

North Carolina
Storytelling Guild, Inc.
Member Directory



NCSG Directory July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011



North Carolina

Storytelling Guild



Mission

- To celebrate the various cultures of North Carolina
- To promote excellence in oral tradition
- To foster an appreciation and acceptance of the art of storytelling
- To affirm the value of story and the importance of storylistening
- To nourish the development of emerging and established artists

Goals

- To coordinate and facilitate the distribution of storytelling information
- To create opportunities for storytellers
- To educate people, both listeners and tellers, about storytelling
- To seek out and respond to the needs of North Carolina storytellers

North Carolina Storytelling Guild
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July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

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NCSG Scheduled Events

Board Meetings - open to all Guild members:

The Board meets quarterly unless extra meetings are needed.

Scheduled dates:

August 21, 2010 -Greensboro Public Library in downtown Greensboro, 219 N. Church Street.

November 12, 2010, 2:30pm - Hampton Inn, Brevard, NC

January 29/30, 2011 at Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell, NC 2011

June 25, 2011 - Greensboro Main Library, downtown Greensboro, NC - 10:30am

Brevard Storytelling Festival -

November 12-13, 2010 - Headliners: Beth Horner and Willie Claflin.

Sponsored by NC Storytelling Guild and the Transylvania Friends of the Library. Location – Transylvania County Public Library, Brevard, NC. On

Friday 12th there will be an evening concert presented by Beth Horner and Willie Claflin. Storytelling workshops will be presented Saturday morning. Contact Sandra Gudger at: 828-274-1123 or

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Winter Workshop with Antonio Rocha

January 28-30, 2011 - Fort Caswell, NC

Space limited.

Spring Retreat and Annual meeting. Wildacres Retreat Center, Little Switzerland, NC. April/May 2011 (TBA)



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Susan has been telling stories for over 20 years as a part of her work in public libraries in Washington, D.C., Asheville, NC and for the Wake County Library System. Susan specializes in Spoonerism Stories, Fractured Fairytales as well as in other funny and interactive stories and songs. Many have enjoyed her renditions of Rindercella and The Pee Little Thrigs.

Frankie Adkins
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Frankie Adkins, a native West Virginian, is also a transplanted tarheel, having grown up on the NC coast, and moved to SC only after graduating from East Carolina University, where she began her storytelling career as a Library Science major back when they had Library Science majors. Frankie is a National Board Certified Teacher, and teaches beginning storytelling to all ages. She enjoys telling Appalachian folklore, REAL ghost stories, Native American folklore, and personal stories from Girl Scout camping to worldwide travel.



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Lona Bartlett is a performance artist and educator. She has been involved with multi media productions, performed at a Billy Graham Crusade, the Billy Graham Library, appeared on a Bojangles commercial and performed internationally. Her puppet creations (and scripts) now span on four different continents. She teaches and performs at schools, libraries, conferences, churches, festivals, corporate and special events. Lona holds degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Her varied background and talent gives way to a long list of exciting presentations and lessons.

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This international performer, facilitator, and speaker has returned to the mountains to live after 15+ years in Europe. Karen-eve brings a fresh approach to this artform with her *Stories for Our Time*. As a non- traditional storyteller, she entertains, teaches and helps listeners navigate in the 21st century. Using European stories, modern stories and the wisdom of the Ancients, she enthralls listeners in classrooms, cafes, parties etc. With a background in business, performance, and training she

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can enrich any business meeting or gathering with workshops or *intelligent entertainment*. She is the Director of the *Do Tell Storyfest* in Hendersonville.

Robin Berkman
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I love telling stories to children. I have enough stories in my head where I can walk into a room, gauge the audience, and tell the appropriate stories; or I let the children choose a story from my Castle Hat.

I can also design programs to work with children to develop their Language Arts and/or storytelling skills.

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Priscilla Best is the Heart to Heart Storyteller who delights audiences in school, community, festival, conference and library settings with African, African American folktales as well as other folktales, chants, poetry and contemporary stories from various cultures. Expect audience participation. As a retired teacher and librarian, Priscilla is skillful in conducting workshops or assembly programs for students using character education, literary enrichment, or other themes as a springboard. Programs are customized to address competencies within the curriculum, or themes in Summer Reading Programs, or other celebrations. Whether in civic or educational settings, Priscilla

delivers keynote addresses that are highly flavored with elements of storytelling.

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Christian stories, stories of the old West, stories out of the headlines and flatlander tales. Member of NC Storytellers Guild for nearly six years.

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Willa delivers her presentations with songs, anecdotes, poetry and humor, leaving the listener invigorated and refreshed. She is enlightening, highly entertaining and a perfect fit for audiences of all ages. From California to North Carolina, New York to cruise ships in the Caribbean, audiences are captivated by the talent of this enthusiastic storytelling. A day with Willa will make you feel better about yourself and the world we live in.



