

# *Mountain Area Storytellers -* **June 2020 News...**

## ***First OPEN MIC Night via Zoom is a success!***

We did it. Our first Zoom presentation of OPEN MIC Night. Nine outstanding performers brought stories and poems and music to the stage for our one and half hour event.

Thank you Mike Whitney, Melanie Knauff, Sandy Benson, Denise Mount, Alex Peers, Mary Ricketson, Bob Grove, Kanute Rarey and Nancy Reeder for making our first Zoom event a success. We are looking forward to another night of stories and songs in June.



“Nurturing the stories within us and watch them grow.” (Photo right)

## ***Our next Zoom OPEN MIC Night event...***

**OPEN MIC Night - Hayesville**  
***Stories on the Virtual Square***

**Friday, June 19th, 2020  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

So sit back with your favorite snacks and beverage for another ZOOM OPEN MIC Night event. Free to all and a front row seat to our stage to boot.

TELL A STORY on a future OPEN MIC Night or for assistance to JOIN THIS ZOOM event contact Kanute Rarey 502-525-7272. [kanutetells@gmail.com](mailto:kanutetells@gmail.com).



**Sponsored by Mountain Area Storytellers.**

***Come Zoom with us every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.  
June 4, 11, 18, and 25th. Be a part of -***

## **TELL IT LIKE IT IS Story Swap and Workshop**

Join us on Thursday afternoons. Stories. Practice. Feedback, Critique optional. Have a story to tell? Want to listen to stories? Come out for story ideas, story crafting, and story critique and practice. Tell a story. Read a story, poem or lyric. And, of course, lean back and listen.

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Gayle Cox (Right) Tells a  
story at a past Open Mic.



***“HOT OFF THE PRESS” - Storytelling recordings  
with regional tellers available on line for free.  
Two titles ready now...***

## **STORYTELLING IN ELLIJAY**

Recorded May 29, 2020

## **and MUSIC AND MUSINGS**

Recorded May 15, 2020

Presented by the Gilmer Arts of Ellijay, GA

**Check out these new videos online.** Visit [gilmerarts.org](http://gilmerarts.org).  
Gilmer Arts and Ellijay Storytellers have combined the voices of  
regional storytellers, Lucy Harris, Sam Sly, Laura McCullough,  
Kathi Harper Hill, Denise Mount, Kanute Rarey and Melanie

Knauff with music create two wonderful videos available now free for our enjoyment.

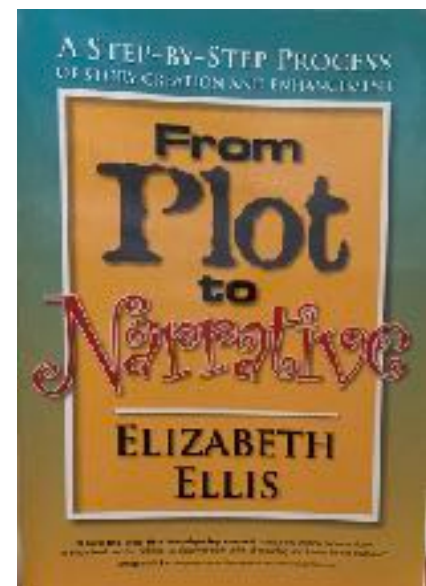
The two videos, STORYTELLING IN ELLIJAY and MUSIC AND MUSINGS combine the guitar play of talented regional musicians including Possum Jones and telling of tales of history, family, pets, moms, legend, lies, mis-steps, and surprise endings.

For Gilmer Arts and access to great stories and music contact [www.gilmerarts.org](http://www.gilmerarts.org). For info Sharon Stokes [sharon\\_stokes955@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_stokes955@hotmail.com).

## ***ELIZABETH ELLIS HONORED...***

National Storyteller, Elizabeth Ellis, was honored by the National Storytelling Network as the keynote speaker opening this month's NSN annual conference. Elizabeth has been creating and telling stories, writing books and teaching and coaching new storytellers for over thirty years. She is a regular performer at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN each year.

