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NEWSLETTER

BLUE WATER

New Mexico has lost one of its storytelling treasures. San Juan Pueblo storyteller, Ester (Blue Water) Martinez was killed in a car accident on September 16 as she was returning from Washington D.C. from the ceremonies at which she was honored as a 2006 National Endowment of the Arts National Heritage Fellowship recipient. She was famous for sharing the oral tradition of San Juan Pueblo taught to her by her grandfather with whom she lived as a child. She published the lovely picture book, "The Naughty Little Rabbit and Old Man Coyote," accompanied by a tape recording of her telling. Recently, M. Ellien Carroll (founder of Storytellers International), wrote a book about Blue Water which also has a CD of her storytelling (*My Life in San Juan Pueblo: Stories of Esther Martinez*, Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, 2004.) You can read about her and about the award at the following link: www.nea.gov/honors/heritage/Heritage06/NHFIntro.html Blue Water was a constant supporter and participant in Storytellers International Events. She participated in Tellabration and in the annual Story Fiesta for many years. She traveled throughout New Mexico and the United States and was also known for having written the first dictionary of the Tewa language. Condolences may be sent care of Josephine Binford (her daughter) at P. O. Box 1585, San Juan Pueblo, NM 87566

MARY SUDBRINK

STNM's Mary Sudbrink passed away on June 25th after a few weeks in the hospital following a car accident.

It is a tragedy that the storytelling community has lost two of its members. They will both be dearly missed.

NATIONAL YOUTH STORYTELLING SHOWCASE COMING UP!

If you are interested in participating in this year's NYSS, send in your video, by **November 1**, to Mary Ellen Gonzales, 2806 Calle Campeon, Santa Fe, NM 87505-6419, For more information contact Mary Ellen at: maryelle.gonzales@comcast.net or (505) 438-6265

TELLABRATION

This year **Border's, Walden's, Barnes and Noble and Title Wave Book stores will sponsor Storytelling Week** which takes place the week before Tellabration! There will be storytelling events at these stores.

Tellabration in Albuquerque will take place on Sunday, November 19, at 6.30 pm, at the Menaul School Library. After the last year's success, we will continue with the Story Circles, where all who are interested are invited to come and both share their stories and to listen to others tell. For more information, contact Bob Kanegis at bob@storyconnection.com, (505) 890-7075.

Tellabration in Santa Fe will take place on Wednesday, November 15, 6-8:30 pm, at La Farge Library, co sponsored by the Santa Fe Public Library. November 15 will also be declared Storyteller's Day in Santa Fe. For more information, contact Sandra Hareld at Hareld@earthlink.net, (505) 471-5756 xt 23

STORY SWAPS – FALL 2006

ALBUQUERQUE:

3rd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH from 2-4pm, at Title Wave Book Store, 1408 Eubank NE, Albuquerque. (NE Corner of Eubank/Constitution)

- October 15– Facilitator and workshop presenter: Dianne Rossbach: "*Some Assembly Required - Storytelling and Origami*", (505) 296-4457, rossbachd@msn.com
- November 19– No Story Swap, instead please come to the Tellabration Story Circles at The Menaul School Library at 6.30 pm
- December – TBA

NOTE: If any STNM storytellers would like to present a 45-minute storytelling performance or a workshop at a monthly swap, please contact Margaret Edmundson, (505) 247-9267, medmundsonstories@yahoo.com.

SANTA FE:

Next Story Swap will be held on October 29, 2-4 pm, at La Farge Library on Llano St. The theme will be "All Hallow's Eve". Contact Sandra Hareld—(505) 471-5756 ext 23, Hareld@earthlink.net for information

LAS CRUCES:

Storytellers of Las Cruces tell stories EVERY SATURDAY, 10:30-11:30 am : COAS Bookstore Downtown and Solano Location. A free book is given to every child who attends. Contact Pat Gill: 505-526-8377, bobpatgill@zianet.com.

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STNM NEWS

EMILY SARTIN – YOUTHFUL VOICES

Emily Sartin, an 11-year-old storyteller from Farmington, NM has been invited to tell in the Youthful Voices segment of the National Storytelling Festival this fall. She's very excited about this opportunity and is so appreciative of the encouragement that everyone in Storytellers of New Mexico has given her. She's also grateful to the Northwest New Mexico Arts Council for helping sponsor her trip to the national festival. "When I received the letter inviting me to tell in Jonesborough, I just couldn't stop jumping up and down and screaming!" she said, "I couldn't believe it." According to Susan C. O'Connor, National Storytelling Festival Director, "Youthful Voices is a favorite tradition...and plays to a full audience in the largest performance tent of 1600 seats."

Emily is currently the National Youth Storytelling Showcase elementary division "Torchbearer." Recently she told in a special concert for the New Mexico State Library Association's annual conference and at a gathering of school teachers at Sutherland Farms. She will also be performing in the Four Corners Storytelling Festival and the Taos Storytelling Festival this fall. (It will be a very busy October!) Through all this, she's learning the importance of developing and keeping up a varied repertoire of tales. It seems that Storytellers of New Mexico has launched a young teller...and she's soaring high!

BOARD ELECTION AND NEW BYLAWS

Storytellers of New Mexico thank you for your participation in the recent telephone surveys that was done.

The new Bylaws were passed.

The annual election of the STNM Board of Directors is under way.

You will have received a ballot via e-mail or mail.

Next Board Meeting will take place on December 3, 10am-12pm, in Santa Fe.

BE PART OF THE STORY! STNM membership \$15/ year, \$5

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS December 20!

THE STNM CD *TALES OF ENCHANTMENT* benefiting Youth Storytelling is available for sale: \$10, \$7 for STNM members, or \$5 when you purchase 10 or more.

STORYTELLING EVENTS...

- **Four Corners Storytelling Festival, October 13-14, with Elisabeth Ellis, Dolores Hydock, Dovie Thomason, Joe Hayes, Kala Jojo, Emily Sartin and student storytellers.**
<http://www.infoway.org/storytelling/2006>
- **Taos Storytelling Festival, October 20-21, with Milbre Burch, Diane Ferlatte, Chris Pieper, Emily Sartin, Ron J. Hoskie, Joe Hayes, Francisco Guevara and a STNM Story Swap,**
www.somostaos.org, 505-758-0081
- **Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee, Los Angeles Fall Scandinavian Festival, 10/21; Highland Senior Center, Albuquerque, 10/27, 12:30 pm; Acantilado Vista Retirement Home 11/1, 2:30 pm; Los Angeles Storytelling Festival, 11/11; Santa Fe American Association of University Women, at El Castillo Retirement Residence, Santa Fe, 12/6, 6:30 pm. Info (505) 294-4567, <http://johanna.itgo.com>**
- **Tellabration! – See page 1 and flyers.**



A TELLING TALE

Ross Palmer was born with several disabilities, including Cerebral Palsy and extremely limited eyesight. He was not, however, born with limited intelligence. At age 3, he startled his mother by telling her exactly what the book she was reading to him said. He remembered each page, each character, each event in the stories she read him. These stories enlarged his world beyond words, and last summer, he was the only child ever invited to make tapes on books for the blind. He is blind, but his memory and his storytelling ability help him share with other blind persons the world he knows through story. He is the newest member of Storytellers of New Mexico. Please welcome Ross Palmer!

Sent in by Mary Ellen Gonzales

We need a new "Telling Tale" for the next Newsletter! So if you have a short story about storytelling that you would like to share, please send it in to STNM.

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