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Cynthia is a renowned folkteller and educator who enralls audiences from ages 2 to 92. With her sparkling whirl of music, stories and audience interaction, Cynthia brings the characters to life. Her favorites include a variety of history, North Carolina and multicultural tales and of course ghostly stories. She has written, recorded, educated and performed for over 30 years in NC, the Southwest and across our fine country. She has been a television personality, radio show host and festival planner and performer for decades. She is co-founder and past President of NCSG. Her stories can be enjoyed on her CDs, *Ghost Stories from the Graveyard* and *Storytelling Magic*. Cynthia is also a ghost story writer and collector. Her new book will be available soon, *Folklore and Ghost Stories of Piedmont North Carolina*.

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For more than 15 years Sharon Clarke has warmed the hearts of her audiences with storytelling and folk music. She weaves together song with story, imagery with imagination to delight and captivate the listener. Her dramatic and unique style keeps audiences of all ages entranced...laughing and crying...as they quickly and unknowingly become part of the yarn-spinner's web. Sharon offers performances, workshops, and residencies for most any venue. Programs

are made to order to meet your needs. Sharon will work with you to create the perfect presentation for your group.

Sharon is a member of the National Storytelling Network, NC Storytellers Guild and is on the SC Arts Commission Roster.

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Wright Clarkson is an artist-educator, storyteller, and musician. He teaches and performs throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. His forte is multicultural folk tales, historical legends, and original stories. This StoryGuy involves musical instruments, costumes, and puppets (for young audiences) with unique interactive style to engage, educate and entertain. His custom-designed energetic programs and workshops are tailor-made for audiences of all ages, types, and sizes including: artist residencies and assemblies (Pre-K through 12), camps, churches, corporate events, festivals, libraries, museums, senior and youth groups.



Marvin M. Cole
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Dr. Marvin M. Cole retired as President of DeKalb College (now Georgia Perimeter) in Atlanta in 1994. He has performed *An Evening With Mark Twain* for over 22 years with over 800 performances in twenty states. He also gives combinations of lectures and dramatic readings about the life of Twain and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Beth Corzine (see String Celebration)

Janice Davin
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Storytelling saved Janice Davin's career as a teacher and maybe her life. During 35 years in the classroom, she used stories to calm savage beasts, subdue mutinies, and make the curriculum memorable. Currently Janice is an educator in private practice and a storyteller. She has performed stories and led workshops for organizations, schools, after-school programs, retirement communities, churches, and festivals in North and South Carolina. Her programs integrate storytelling with drama, dance, puppets, creative writing, and multimodal literacy.

Janice's high-energy stories capture the attention of her audience. Her characters come to life through her words, voice, and gestures. Janice's repertoire includes a wide variety of stories ranging from creative versions of traditional tales and classic poetry to original stories.

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Workshops, performances for all settings, consultations and published materials are available from this national and international storyteller. In addition to his original stories, Davis is also a traditional bearer and authority on Appalachian Jack Tales.

Nora Dial-Stanley
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Nora, member of the Lumbee Tribe, grew up in the Triad area of NC. Storytelling became a natural avenue to teach others about American Indians and to clear up stereotypes about Native people. Storytelling was a way for the tribes' history and ways of life to be passed from one generation to the next. Stories such as 'Earth's Creation' to 'How the Turtle Broke his Back' have life's lessons to be learned by all who listen. Nora and her children travel across the state promoting American Indian history, cultural, and traditions.



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A retired librarian and a lover of storytelling and sharing story time with children of all ages Mima is a member of the NCSG and the Inner Banks Storytellers Group. Mima's storytelling strives to take you on a storytelling adventure as well as to entertain and open your imagination. Participants are exposed to a variety of stories and can participate in the process. She tells for fun, special occasions (churches, children's hour, VBS) toddlers, preschool and adults too. Previous audiences: NC Estuarium, Tellabration (Washington, NC), Helping Hands Senior Citizens, family child care homes and day care centers.

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Storyteller with over 25 years experience.

Patricia (Trish) Dumser
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Trish has shared stories from the Carolinas to California with school children and teachers, family audiences, senior citizens, church groups, travel groups and at numerous festivals. A veteran teacher and teacher trainer, she now does storytelling full time, using tales of all kinds, as well as literary and history stories, to educate, entertain, amuse and

inspire. Individually tailored and curriculum based presentations, workshops and residencies, especially on historic themes and character development, are available to school districts.

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You may want to hear about the seven Eaglin children's hilarious adventures growing up in Tennessee and Arkansas, as told for thirty-eight years in the public school classroom and now for audiences of all ages at after-dinner programs, club meetings, school assemblies, libraries, retirement homes, festivals, and special occasions. Now a retired Latin teacher and ready to travel, Ms. Eaglin also performs Classical legends, Bible stories, and ghost stories. She carefully constructs her sentences and delivers them with high energy, so that the result is both entertaining and educational.