Her book, **From Plot to Narrative** is a down to earth, how-to on story creating and storytelling performing. Check out [www.elizabethellis.com](http://www.elizabethellis.com).



***Back in action in June...***

## **The Moth StorySLAM - Asheville NC**

**Thursday June 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Look for the Zoom gathering of the Moth StorySlam this month. The topic this month is CO-HABITATION. Five minute limit. Your own true stories only. To sign up for a chance to tell a story indicate your interest as you register for the event. Registration and ticket sales begin one week before the scheduled StorySlam. Visit their website - [www.themoth.org](http://www.themoth.org)



The event will be the thlrd Thursday of each month. It will be a Zoom gathering with tellers and listeners taking part from the audience and the virtual stage with us only imagining the Mothlight at Mr. Fred's in Asheville.

# More Regional Storytelling...

Follow schedules in our MAS newsletter and check out the festival webpages for scheduling in 2020 and 2021.

***John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina***  
For activities, workshops, schedules visit [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org).

***BIG FIBBERS Storytelling Festival In Rome, Georgia***  
Organizer Terrell Shaw and team. 2021 event tickets and schedule at [info@bigfibbers.com](mailto:info@bigfibbers.com) and visit [www.bigfibbers.com](http://www.bigfibbers.com)

***Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival in Blairsville, Georgia***

*LOOK FOR A RESCHEDULED EVENT IN THE FALL OF 2020.*

*Organizers Amanda Lawrence and Ruth Looper. For activities and schedule for 2020 and 2021 [www.gamountainstoryfest.org](http://www.gamountainstoryfest.org)*

***Stone Soup Storytelling Festival in Woodruff, South Carolina***

Organizer Storyteller Karyn Page-Davis. For on-going activities and schedule for 2020 and 2021 visit [www.stonesoupsc.org](http://www.stonesoupsc.org).

***Bear on the Square Festival in Dahlonega, Georgia***

Organizer Debbie From and her team. Information on 2021 activities and schedule at [www.bearonthesquare.org](http://www.bearonthesquare.org).

***Red Clay Storytelling Festival in Fayetteville, Georgia***

Organizer Anthony Vincent and his team. Check out feature teller videos on Red Clay's FaceBook page. For info at email [advkdv@att.net](mailto:advkdv@att.net).



## Other on-going area events rescheduled in June.

Stories on the Square - Lawrenceville GA. First Tuesday of each month. Postponed in June. For information contact Denise DeSoye Mount at [ddm9328@aol.com](mailto:ddm9328@aol.com).

## *Story Resources on the Web!*

*Follow on region website calendars and update on information about regional events and storytellers in North Georgia and Western North Carolina.*

**Southern Order of Storytellers.** Purveyors of the oral art of storytelling. Calendar of events and list area tellers. Serving story lovers and storytelling community. Check on rescheduled events in Georgia. [www.southernorderofstorytellers.org](http://www.southernorderofstorytellers.org).

**North Carolina Storytelling Guild.** Calendar of events and area tellers. Serving story lovers and storytelling community. Check on events in North Carolina visit [www.ncstoryguild.org](http://www.ncstoryguild.org).



### *Notes from the porch...*

**Kanute Rarey and Mountain Area Storytellers**

Quote - “Sometimes you have to get to work and make something good happen for others!”

Thought for today - “The spring rain and alternate days of sun have made this spring a season of growth as flowers and trees and vegetables (And weeds) have sprung to life and are adding early color this time of new starts and renewal.

It remains a time of separation as recovery comes slowly to our lives. Our time of renewal. Stay connected with loved ones and friends! Let them know via mail or phone or on line that you are thinking of them. Reach out to an old friend and check in. And be safe.”

## ***Our Vision - Mountain Area Storytellers***

*Bringing stories to life in the mountains of north Georgia and western North Carolina. Committed to storytelling to entertain, educate and preserve culture. Celebrating our life experience through story!*

## ***For More Information:***

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