

STORYTELLERS OF NEW MEXICO, INC.

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

FALL EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

TELLABRATION 2010

Albuquerque – ADOBE Theater, Saturday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Stay tuned for information on local Tellabration events in:

Farmington, Las Cruces, Santa Fe & Taos!

FOUR CORNERS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 8 & 9th

TAOS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 16th

RECENT STNM ACTIVITIES

- STNM exhibited at the **Albuquerque Theater Guild's Prime Time** exhibition on May 13th.
- **Brian Ellis'** workshop/performance on May 17th were well attended with rave reviews from participants and listeners
- STNM supported host, Dianne Rossbach, at the storytelling tent of the **Albuquerque Folk Festival** on June 12 & 13th. Thanks to volunteers Margaret Edmundson & Sandra Hareld.
- STNM submitted a proposal to nominate STNM member **Joe Hayes** as New Mexico State Library's Centennial Storyteller.
- STNM supported solo *Spoken Word* performances in Albuquerque/Santa Fe. Stay tuned for upcoming events, likely to be held in Albuquerque!
- STNM welcomes **Sandra Hareld** of Santa Fe as a new board member.
- STNM hosted the 1st New Mexico **MadPride** storytelling at the June Open Mic. MadPride is a national movement supporting people with behavioral disabilities.
- **Peace Tales** is featured in the Summer edition of *diane*, *The Curves Magazine*, highlighting donations of over \$30,000 to peace causes from sales of the Peace Tales CD. Available at: www.peacetales.org.

A TELLING TALE

"If I go into the kitchen and take a dry sponge and put it in a bowl of water, it will suck up a lot of water, won't it? ... But if I take the same sponge and put it in a bowl of ice, it won't suck up anything at all. That's because the sponge isn't designed to suck up ice. Its structure – lots of little holes – can't take in ice, only water. Ice is water, but just in a different form. ... "To make it into water, so we can suck it up easily, we need to change its form. The water is knowledge...and the sponge is your mind. When we hear information, a lot of it, sometimes it's too hard for us to suck up. It's like ice. We hear it in the same way that the sponge touches the bowl of ice, but it doesn't get inside. But as soon as you melt the ice the water penetrates deep into the middle of the sponge. And that's what stories do." ... "Stories are a way of melting the ice," ... "turning it into water. They are like repackaging something – changing its form – so that the design of the sponge can accept it."

From a conversation between father & son: In Arabian Nights by Tahir Shah, Bantam Books, 2008, p. 298

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, September 12th from 11-2 at Phyllis Bergman's home in Cedar Crest at 36 Vera Cruz (RSVP: 281-6131) STNM members are welcome.

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

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STNM membership dues: Individual - \$15/year Seniors 65+ and full time students full time – \$5/year