

Mountain Area Storytellers - **August 2020 News...**

Echoing on the mountains...

Storytelling on Saturdays **Brought to us by the Georgia Mountain** **Storytelling Festival**

Amanda Lawrence and Ruth Looper (right) are working magic again. The storytelling series this year will be presented as a Zoom even beginning in August. Visit the GMSF website ON or AFTER the performance date below at www.gamountainstoryfest.org to



access the link to see each performance. Check out our amazing line-up.

- August 22: Gene Tagaban and Carolina Quiroga-Hurtado
- September 19: Sheila Kay Adams and Josh Goforth
- October 24: Charlotte Blake Alston and Noa Baum
- December 12: Donald Davis

Again these programs will be free and open to the public.

Looking back at our Stories on the Square in July...

OPEN MIC Night - Hayesville, NC

From our porch in Hayesville, North Carolina and across the country! Our July Zoom event was another fun evening for performers and listeners.

We had another great night through our Zoom presentation of OPEN MIC Night - Stories on the Square. Nine outstanding performers brought stories and poems and music to the stage for our one and half hour program.

Thank you... Storytellers Joel Ying (right), Leslie Shelley, Nancy Reeder, Alex Peers, Writers Sandy Benson and Bob Grove, Amanda Lawrence , Singer Song writer Pat List, Lee Lyons for making our evening a success.



Come Zoom with us our next evening on the porch...

OPEN MIC Night - Hayesville, NC Stories on the Square

**Friday, August 21st, 2020
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT. Lean back with your favorite snacks and beverage for another ZOOM OPEN MIC Night event. Email us for your link to a front row seat.

JOIN THIS ZOOM event to just listen in August or to tell a story, read a poem or play music at a future OPEN MIC contact Kanute Rarey 502-525-7272. Or email kanutetells@gmail.com.



Having Zoom software is not required on your device to connect with us. North Carolina storyteller Lee Lyons (above).

**OPEN MIC Night - Stories on the Square
Sponsored by Mountain Area Storytellers.**

Your story prompt for August...

Need a place to start. A story idea. Each month beginning this month we will provide a story prompt for our readers, storytellers, writers and poets and song writers. Pick up a pen and write down your thought. Go where every your thought takes you.

PROMPT - What was one of your most memorable times with of your mother as you were growing up?

On another note...

Every Thursday from the comfort of your own living room come share a story or practice a story idea at our Story Swap on Zoom with us at 2:00 p.m. Each Thursday, August 6, 13, 20, and 27.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS StorySwap and Workshop



Craig Kitchen (left) can't wait to tell his engaging tales live. Take a break in your day. Join

us every Thursday afternoon on Zoom. New idea. Story. Practice. Feedback. Have a story to tell? Want to listen to stories? Read a story, poem or lyric. And lean back and listen.

For TELL IT LIKE IT IS information contact Kanute Rarey 502-525-7272 kanutetells@gmail.com.

Hot off the press...

Meet the new President of the Southern Order of Storytellers, Tricia Stearns.

An introductory message from Tricia Stearns (right). 2020 SOS President. Tricia is a Georgia Storyteller and Writer.



Tricia writes,

“No matter what kind of darkness the world may be trudging through, there’s always a light somewhere. WE just have to find it. And shine it through our stories. And once we do, we will keep moving forward — and lead the way with hope and inspiration.

What’s something in your life that feels like that light right now? What makes you hopeful for a better tomorrow? Can you get that

into a narrative for a story and ready to share? WE NEED YOU”.

Next month...Tricia will share the goals that Tricia and the SOS Board have set as the renewed mission of the the Southern Order of Storytellers.

Thank you Leonard!

We also send a big THANK YOU to former SOS president Leonard Presburg for his work in moving SOS forward the SOS preparation for hosting the Atlanta location for the 2020 National Storytelling Network annual conference.



Next month...

North Carolina Storytelling Guild. Get to know more about storytelling in North Carolina and the North Carolina.



The Moth StorySLAM - Asheville NC

Look for the new Zoom Moth Asheville StorySlam event on the Moth website. It is held on the third Thursday of each month. Tickets go on sale one week in advance. Visit the Moth website for updates - www.themoth.org. Congratulations to Ray Christian (left) for another win in July.

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

Programming at the Folk School starts again in 2021. It is all about following your passion and developing friendships. Karen Hurtubise and Toni Rhegness (right) For updates, activities, workshops, schedules visit www.folkschool.org.



BIG FIBBERS Storytelling Festival In Rome, Georgia

Organizer Terrell Shaw and team. 2021 event tickets and schedule at info@bigfibbers.com and visit www.bigfibbers.com

Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival in Blairsville, Georgia

For activities and schedule for 2020 and 2021

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.

Bear on the Square Festival in Dahlonega, Georgia

Organizer Debbie From and her team. Information on 2021 activities and schedule at 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 2021 info at email advkdv@att.net.

Other on-going area events in August.

Stories on the Square - Lawrenceville GA.

On Zoom the first Tuesday of each month.

For information contact Denise DeSoye Mount (right) at 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 new events in Georgia. 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.

Notes from the porch...

**With Kanute Rarey and
Mountain Area Storytellers**

Thought for today -

Tell your family stories.



Family is a critical part of all our lives. It has always been important to me. As I have gotten older I have missed them more than ever.

My grandfather, Grandpa Switzer, had a life full of stories. He made sacrifices to bring us into his farm family when his daughter, my mother, died suddenly. He made a promise to her earlier in life that he would always be there for her and for us boys. He kept his promise to his daughter when he took all three of us boys to raise at the ages of four, six and eight. It was a big job, unknown just how big it would be, when the promise was made. Grandpa and Grandma along with my Aunt Arline and Uncle John all adjusted to meet the task. Other family also contributed.

Families, old and new, make all the difference in the world to each of other as we go through life and we as family all make our contribution.

Stay connected with family and friends! Pass on your family stories to others. Listen to those others share.”

Our Vision - Mountain Area Storytellers

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

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