake Storytelling
7:30 – 9:00 PM - Haller Lake Community Club
12579 Densmore Ave North, Seattle, Wa

December 15th “Holiday Stories from Around the World”

A Holiday Desserts Potluck and An Open Mike
For sharing all sorts of personal or cultural tales for the season!

It’s a season of many traditions, feasts and celebrations!
Whether Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Yule, Solstice, Boxing Day, or New Years!
Grinches and Gifts, Santa and Scrooge, Nicholas and Lucia, Rudolph and the Chipmunks!
Chestnuts and Figgy Pudding, Yulecaka and Fruit Cake, Brownies and Sugar Plums!
Whatever your Holiday – come and share something from it.

Bring along some treats to share and a 8 minute story as well.

January 19th Waking Finn Mac Cool: Tales of Ireland’s Greatest Poet Warrior

Our Featured Teller, William Kennedy Hornyak recalls the legends of Ireland’s beloved folk hero with a wake in his honor. He made magic with words and mayhem with weapons and lived by the old code: “Never give a sword to a man who can’t dance.”
Come join us for an evening of poems, tales, songs and lore from the heart of the Emerald Isle

And on Saturday, January 20th, Will Hornyak will instruct a workshop on Giving Voice to Myth: Telling the world’s oldest stories
At the Phinny Ridge Home Street Bank. See Page 4 For more details.

February 16th “A Personal Stories Open Mike”

Ever felt like a stranger? Culture Shocked? Been Misunderstood?
You said “POTATO” and they heard “POTAHTOE”?
That Story you “stuck to” came back all garbled?
Our “Personal Stories Open Mike” will be MC’d by Lance Lambert

Bring 8 minute tale from your life on that theme.
Come prepared to listen, to puzzle, to laugh, and to share!

----- See seattlestorytellers.org for more details
Seattle Storytelling Guild Logo Contest

Lend us your creativity!

**Why:** We have a variety of different logos on our materials and would like to settle on one, consistent logo to brand us. Therefore we are opening it up to anyone to help us design the logo in the form of a contest.

**What:** Create a picture logo concept that brings to mind “Storytelling” and the “Seattle Storytelling Guild” to the general public. It doesn’t have to be a finished product, we hope to get someone for that, but it should be an image usable whether in Black and White or in Color, with clear lines and a crisp clean image recognizable whether it is scaled large or small. Something that will represent us for a long time.

**When:** Submissions are due by February 15th, so the board can consider them at the March Board Meeting.

**How:** All submissions should be sent by e-mail to the SSG President, Barry McWilliams at eldribarry@gmail.com with “SSG Logo Submission” as the subject line.

Scanned images will be accepted although fully digital formats would be preferred since the images will have to converted to a variety of digital formats in order to be used.

**Prize:** The winner will receive 1 year free membership in the Guild.
Seattle Storytellers Guild
Presents At Haller Lake Storytelling

On Friday, January 19th 2018 - 7:30 PM
at the Haller Lake Community Club, 12579 Densmore Ave N. Seattle, WA

Waking Finn Mac Cool
- Tales of Ireland’s Greatest Poet Warrior

He made magic with words and mayhem with weapons and lived by the old code: “Never give a sword to a man who can’t dance.”

Storyteller William Kennedy Hornyak recalls the legends of Ireland’s beloved folk hero with a wake in his honor.

Come join us for an evening of poems, tales, songs and lore from the heart of the Emerald Isle.

Refreshments Served — Followed by an Open Mike
This event is free – we welcome all donations!

Giving Voice to Myth: Telling the World’s Oldest Stories
A Storytelling Workshop taught by Will Hornyak

On Saturday, Jan 20, 10 AM to 2 PM
Home Bank Phinney Ridge Branch Community Rm., 7307 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA

As powerful as the ancient myths, fairytales and legends can be, they often need a special quality of relationship and care before they become accessible to an audience. This experiential workshop explores methods for developing traditional stories (myths, fairytales and legends) to ground them in our own experience, body and voice.

About the instructor: Will Hornyak teaches storytelling at Maryhurst University and performs throughout the United States. He was named Artist of the Year by Young Audiences of Oregon. He lives in Milwaukie, Oregon a short walk from the Willamette River.

There will be a break for lunch – food and drink available next door at the deli at Ken’s Market.

