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NEWSLETTER

A Story and a Call to Action

A chicken and a pig were walking down a country road together when they saw a billboard for a breakfast special at the local restaurant. Pictured was an image of two eggs over easy, a couple strips of bacon and some toast. With great pride the chicken turned to the pig and said, "Doesn't it make you feel proud to be part of that?" The pig grunted then replied, "That's easy for you to say...but I'm fully committed!"

I thought of this little anecdote recently knowing that STNM Board elections are coming up again in January and our organization desperately needs an infusion of energy and commitment. STNM is a member driven organization and we need members to drive it, make suggestions, give feedback and take the lead in planning local storytelling events like swaps, Tellebrations, and workshops. Consider this an urgent invitation for participation. What can STNM do for you and what can you do invigorate storytelling in New Mexico. STNM needs your energy and participation. We'd love to hear from you.

Bob Kanegis, President STNM 505-890-7075 bob@storyconnection.com

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

- Four Corners Storytelling Festival, Farmington, NM - Oct 12-13, 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 Menaul School Library and Media Center, 301 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albq. Contact: Bob Kanegis, (505) 890-7075 - bob@storyconnection.com
- STNM Board Meeting - January 20, 2008 10-noon (see page 2 for details)

Story Swaps – FALL 2007

Albuquerque:

October 21, 2007 will be the last story swap for 2007 from 2-4pm, at Title Wave Book Store, 1408 Eubank NE, and Albuquerque. (NE Corner of Eubank/Constitution) The story swaps are discussions and exchange of stories. Facilitator and workshop presenter, Storyteller Sarah Malone will lead the story swap with "Scary Tales and How to Tell Them" 505-286-8819 smalone7@msn.com

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, bobpatgill@zianet.com.

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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 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES

STORYTELLING FESTIVALS - FARMINGTON AND TAOS - ALBUQUERQUE TELLABRATION (see page 1)

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.

CALL FOR STORYTELLERS

Fiesta of Cultures, Coronado State Monument in Bernalillo, NM - Oct 27 from 10 – 4. Activities include: demonstrations of traditional skills of the Native American, Hispanic and Anglo of NM through expert craftspeople-weavers, spinners, quilters, tin worker, blacksmith, flintknappers and potters. Activities for children - Mexican folkdancers are expected followed by storytelling for children. Volunteer Storytellers needed – contact Barbara Williams (505) 792-4851 or Marty Kuehn, (505) 892-5981

A TELLING TALE - The Teacher Asks a Question



The Teacher once asked his students: When do you know when night turns into day?
The students thought for a moment. Finally one of them said: When you look into the distance and you can tell an animal is a goat and not a dog.
"No, that's not it," replied the Rabbi.
"When you can see a tree and determine if it is a peach tree or a pear tree".
"No, that's not it either" replied the Rabbi.
"So, when is it?" they asked him.
"It is when you can look a man or a woman in the face and see them as your brother or your sister. Until you can do that, it is still night."

The STNM Board - URGENT INVITATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

The next STNM Board Meeting: January 20, 2008 – 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

Agenda: STNM Board openings exist for Treasurer; Vice President; Secretary and at-Large members; 2008 organizational planning, membership, and annual events including SWAPS, Storytelling Festivals STNM Tellabration
STNM Board members: Bob Kanegis, Phyllis Bergman, Sarah Malone, Ann Riley

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Professional Storyteller, Mike McCartney, PO Box 3503, Santa Fe, NM (505) 412-4148, theibones@hotmail.com

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

For membership information contact or to become a member of the STNM Board contact: Bob Kanegis, (505) 890-7075 - bob@storyconnection.com

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS December 27, 2007 – Editor Ann Riley, (505) 293-5868 ariley@swcp.com

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.