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Lisa Eister is a native of South Carolina who grew up in the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee. Her stories include traditional Appalachian and Upcountry Tales, around-the-world folktales, and personal stories woven from family and mountain lore. Lisa performs before school, library, community and festival audiences. She is on the SC Storytelling Network Board, and is the Founder of the Clemson Area Story Tellers Guild. In February of 2009, Lisa premiered a story based on the WWII

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memories of former Clemson professor George Means, and she is currently collecting material for a book of Clemson lore.

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Rodger's personal humorous stories have an ironic twist. He has an appreciation for day-to-day events that he turns into interesting and amusing stories to which we all can relate. Rodger has a Masters in Education (Reading and Story Arts). He performs storytelling programs for Christmas, Valentine's, churches, schools and senior citizens.

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A lover of storytelling, an admirer of storytellers, and proudly supporting the art of storytelling in North Carolina.

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"Bill" is a Family Physician and part-time storyteller. He enjoys collecting, re-shaping and sharing family and Jewish stories. Some of them stretching from the shadows of czarist Ukraine to the colossal sized attack-cockroaches and his grandma's almost kosher (no sausage or catfish) seafood gumbo of his childhood in Mobile, Alabama.

John Golden
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John shares coastal Carolina folklore in songs and stories with living history programs performed in costume. The legends, heroes and characters that make up our coastal heritage come alive from the Lost Colony to pirates to lifesavers to blockade runners. Sing along and clap along to favorite folk songs with guitar and old-time banjo. Performances are 45-55 minutes for audiences of all ages. Fourth and eighth grade students have early NC history and social institutions in the standard school curriculum and John's programs emphasize that history. Concerts for libraries, museums, historic sites and festivals.

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Appalachian stories and poems, personal stories.



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Although she has honed her skills with a Master's degree in Storytelling, Dianne comes to storytelling traditionally, learning stories and storytelling from her parents and grandparents. As well as telling stories for programs and festivals, she shows others their own talent for storytelling. She teaches storytelling skills throughout the Southeast in schools, libraries, and workshops. Touring the Southeast telling stories for all ages, Dianne blends Multi-culture Folktales with Appalachian Tales, Musical Ballads and more. She uses storytelling as exciting entertainment, but also as an educational method. She offers confidence, encouragement, and guidance to others, enabling them to tell their own stories. Through her exhilarating tales and teaching, Dianne encourages everyone to participate in one of the world's oldest art forms.

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Featuring crazy hats, puppets and funny songs, Charlotte Hamlin tells animated stories that engage audiences of all ages. Having lived in nine states and traveled extensively around the world, she specializes in multicultural stories that promote appreciation of cultural differences and tales of courageous women...including pirates. She was a Featured Storyteller for the Rhode Island state library system Summer 2007 Reading Program. She teaches

Intercultural Communication at Guilford College and gives corporate seminars.

Janet Harllee
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Internationally-known storyteller, character actress, speaker, and songwriter, Janet Harllee writes one woman shows that are performed through a character, Mitsy Lou Pupperknickel, a tacky southern hairdresser who thinks she's on the cutting edge of fashion. So come on in and grab a front row seat where the service is always delivered with a smile, a story, a song, and heartwarming humor.

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Michael Reno Harrell hails from the Southern Appalachians, where storytelling is a long-standing tradition. An award winning songwriter and Storyteller. He has performed at storytelling festivals across the US and British Isles, including having been a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival as well as serving as Teller In Residence at the International Storytelling Center. Michael was the kid who begged, "Tell me what it was like." From family members like, "Motorcycle" Eddie Cole, who owned the first motorcycle in those parts, to his compadre Stover Mason, who was still raising fox hounds at 103, Michael gathered facts, fabrications and fibs which have seeped
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into his stories and songs like mountain rain. Humor was what helped get those old timers through a hard existence and it is a big part of Michael's performances today.

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Jane Hauser tells original and personal stories that may involve being a football coach's daughter (we never owned a house, but always had a big, fast car to get out of town) or a newspaperman's wife with stories from the Supreme Court to a KKK rally.

In 2010, Jane was chosen in a competition to represent the Southeast, an eight state region, as the teller for the National Storytelling Network conference in Los Angeles.

Fairy Tales and myths are also a specialty which she tells with or without a Jungian interpretation of the metaphors and symbols. For the past three years, she has taught a course on this at OLLI at Duke University.

Jane's programs suit many groups from Middle School to adults. Audiences are always entertained and have something to remember and discuss after the telling.



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Alan is an avid storyteller and listener. He loves to tell folktales, personal stories and literary tales. His animated style and energetic delivery bring his stories to life. Alan and his wife Carol founded the Sounds of the Mountains Music and Story Festival in 2002 and it is held in April each year near Roanoke Virginia. Visit the festival website at www.soundsofthemountains.org.