$35 per person or $25 for Seattle Storytelling Guild members.
Limited seating! To reserve your spot, contact Allison@dancingleaves.com or 206-463-3844.
New Resources for Embellishing Old or New Tales

**Storytwisting: A Guide to Remixing and Reinventing Traditional Stories**  
*by Jeri Burns & Barry Marshal (Parkhurst Brothers, 2018)*

Award winning tandem storytellers Jeri Burns and Barry Marshall invite you into their artful world of "storytwisting" and share their secrets for storytelling success, peeling back the layers of thought, research, creativity and craft that produce their entrancing and thought-provoking stories. Jeri and Barry explore their process step by step, illustrated with clear and relevant examples that will inspire many a twisted tale! Coming out in January, 2018.

**Long Story Short: The Only Storytelling Guide You'll Ever Need**  
*by Margot Leitman (Sasquatch Books, 2015)*

A practical storytelling guide from comedian, winner of multiple Moth storytelling competitions, and founder of the Upright Citizens Brigade storytelling program, Margot Leitman. Most of us are familiar with a number of excellent books on telling stories and some of us have even written them. This, however, is a fresh look at the process, in a contemporary context. To be sure, its a book about finding, creating and telling true personal stories even from the mundane. It is somewhat of a workbook in form with Q & A scattered though out. It can help you make a traditional tale more personal and relevant to today. Its chapters on Passion, Layering, Perspective and Character have a lot to offer even an experienced teller in rethinking their art. And there is a lot here for those who use storytelling in business presentations as well.

**The New Book of Plots: Constructing Engaging Narratives for Oral and Written Storytelling**  
*by Loren Niemi (Parkhurst, 2012)*

This book is about how we shape a tale into a particular form for a particular audience. The author says that adapting and re-imagining traditional folk and fairy tale material provides a point of entry for contemporary listeners to experience the continuing power of the old stories. So he shows how to do this in a variety of ways using some traditional Grimm stories. Using nine plot forms, he approaches characters from different view points, changes time lines and story flow, pointing out how each can enhance a tale. There is a lot in this book for any storyteller who wants make stories their own and to grow in their art.

**And a book on developing ongoing Storytelling Events . . .**

**The Radical Act of Community Storytelling**  
*by Penelope Starr (Parkhurst Brothers Books, 2017)*

The Guild has been organizing events for many years. Knowing nuts and bolts of organizing storytelling events are one of the reasons we have managed to produce events in a variety of venues over four decades. On one hand, newcomers have been mentored by the more experienced. On the other, board members sometimes have to learn these things anew. This recently published book has put the blueprints into a written form.

Inspired by a visit to a curated storytelling program in Berkeley, California, Penelope Starr set out from scratch to started one in Arizona. This is both a DIY manual and a story about how she organized her Odyssey Storytelling Events in Tucson. And she has written an excellent and practical account of the step-by-step process, with ups and downs experienced along the way - finding venues, tellers, an audience, volunteers, marketing and advertising all the way to forming business plans and becoming a non-profit. She has an extensive section on why community storytelling is valuable and ends with a variety of useful forms.

— Barry McWilliams
Winter Calendar of Seattle Area Events * indicates Seattle Storytellers’ Guild event

December

1* Living Room Story Swap Virginia Rankin’s home  (See Page 7)

2 PJ Storytime at Island Books, Mercer Island 3014 78th Ave SE Mercer Island,  (See Ongoing Events below)

2 Children’s Storytelling at Ravenna Third Place Books, 11 a.m., 6504 20th Ave NE, Seattle, free.  See Ongoing Events below

7 MOTH StorySLAM Fremont Abbey Arts Center, 4272 Fremont Ave N, Seattle

10 Holiday Party at Naomi’s See p. 9

15 Open Mike and Dessert Potluck “Holiday Stories Around the World” 7:30 PM at Haller Lake Community Club

15 MOTH StorySLAM Bloedel Hall 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle 8 PM

21 Fresh Ground Stories 7 p.m., Roy Street Coffee & Tea, 700 Broadway E, Seattle, free.  See Ongoing Events below.

28* Auntmama’s Story Table 7 p.m., Madison Park Starbucks, free.  (See Page 7)

January

5* Briarcrest Neighborhood Evening of Storytelling Briarcrest  (See Page 7)

4 MOTH StorySLAM Fremont Abbey Arts Center, 4272 Fremont Ave N, Seattle

19* Will Hornyak, Featured Teller 7:30 PM at Haller Lake Community Club

19 MOTH StorySLAM Bloedel Hall 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle 8 PM

26* Auntmama’s Story Table 7 p.m., Madison Park Starbucks, free.

