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NEWSLETTER

STNM workshop - April 28, 2007

The STNM workshop "Life Tales: Making Your Story a Gift" with Storyteller Margaret Edmundson was well received by all attendees. The event was held at the Bear Canyon Senior Center April 28. A man who attended the workshop talked about a boat trip his family took during the Great Depression. Another participant told a story about her experiences during World War II

Margaret Edmundson and the Storytellers of NM were featured in the Albuquerque Journal Mature Life article by Eric Billingsley (7/10/07.) "Margaret said telling stories is a way of preserving culture and history. The art of storytelling is knowing how talk about an event in a sequence that builds to a climax and resolution. A good storyteller infuses a tale with depth and structure to keep people interested. Storytellers are about speaking the story rather than reading it to people. It's the act of oral communication between the person telling the story and the listener. Folk tales, fairy tales, tall tales, personal tales are all a part of it. And, a storyteller never quite tells the story the same way."

Also the article quoted Bob Kanegis, STNM President "When you tell a story what you get is a

National Youth Storytelling Showcase:

If you are interested in participating in this year's NYSS, contact Phyllis Bergman, PO Box 64, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, +1(505) 281-6131 or pebergman@earthlink.net

National Storytelling network:

Your NSN membership enables you to enrich the world through storytelling. For more information contact Phyllis Bergman, PO Box 64, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, +1(505) 281-6131 or pebergman@earthlink.net

Tellabration and Future Storytelling Events...SAVE THE DATES

- STNM Board Meeting - September 23, 2007 10-noon (see page 2 for details)
- Four Corners Storytelling Festival, Farmington, NM - Oct 11-13, 2007
<http://www.infoway.org/storytelling/2006>
- Taos Storytelling Festival, Taos, NM - October 26-27, 2007 Contact: S.O.M.O.S
229 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, PO Box 3225 Taos, NM 87571 www.somostaos.org
505-758-0081
- Tellabration - Albuquerque, NM - November 18, 2007 Contact: Bob Kanegis, (505)
890-7075 - bob@storyconnection.com

Story Swaps – SUMMER 2007

Albuquerque:

3rd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH from 2-4pm, at Title Wave Book Store, 1408 Eubank NE, Albuquerque. (NE Corner of Eubank/Constitution) The SWAPS are self-directed discussions and exchange of stories

- July 15 - Facilitator Ann Riley 505-293-5858 ariley@swcp.com
- August 19 - Facilitator and workshop presenter: Storyteller Sarah Malone "How to Learn a Story", 505-286-8819 smalone7@msn.com
- September 16 - Facilitator and workshop presenter: Storyteller Bob Kanegis "Nature Tales" 505-890-7075 bob@storyconnection.com
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NOTE: If any STNM storytellers would like to present a 45-minute storytelling performance or a workshop at the Albuquerque monthly swap, please contact Bob Kanegis, (505) 890-7075, bob@storyconnection.com.

Santa Fe:

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,

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"When we dream alone, it is only a dream; when we dream together, it is the beginning of Reality." (Brazilian Proverb)

STNM News

Peace Tales Project Update

The Peace Tales project has now donated \$22,000 to peace causes from the sale of Sarah Malone's CD, "Holding Up the Sky: Peace Tales for Kids." The CD is now featured in "Tools for Change," a national catalog (www.syracuseculturalworkers.com) Beneficiaries are the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and Peace Talks Radio (aired out of KUNM in Albuquerque.) You may still purchase a this award winning CD for \$15 at Peacecraft in Albuquerque, Gallery of the Sandias in Cedar Crest, or online at: www.peacetales.org.

Sarah Malone tells Native American Tales with String, Drum, and Heart at the Tijeras Outdoor Market, Saturday, July 29, 2008. Call Just Imagine at 281-9611 for afternoon time.



A TELLING TALE -

In January 2004 my beloved 87-year-old father underwent emergency open-heart surgery. Aside from cataract surgery he had never been hospitalized since birth and was considered to be in excellent health, even by his cardiologist! Hence, his surgery came as a terrible surprise to us all. Dad survived the surgery only to be infected by a hospital borne bacteria, which slowly killed him over a grueling two-week period during which I maintained a vigil at his side in the Intensive Care Unit. During those two-weeks I asked my father if he would like me to tell him a story. He was unable to speak due to a breathing tube, but weakly moved his head slightly to signal his assent. I began the story, only to be interrupted by the bells and whistles of the many machines attached to his injured body, or by nurse's visits. After each interruption, I began the story anew or picked up where I had left off. I spoke quietly, gently, slowly; acutely aware of how the story seemed out of sync with this time, in this place, under these circumstances. I realized my father probably didn't fully hear or understand the story during his darkest hour. However, I know that he heard my voice: the gentle cadence, the reassuring tone, the loving touch, the quiet reassurance, my presence and my love. I treasure the memory.

Submitted by Sarah Malone in loving memory of her father, John D. McCormick

The STNM Board

The next STNM Board Meeting: September 23, 2007 – 10:00 am-12:00 noon at Ann Riley's home, 10301 Karen NE, Albuquerque, NM. POTLUCK! **Members are invited to attend** – please RSVP to Ann Riley, (505) 293-5868 ariley@swcp.com

JOIN TODAY AND PARTICIPATE IN STORYTELLERS OF NEW MEXICO BE PART OF THE STORY!

For information contact: Bob Kanegis, (505) 890-7075 - bob@storyconnection.com or Diane Rossbach (505) 296-4457 rossbachd@msn.com

STNM membership dues: Individual - \$20/year Seniors 60+ and Students full time - \$10/year

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS September 27, 2007

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.