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Four-time Grammy Award-winner David Holt is a musician, storyteller, historian, and radio and television host. For over thirty years, David has been collecting and performing the songs and stories of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He has learned this treasure trove of music directly from musical greats including Doc Watson, Etta Baker, Roy Acuff, Grandpa Jones and Tommy Jarrell. In addition to making numerous critically-acclaimed recordings, David has hosted such popular television programs as The Nashville Network's *Fire on the Mountain* and *American Music Shop* and was featured in the film, *O Brother Where Art Thou*. Currently, David hosts PBS' *Folkways* and Public Radio's *Riverwalk Jazz*, as well as maintaining a busy concert schedule. Today he tours the country performing solo, with Doc Watson and with his band The Lightning Bolts. David lives in Asheville, NC.

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Hawk has offered his lively performances and residencies for nearly two decades. He is a long-standing member of the NC and SC Storytelling Guilds, and the SC Artist Roster. A Stories for Life instructor, Hawk leads unique storytelling residencies and in 2007 helped to establish the first annual Stories for Life Festival, held in Charleston, SC. Hawk's programs dynamically bring the wisdom and sounds of ancient cultures to life, as he offers a fresh perspective of how indigenous people came to value, respect, and appreciate the diversity of each other and the natural world around them, all the while emphasizing positive character development with both his songs and his stories. He is a six time recording artist and his first children's book, *The Story of the First Flute*, was released in 2002 by Parkway Publishers.

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Andy Offutt Irwin of Covington, GA marks 2010 with his fourth appearance at the National Storytelling Festival. Full of energy, wit, and sometimes, pathos, Andy is an odd combination of storyteller, humorist, songwriter, whistler, and a walking menagerie of sound effects. Using a guitar and a myriad of voices, Andy's animated and zany performances delight and entertain beyond expectation.

And his award winning educational programming (for every age) is as enthralling as any festival performance.

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Ever After Stories

Lynda served in the educational world for thirty-eight years. She worked in the elementary classroom, middle school classroom, and media center and in each field she always found a way to use stories with her students. In retirement she is finding time to continue serving through storytelling. Her hope is to share stories with not just children, but people of all ages, so that stories will live in all of our hearts for Ever After. She uses folklore, tall tales, wisdom tales and family stories to motivate and entertain audiences. Lynda has also traveled to Israel and Poland for an extensive study of the Holocaust. She can provide a workshop with stories for a Holocaust unit as well as a workshop on poetry writing for students/teachers. She is also available for storytelling workshops and student participation programs. If there is a certain theme that needs a story, she will work with the teacher/school to provide what is needed to promote the importance of stories.

Carol Jolly
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"The Maine Attraction - Hello, Dah-lin!" Carol Jolly lives up to her name as she tells stories about the wonderful experiences of her life. As a Mainer, her accent has thrilled audiences young

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and old alike and you will laugh and cry as she shares her life with you. She was raised in the military and served in the USAF, has taught four year olds, owned her own tour guide company in Charleston, SC, and was the Activity Director in a Personal Care facility in Biloxi. She has been through hurricanes, met Elvis, and even done a little PI work as a senior citizen. She now spends her retirement with her husband of 50 years, writing for her local newspaper, completing her memoirs and dividing her time between her children and grandchildren in North Carolina, Maine and Mississippi. Carol has written two books, *"The Home in My Heart"* and *"That's What They Said!"* Her third volume of memoirs will be released soon. Carol's Christian love and humor is available for Church Groups, Senior Citizen Groups, Personal Care Homes, Retirement Homes and Community Organizations.

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For more than 25 years Ron has been sharing stories and songs with audiences of all ages. From Folk Tales and Fairy Tales to traditional and original stories, Ron has performed in schools, libraries, museums and at festivals throughout the southeast, New England, Canada and Mexico. His two current CD's- *I'd Rather be a Dog...And Other Stories* and *Do Tell! Cabin Tales From the Mountainside* feature fun children's stories and songs. His series "Stories from Down Home" is a collection of original stories for older children and adults that both tickle the funny bone while pulling at the heart strings. Ron has taught storytelling at the college level and conducts storytelling workshops.

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Learning stage.

Helen King
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Helen is the daughter of a storyteller/teacher so storytelling is a natural part of her life. She endeavors to share stories that are richly entertaining yet are new to the audience. Themes for the stories can be pure fun, motivational and/or inspirational. Helen will request information to help her tailor the program to your specific needs and interest. She draws on her background of drama and creative art to enhance each storytelling presentation. Her programs are fun and entertaining but there is always a lesson for life at the heart of the stories. *It is hard to forget a good story!*



Robin Kitson
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This dynamic lady hails from the ninth ward of New Orleans where water runs high, and the great brown pelican flies. Robin Kitson remembers a time when folk sat on the gallery (porch) and kids played passé (volleyball) in the street. She is one diverse, funny lady who can develop a story just for you, or tell a traditional folktale. Robin's motivational life stories range from being a despairing mother on welfare to a college graduate. Her classic repertoire includes Cajun Folktales, International Tales, Animal Tales and children's Character Education stories. She will create a program or author a story to fit your specific needs. Robin speaks anywhere people need to celebrate, be motivated or just entertained.