28* House Concert at Naomi’s 2 PM With Roger Fernandes  (See p. 9)

Storytelling ON THE AIRWAVES

First Sundays. “Walkin’ the Floor” with Storyteller Auntmama, KBCS 91.3 FM 11 am Sundays. The Storytelling Show, Vancouver Co-op Radio, CFRO 102.7 FM or www.coopradio.org, 9–10 p.m. thestorytellingshow.com

Saturdays. Prairie Home Companion, KUOW 94.9 FM 3-5 p.m.

February

2* Living Room Story Swap Virginia Rankin’s home  (See Page 7)

1 MOTH StorySLAM Fremont Abbey Arts Center, 4272 Fremont Ave N, Seattle 8 PM

16 MOTH StorySLAM Bloedel Hall 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle 8 PM

16* Open Mike at Haller Lake: “Lost in Translation”  (See Page 2)

Ongoing Events: Seattle Area

Please check before you go! Details may change.

Saturdays–Children’s Storytelling at 3rd Place books, Ravena, 11:00am. 6504 20th Ave NE, Seattle, WA, Free. thirdplacebooks.com

First Thursdays MOTH StorySLAM themed, open mic. 8 p.m., Fremont Abbey Arts Center, Seattle. themoth.org/events

Third Fridays MOTH StorySLAM themed, open mic. 8 p.m Bloedel Hall, Seattle

First Fridays Odd Num. Months Hor D’oeuvres Story Swap 16010 25th Ave NE, Shoreline in the Briarcrest neighborhood

Even Num. Months Living Room Story Swaps 1222 NE 100th ST in the Maple Leaf neighborhood Virginia Rankin’s home.

First Saturdays Island Books PJ Story Time 6:30 p.m., 3014 78th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, especially for children ages 3+ and their families. Free mercerislandbooks.com

First and Third Mondays Thrilling Tales for Grownups 12:05—12:50 P.M. Seattle Central Library Free

Second Mondays Under the Rainbow 6:30–7:30 PM Edmonds Library  See p. 9

Second Sundays Middle Eastern Stories and Dance, 7pm, hosted by Marion Moat Kalia Indian Cuisine, 4520 200th Ave. SW #202, Lynnwood, 425-771-6422. No cover; tips welcome. Updates or request a storytelling spot, e-mail marion.moat@frontier.com

Third Fridays Haller Lake Friday Evenings 7:30 p.m., Story exchanges with occasional featured teller. Sept–June. HALC, seattlestorytellers.org  See p. 2

Fourth Thursdays Fresh Ground Stories 7 p.m, Roy Street Coffee & Tea, 700 Broadway E, Seattle, WA 98102, free. www.meetup.com/Fresh-Ground-Stories/

Last Thursdays Auntmama’s Story Table, 7–8:15 p.m., Starbucks at Madison Park, 4000 E. Madison Street, Seattle, WA 98112 Free. Call 206-473-9523 for information https://www.maryannemoorman.com/

Every other Month A Guide To Visitors Live 7:30 p.m. Theater Off Jackson 409 7th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104 $10. www.aagtv.org or listen on KUOW anytime: www2.kuow.org/specials/quietdetoivistors.php

Regional Ongoing Events

First Fridays Urban Tellers at the Fremont 2303 NE Fremont, Portland OR pdxstorytheater.org/shows/urban-tellers/  (Oct-Jun only)

First Fridays Better Living Through Coffee 110 Tyler St. Port Townsend, WA Featured Tellers and Open Mike aimeeringle@gmail.com (Sept-May)

Fourth Tuesdays Ellensburg Storytellers - The Yarn Spinners. 6:00 p.m., Hall Holmes Center, 209 S Ruby St., Ellensburg, WA, (Every month except Dec.) Contact: Bret & Elaine Bleggi bleggi@charter.net

Third Thursdays Stories on Tap and Open Mike hosted by Anne Rutherford and Norm Brooke 7-9 PM Lucky Lab Taproom 1700 N. Killingsworth POX info http://www.storytellersnorthwest.com/

First Saturdays Portland Storytellers Guild Potluck Storytelling & Story Swap 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Multnomah Arts Center, 7888 Southwest Capitol Highway, Portland, OR (Sept-May)