Ken Lankford (see String Celebration)

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Brenda Kay Ledford is a storyteller, poet and freelance writer. She gives literary readings and tells stories at "Coffee with the Poets" at the Phillips & Lloyd Book Shop in Hayesville, NC. She also performs at the John C. Campbell Folk School, and participates in "Lies & Pies Jamboree" on the square in Hayesville, NC on Labor Day. She has won awards for her storytelling.

She often tells humorous stories about the Blue Ridge Mountains where she grew up and heard stories from her grandparents. Brenda is a NC certified

Early Childhood teacher and tells stories to illustrate points with children.

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Joan's motto, "Encouraging words through pen and Performance," is the support for all of her work, whether presenting original versions of old tales or writing her own stories. Joan's interactive story performances delight school and library audiences and make avid folklore fans of audiences in museums and at festivals around the country.

She also presents one-woman shows that bring audiences the flavor of Civil War and Colonial America. Joan is the author of several books including, *Massachusetts*, (Scholastic Press), a travel book *The Shenandoah Valley: A Complete Guide*, (Berkshire House) and *Tales Through Time: Women in the South* (Short stories). In addition, she has contributed chapters to a number of storytelling and business books. Her freelance writing appears in many national, regional and local publications on the topics of travel, food, parenting, and health.

Joan also teaches storytelling and writing and gives talks on creativity, local folklore, and a talk on living with the grief of losing a child. She is member of the National Storytelling Network, Voices in the Glen, Virginia Storytelling Alliance, and has served as the Coastal Representative of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild.

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Sherry Lovett has been a storyteller for almost twelve years. She started using stories as a classroom teacher to help her students learn various lessons. Then she became a librarian, and, of course, stories and libraries go hand and hand. When her daughter was born she began to tell stories professionally and has told for schools, libraries, festivals, parties, nursing homes, and retreats.

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Tim Lowry tells stories "of the People, by the People, and for the People." Dipping into the melting pot of cultures called the USA, Tim serves up stories and songs that are truly "Americana"— Stories of the American Revolution, Civil War, and Great West are mixed with stories of the Baptist church, an Appalachian grandmother, teaching English to Russian immigrants, exciting road trips to Disney World, baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet!

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An avid collector of tales, Catherine MacKenzie fell in love with storytelling in the bayous of Louisiana, and is always thrilled to find a new story to share. With an MLIS and extensive experience as a

children's librarian, she enjoys telling to audiences of all ages in schools, libraries, museums, and at festivals. She was featured on a storytelling segment for ACCESS TV and has told several stories on CBC radio. She is particularly drawn to hauntingly beautiful stories with strong female characters and short vignettes that paint vivid pictures in the listeners' mind.

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Jeannie McPhail is a Kansas native but loves living in North Carolina. As a former library director, Jeannie has shared her love of books with children in schools and library storytimes for years. She is a children's writer, a columnist for the Morganton News Herald and writes devotions for her family website.

Jeannie sings with her husband Dennis, and their daughter Stacie, in a family trio. A *Macs* concert includes original and classic Southern Gospel music plus Jeannie sharing stories and testimonies about their family and ministry. *The Macs* are available for concerts and special music in churches, for civic organizations and wherever people gather. They also sing the National Anthem for sporting and civic events.



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Dr. Martin has been telling humorous stories in ministry for 40 years. He continues to do so in retirement. Rev. Martin has an extensive background in recreation and self-esteem. He uses ventriloquism (Pal Jerry) and Music (baritone uke) in presentations. Jim has written a book entitled, "You Gotta Laugh and Keep on Laughing." He is a member of the Davidson County Writer's Guild and the International Association of Clowns. Dr. Martin traveled to Russia with Dr. "Patch" Adams "bringing a bit of joy to the hurting children who reside in children's orphanages and hospitals." Jim is available for speaking engagements and utilizes humor as a vehicle for motivation and self-esteem.

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Sharing wonderful stories and books with children and adults is Ann's specialty. Happily she works in the Pender County Public Library and has many opportunities to be with groups of varying sizes and age.

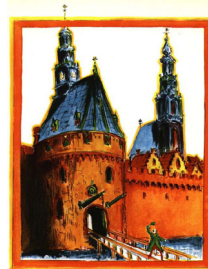


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From the very first moment, Ray Mendenhall invites the listeners to draw near and enter a world of *Amazing Songs and Whimsical Stories*... His performances have been described as "inviting" and "joyously interactive."

From group participation to having audience members "play the parts" of his stories, Ray invites folks to step into his world of storytelling. Whether a contemporary children's story or one of Aesop's fables, a classic fairytale or an international folk story, a story from his "hometown" of Fork, NC to homespun humor, Ray invites his listeners to gain lessons of life and new insights from his characters and their lives.

Programs for Civic Clubs, Family Gatherings, Church Gatherings, After Dinner Entertainment, School Groups, Workshops, Storytelling Training, Festivals and Community Events.



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David Joe is the former staff storyteller for the National Storytelling Association (NAPPS.) He created the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild in 1994 and The Storytelling Store in 1993. David Joe travels internationally telling in schools, libraries, festivals, corporate and political events and most anywhere story enthusiasts gather. His work in the North Carolina Schools has proven to be successful in helping young writers to increase their narrative writing test scores using "story" as a catalyst. He was the featured teller at former Vice President Al Gore's family bar-b-que and he opened for Grammy winner, David Holt at the Smokey Mountain Storytelling Festival. Nationwide references are available on request. Workshop package available on request.

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Savaya has been telling and writing stories since she was a child. Growing up, she lived in different countries and listened to storytellers from Africa, India and the British Isles. She brings her experience in public speaking and script writing to the art of storytelling. She speaks at festivals, schools, libraries, church groups, women's clubs, and county park events. Savaya has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from California State University, Northridge.

She has also done postgraduate work in speech theory and speech therapy at the University of Washington. Savaya is past President of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild.

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Marj learned the power of a good story from her grandmother who told stories about escaping from bandits in the Gobi Desert, how to take tea when invited into a family's yurt, or the proper way to eat roasted grasshoppers. What wonderful bedtime stories! Marj has conducted storytelling workshops for adults and children, told at festivals, schools, community organizations, book stores, special events, and in parks and recreation programs. She is a school librarian specializing in trickster tales, folk tales, and personal stories for children K-12.



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Ramona Moore Big Eagle, M.Ed. is a Native American Storyteller who has been telling stories professionally since 1978. Ramona has a Master of Education Degree from East Tennessee State University in Reading and Storytelling. She travels throughout the United States and Canada "changing lives one story at a time." Ramona is the president of Dare to Soar Enterprises, founder and president of the Storytellers Guild of Charlotte, Inc. and a member of the National Storytelling Network, and the NC and SC Storytelling Guilds. A winner of numerous awards and recognition as a professional Speaker and Storyteller, Ramona shares with all ages for all occasions.

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Bill and Kristin are storytellers and performing artists who specialize in Appalachian tales, railroad stories, and ballads and historic music for children and adults. Bill and Kristin perform independently and as a team. Programs may include personal stories, Appalachian tales, and myths from other cultures, as well as music performed on banjo, guitar, autoharp, harmonica, mandolin, fiddle and/or various percussive instruments. Performances and workshops are tailored to the audience — schools, colleges, museums, bookstores, senior centers, festivals and special events. Biographical information

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Marvas storytelling began with her own children. Her storytelling appeals to children and adults. Sessions include folk and fairy tales, poetry, oral history, creative writings, and story reading. Audiences: public and private schools, Brunswick Arts Festival, Communities In Schools, NC Teacher Assistants Conference, churches, libraries, workshops, and Arlie Gardens Festival. Presentations are enriched with displays, and hands-on experiences. Often wearing her 'storytelling hat, this teacher, educator, and storyteller spins a web to stimulate imaginations, and create desire for reading, and writing. She is a winner of NC Young Authors/Adult writing competitions.

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For most of my life I have been interested in collecting, preserving and telling stories. The main focus of my interest is the stories of life, love, lore and legends of the people of the Southern Mountains. In the nineteen sixties, I spent several summers living and studying with the noted storyteller and author, Richard Chase, who collected the Jack Tales and Grandfather Tales.

Before making Boone, NC my permanent home I lived in Kansas City, MO where I

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was an active storyteller, first with the Midwest Storytelling Theater and then with River and Prairie Storyweavers. I have told stories at a wide variety of venues including schools, libraries, museums, nature centers, nursing homes, festivals and parties. I can adapt my presentation to fit almost any occasion or age group.

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Her ability to combine captivating entertainment with important messages has made Sylvia a favorite for speaking engagements of all kinds. Debuting as a storyteller in fifth-grade, she has yet to stop delighting listeners of all ages. Her storytelling repertoire includes folktales, family and personal stories, North Carolina Legends, ghosts and stories of history, and stories that touch the soul. Sylvia has presented programs for 30 years, traveling throughout the southeast. She serves as NCSG's Membership Director and editor of the *Journal of Tar Heel Tellers*, the Guild's official newsletter, and is one of 59 Road Scholars for the NC Humanities Speakers Bureau .

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Claire Vera Ramsey was a storyteller from early childhood. She would take recycled scrap paper and draw her stories in picture after picture. In 2007, she turned the part-time storytelling she had enjoyed as a children's librarian into a new career: Stories With Claire. She has been called the premiere storyteller of Wake Forest, and her specialties include: medieval and Renaissance stories; folk tales from around the world; and stories of her family, the Impossible People. She is past president of NCSG.

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Nancy is an educator, storyteller, and writer. She taught elementary school for 23 years where her passion for storytelling developed. She now tells myths, folktales, and fairy tales, as well as her own personal stories. She is available for storytelling workshops as well.