First Saturdays Portland Storytellers Guild StoryThon! 7:30-9:30 Clinton Theatre, 2522 SE Clinton St, Portland portlandstorytellers.org (Sept-May)

Second Mondays Fireside Story League of Tacoma Story Circle and Storytelling Lesson, 6:30 pm Go to www.firesidestoryleague.org & click newsletter for location. Details contact: Penny Tenison 253-265-2113.  (Sept-Jun)

Second Wednesdays South Sound Storytellers Guild Featured teller and open mike. 7 p.m., The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA, Free (Sept-May)

Third Mondays Stories at Fern. 7:30 p.m., 1831 Fern St., Victoria, B.C., $5. victoriastorytellers.org (second Mondays in Dec & June)

Third Sundays Quimper Story Guild Story Swaps 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Port Townsend Library See Facebook or contact QuimperStoryGuild@gmail.com

Third Sundays Listen! Laugh! Enjoy! Stories for grown-ups, Featured teller and open mike. 7 p.m., Vancouver, B.C., $7. vancouverstorytellers.ca (Not in Sept.)

Third Fridays The Bellingham Storytellers Guild: Storytelling for the Love of It. Fairhaven Library Fireplace Room General Meeting and Workshops 6:00 to 7:00 PM Storytelling Showcase 7:00 - 8:00 BellinghamStorytellers.Guild.org
Up and Coming SSG Events

December 1st and February 2nd
Story Swaps  7—9:30 PM
at the home of Virginia Rankins
1222 NE 100th St, Seattle
In the Maple Leaf Area above the Northgate Mall
Contact 206-525-6436  or varankin@comcast.net

January 8th and March 3rd
Briarcrest Neighborhood Evening of Storytelling
In Briarcrest  7—9 PM  Home of Amy and Jon
16010 25th Ave NE, Shoreline in the Briarcrest neighborhood
Free, all-ages event sponsored by the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association
More info or to RSVP: affiduur15@gmail.com

Auntmama's StoryTable at the Madison Park Starbucks
4000 E. Madison Street, Seattle  7:00 PM - last Thursdays.

Auntmama's StoryTable is in its tenth year of performance at Madison Park Starbucks. Are you writing stories? Want to tell? Play music?
Get in touch with Mary Anne Moorman at auntmama@gmail.com

For More info on Local and Regional Storytelling Events
visit: www.seattlestorytellers.org
We’re on Facebook too: www.facebook.com/SeattleStorytellersGuild/

Seattle Storytellers Guild Membership Form
Circle one: New member or Renewal
Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________ State ___ Zip _____
E-mail ____________________________
Phone ____________________________
Today’s Date __________
Individual $25/year ___ $70/3 years ___
Family $35/year ___ $85/3 years ___
Professional Membership $75/year ___
(SSF membership plus Web listing)
Additional tax-deductible contribution ______
OK to share your data with National Storytelling Network?  name only _____ e-mail too _____

To the SSG You can fill out the form below and send it to:
Seattle Storytellers Guild
P.O. Box 18361
Seattle, WA 98118
Or go to www.seattlestorytellers.org Click on “Join Now” at the top of the page, from there you can join or renew online using PayPal By clicking the “Pay Now” button or you can print

Employer matching funds? Check if your employer will match your SSG membership donation.
Find us on Facebook. Be a fan, get updates, join discussions.
Professional memberships include guild membership and a listing on the Performing Tellers section of the guild website. Join with the form on page 9 or at www.seattlestorytellers.org. You’ll be contacted for details for your web listing.
You Can Tell Stories!

This winter join others for a fun and supportive class to improve your storytelling. Whether you want to use storytelling in your work or for personal enjoyment, this class will help you develop and practice your storytelling skills. Classes will cover learning, telling and developing stories. Through practice, presentation, and small group work, students will hone their storytelling skills. Suggestions for story sources will be covered. Optional field trips to local events will be suggested. Class text: The Storyteller’s Way by Ramsden and Hollingsworth, available through online booksellers.

By participating in the class all students will earn a year’s membership in the Seattle Storytellers Guild!

Thursdays January 18- February 15  5 sessions $99
On campus: North Seattle College   Questions: 206-784-0704
Register at: www.learnatnorth.org

ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS!

Friday evening, May 4, & Saturday Day and Evening, May 5, 2018

At The Shoreline Universalist Unitarian Church
(just off of I-5 at 145th St. Exit)

Family stories will be featured Saturday during the day and adult stories both evenings.