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With playful elegance, Connie Regan-Blake transforms an audience into an intimate circle of friends. She guides listeners on a journey from old-timey mountain tales to surprising, heroic adventures of everyday living. Her school assemblies bring children and stories together and her public library background serves as a bridge between the spoken and written word. Her family and adult performances are flavored with the humor and wisdom of Connie's Irish heritage and Southern roots. Connie also presents storytelling workshops that welcome participants from all walks of life who want to enrich their professional and personal lives by telling stories. Honored with *Circle of Excellence* and *Lifetime Achievement Awards*, Connie's storytelling has been praised by CNN, *Good Morning America*, and NPR.

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Terry has been telling professionally for nearly 20 years. He is a founding member of NCSG, and the founder and former editor of the *Journal of Tar Heel Tellers*. Terry is the Coastal Representative to the NCSG Board of Directors, 2009-2011, and co-chair of Winter Workshop.

North Carolina folktales, ghost stories, Native American legends, multicultural stories, and personal stories are all part

of his repertoire. Terry also offers a one-man show entitled, 'Nevermore: the life and writings of Edgar Allan Poe', to high school students and adults.

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Charlotte T. Ross, the LEGEND LADY, has collected and composed 3,400 original tales of legends and laughter from Appalachia. An energetic performer, playwright, folklorist, raconteuse and speaker with experience in storytelling concerts, theatrical performances, conferences, school residencies and workshops, she is, above all, a compulsive teacher. Ross pulls the audience INTO each telling. Her legends shimmer with emotional intensity and historical context; her voice is an artist's brush painting vivid word pictures. Children clamor onstage to participate in folktales, legends and ghost tales. Adults enjoy humor sketches, legends and the nostalgia of growing up country. Charlotte Ross shares the magic of her mountain heritage in a lyrical oral art form.

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Ed Sacco is a retired schoolteacher who aspires to serve the community as a storyteller. He is the past president of the Asheville Storytelling Circle, telling stories here and there, including, schools, churches, senior centers, festivals, and special requests. Ed came to North Carolina in 1996 from San Diego. He was born and raised in Danbury, Conn., once known as the "hat-city of the world," and Ed still carries his stories around in his hats as he pops around to do his little bit in our small corner of the world.

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SACS is the home of the annual Storytelling Festival of Carolina, the annual Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown, the Intensive Weekend Workshop for Storytellers, as well as many more activities throughout the year. The Story Spinners Guild meets the third Monday of every month, September - May at the Storytelling Arts Center.

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Charlie has been telling personal and traditional stories all of his life. All of his stories are true...and some of them actually happened. Some humorous, some thoughtful, all-entertaining.

Charlie has told at the Laurinburg Bold Faced Liars Showdown, Stories on Asheville's Front Porch, and the Blue Ridge Storyfest.

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"There's always joy," Carolyn states, and it is this heartfelt conviction that is reflected in many of the tales she tells. Her unique blend of playful exuberance and quiet intensity are guaranteed to evoke laughter, inspire the imagination, stir the heart, and lift the spirit. Performance venues are varied and include all ages. Areas of special interest include character development, hope and healing, animal fiction and fact, world folktales and myths, holidays and special events. Happily, she will tailor her program to meet your group's personal needs or preferences.

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Hi! I'm Carl and I love to tell stories. My programs have entertained children and adults, preschoolers and senior citizens, kindergarteners and college students throughout North and South Carolina for the last 16 years. I've told at festivals, schools, libraries, and senior centers. I specialize in folktales from the US and around the world, tall tales, animal stories, Appalachian tales, and have even developed a program about Davy Crockett! My stories will entertain, instruct, and delight your listeners.



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Humorists, Historians & Tandem Tellers. Dedicated to entertainment & humor, this charming couple presents tales from Tradition, Legend, Lore, Literature & Life. The result is 17 consecutive years performing at the renowned "Florida Folk Festival." Appearances include 8 years stepping aboard St. Johns Riverkeeper Eco-Heritage cruises as William Bartram and Constance Fenimore Woolson; regaling listeners at Hendersonville's *Do Tell* Storyfest and Florida's Gamble Rogers Folk Festival along with hundreds of other performances for special events and community audiences from Carolina's Blue Ridge to Florida's "River of Grass."

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An enthusiastic teller of traditional folk tales, Linda takes listeners to faraway places close to home, where time is suspended in the magic of treasured tales. Linda is known for her interactive performances with young children, occasionally using fanciful puppets. Residencies center on Story Telling to Story Writing. On the SC Approved Artist Roster, she frequently presents programs for children, college students

and seniors! Founder of the SC Storytelling Network and Editor of their newsletter, Linda is Director of Stories for Life in Charleston, SC.