These tales of the Mid-East, Asia and Africa have their roots in ancient and medieval Arabic, Persian, Mesopotamian, Indian, Jewish and Egyptian literature & folklore. Come hear Scheherazade tell stories to save her country women, as well as herself - and the soul of the Sultan... and enjoy some belly dancing and music too!

This year’s epic storytelling features over 30 Storytellers from WA, OR, CA and B.C.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR 15 VISITING STORYTELLERS

Can you offer a place to sleep for FRI & SAT, breakfast and perhaps a ride to the event? We offer free admission both days to our hosts this year!

Interested in hosting a storyteller or helping staff this event?
Contact Allison Cox: Allison@dancingleaves.com or call 206-463-3844
"A Winter Gift" - storyteller and harpist, Patrick Ball

DECEMBER 3RD  4 pm,
Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater, 1211 - 4th St, Snohomish 98290

The award-winning storyteller and harpist, Patrick Ball, joins equally amazing musicians, Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter, for a wondrous evening of Celtic legends and more along with holiday music. The three premier celtic harpists in the world weave harp, balzoukí, and nyckelharp music together with Irish and English tales. Indeed, a winter gift!

Tickets: $20 general/ $15 student, seniors  brownpapertickets.com/event/3098061
or at the door IF still available. (Capacity is 86)

Under the Rainbow is a program of stories
for LGBTQ and allies, Monthly, Second Monday’s, from 6:30-7:30 PM.
At the Edmonds Public Library  Free admission and refreshments.
Come hear stories, join the conversation, or just listen.
Co-sponsored by Seattle Storytellers Guild and Edmonds Neighborhood Coalition

Upcoming House Concerts at Naomi’s

December 10— 2 PM. Holiday party and House Concert. Come celebrate the season, whether it be Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, or just an anthropological observation of the chaos all around you. Bring a story, ten minutes or less, or just come to listen.

January 28th at 2PM. House Concert with Roger Fernandes
Turtle Island Storyteller Roger Fernandes is a tribal historian of the Lower S’Kallam tribe on the Olympic Peninsula. He shares legends, creation stories, and hero stories that define the culture and pass on the wisdom of The First People of this land. He is a recipient of the Washington Arts Commission Folk Arts award for his Coast Salish Art.

DATE: TBA at 2PM. House Concert with Chris Spengler
Chris Spengler presents Silver Linings, a delightful sampling of stories, both humorous and wise, provides a recipe for making lemonade out of the lemons life sometimes gifts us. Born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens, she came to Seattle for the good weather. She tells at Fresh Ground Stories, The Moth, and Folklife’s Story Slam Light.

Suggested donation: $12 SSG members, $15 nonmembers. Refreshments included.
Featured Tellers at the home of Naomi Baltuck and Thom Garrard  20228 87th Ave West, in Edmonds.
Email nbaltuck@earthlink.net for information or to reserve a seat, or call (425) 776-1175.

. . . And Other Stories

Second Thursdays. Royal Room in Columbia City, 5000 Rainier Ave S. Seattle, Wa

A true, personal storytelling open mic with a featured performer. This mic will have a theme AND also the space to tell any personal, true story you’ve been working on. Every show has a featured performer at the beginning to celebrate the art of long-form storytelling in multiple mediums! The six pre-booked open mic spots are open and there are six more lottery spots at the door!

The venue has a great Menu! The crafts will be set up at 6pm. The doors open at 6:30pm. The show starts at 8pm. The storytelling ends at 9:30pm. The karaoke begins about 10pm.
Come and watch, or tell a story. $10 to get in; except for those dropping their names in the Hat, it's free!

Hosted by Danielle K.L. Grégoire, former producer of the Moth storySLAM.
Contact: danielle@themoth.org or http://www.theroyalroomseattle.com

DKLG Productions produces hate-free shows that amplifies the voices of communities that need to be heard, and bring people together to listen and tell each other our stories.
To a good storyteller one must be gloriously alive.

It is not possible to kindle fresh fires from burned out embers.

The best of the traditional storytellers I have heard have been those who live close to the heart of things

They have been those who knew solitude, silence.
They have been given unbroken time in which to feel deeply, to reach consciously for understanding. . .

They have come to know the power of the spoken word.

It is good to know that in this folk art there is much to quicken the spirit. . .

Ruth Sawyer, *The Way of the Storyteller*