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I represent two storytellers: Suzi Whaples from Dunbar, WV and Andy Offutt Irwin, from Covington, GA. I've always loved words, that certain turn of a phrase, and the cadence of story. I teach literacy and math to adults, and having the *greatest* love of story, humor, music, and education, am delighted to work with these two amazing talents. I am not accepting new clients, but hope to learn from NCSG and enjoy the creative company.

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Performing as String Celebration, Beth Corzine and Ken Lankford include a variety of stories as part of their curriculum-aligned music programs for elementary schools and libraries. Whether they share traditional tales or original story songs, String Celebration focuses on teaching in an atmosphere of fun and excitement. Beth, a certified teacher, and Ken, a seasoned entertainer, understand and communicate well with children and engage their imaginations and bodies in every show, with singing, movement, discussion and imagination. It is often the children who give the duo

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their ideas for writing new songs and programs!

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Brian has been sharing stories for over ten years. He tells folktales from around the world to spark the imaginations of adults and children, and he offers workshops dealing with the story as a means of transformation and healing. He is particularly interested in the storylistening trance phenomenon (that "otherworldly" state that listeners sometimes experience.)

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It's all fun and games 'til the hair gets messed up

*Author, Comedian, Storyteller,
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Kelly tells funny stories about life in the south, using a wacky cast of characters who live in a place where tater guns misfire, beauty pageants abound, and fine art comes on black velvet. Kelly's hilarious and motivational shows have traveled from the Exchange Place of the National Storytelling Festival to Holland America Cruise Lines. Her work has been published and recorded, winning awards from the National Association for Parenting Publications and the Film Advisory Board. Kelly has material suited for all audiences. She offers workshops and private coaching upon request. Be sure to ask her about her One-Sentence Approach to Story Writing workshop. She is a former President of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild.

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A native of Salisbury, NC, I travel far and wide performing at parties, libraries, schools and community groups. I've been a Featured Teller at the Jackie Torrence Storeytelling Festival for three years now. Most people say I remind them of Jackie Torrence the way I tell my stories. I am a former member of the National Storytelling Network, and the National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS). I was viewed in the Salisbury post for my storytelling at Kelsey Park during the Juneteenth Festival.

My stories are for every one from early childhood to adult. I tell mild ghost stories, Brer Rabbit tales, history stories, life stories, Bible stories, you name it I tell it. I have my own flavor for storytelling. I have my own DVD's and CD's to display at storytelling functions.

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Life stories for grownups - women's healing stories - workshops and gatherings for women - weaving and sharing stories together.

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Henry specializes in stories for children, with an emphasis on noodlehead stories. His earliest telling was for his sons' elementary school classes. Since joining

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Once Upon A Time... Donna L. Washington has been storytelling for over eighteen years. Her amazing vocal pyrotechnics and dynamic physicality make her stories come alive and enthrall and delight audiences. She has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival and numerous other festivals across the country. Donna has seven multiple award-winning CDs. She is also an accomplished author of five children's books. She travels the country doing workshops for librarians and educators and performing for schools, libraries, festivals and anyone else who will listen to her.



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Suzi Whaples of Dunbar, WV has been a storyteller, educator, humorist, and conference speaker for 19 years. She's always ready with the perfect stories for any age and topic, and most are flat-out hilarious. 2010 marks Suzi's first appearance at the National Storytelling Festival. Her authentic dialect, lightning quick wit, and unique blending of her life stories and Appalachian roots produce the poignant, the encouraging, the whimsical, and the occasional larger than life tale.

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A vintage storyteller, Claire's love of stories came from her NC Grandmother, but she treasures stories with humor, a twist or message. A featured teller in "Haunted History of Charleston", she is on the SC Artist Roster. She is a charter member of SC Storytelling Network and also NCSG. She performs in schools, festivals, libraries and teaches storytelling at the College of Charleston.

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As a newcomer to the storytelling circle of friends I've entered this arena with

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I travel from pre-schools to retirement homes with tales for all ages. My collection of stories has been built on a lifetime of collecting real life adventures and retelling them with a hint of fiction and a hint of truth. As well, folktales, legends, southern humor, inspiration and funny animal capers come to life as we sit eye-to-eye and make believe we are in the middle of "Once upon a time and they lived happily ever after."



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Asheville Storytelling Circle
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 Southern Pines Library
 Storytelling Arts Center of the SE
 Transylvania County Library
 UNC Davis Library
 UNC Greensboro

(Note: Some individual memberships listed are also affiliated with the above libraries and organizations)



Local Storytelling Organizations

Asheville Storytelling Circle (Southern Mountains)

<http://www.main.nc.us/asc/>

The Asheville Storytelling Circle meets at 7pm on the third Monday of each month at Asheville Terrace, 200 Tunnel Rd. in Asheville.

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Northern Wake Storytelling Circle (Piedmont Triangle)

Meets at the Storytelling Book Store

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Storytelling Guild of Charlotte (Southern Piedmont)

Meets on 2nd Thursday of each month at The Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Arboretum Shopping Center - 7:30 to 9:30pm. Charlotte, NC

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