

VASA VISTAS



Virginia
Storytelling
Alliance

Stories from the Mountains to the Sea

April-June 2004

Promote Storytelling in 2004

From Gary Lloyd

President of the Board of Directors

Registration for the Gathering is moving along splendidly. Don't miss your chance to learn and be entertained in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

I also want to mention the VASA Board will be taking a weekend retreat for strategic planning purposes this summer and we could very much use your ideas for where you see VASA headed over the next 5-10 years. What types of activities do you feel as members we should undertake? I would prefer you send your ideas and concerns to me by snail mail or email your thoughts on VASA's future to me by mid-May, but feel free to contact any Board member if you prefer.

On the lighter side, what do you call a VASA president who really likes to visit Kentucky Fried Chicken? LLOYD OF THE WINGS! talespinner@cox.net

Bring your Stories for 3 Story Swaps

Time limit 10 minutes or less

Friday Night 8 p.m. *"Everyone is a Featured Teller"*
Megan Hicks, Host - Stories on any topic.

Saturday Night 10:30 p.m. *"11th hour Tales"*
Les Schaffer, Host - Spine tingling stories

Sunday Morning 10 a.m. *"Amen Stories"*
Lynn Ruehlmann, Host - Inspiring Stories

Next Newsletter deadline **June 1, 2004**. Send your information to vasanews@hotmail.com

Welcome to the Virginia Storytelling Gathering 2004 April 2-4

Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA



Dovie Thomason
Exploring the
Landscape of
Stories—
Your Voice and
Your Vision



Diane Macklin
Gardner's
Multiple
Intelligences
and Storytelling



Linda Goodman
Cultural
Journalism:
Reporting Oral
History



Yvonne Healy
SpeakUP!



Steveanna Roose
Magic Bean
Marketing Tips:
Gleaning Gigs
From Grants



Eve Watters
Developing and
Enriching Story
Programs—
Even If You
Can't Carry A
Tune In A Bucket

Two great performances with dynamic performers, five exciting workshops, three Story Swaps, two informative coaching sessions, one Silent Auction, new resource materials, tapes and books galore, Surprises, Camaraderie and more!

VASA General Meeting
April 3, 2004
at the Virginia Gathering 2004
Three new Board members will be elected.
Make your voice count.

Calendar

April

4/ 2-4 Virginia Storytelling Gathering at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA. Sat eve concert by Dovie Thomason, Kathy Coleman, Teresa Mastrobuono, Tales Times Two, & The Tapestry Tellers, workshops by Dovie Thomason, Linda Goodman, Yvonne Healy, Diane Macklin, Steveanna Roose and Eve Watters, coaching sessions, swaps, etc. Request a brochure from Appalachianstory@aol.com or call Gary Lloyd at 703-968-4746.

4/ 6 Tuesday, Central Rappahannock Regional Library 4:30 Salem Church, 7:30 Headquarters Theater. Story Artist **Regi Carpenter** joins our Ardiena Ann Tromley Family Storytelling Series lineup with two performances of *Ha! Ha! Ha! I tricked Ya!* Stories for school-age children and adults Performer Website: www.soaringstories.com Rhonda Belyea rbelyea@crrl.org Central Rappahannock Regional Library Headquarters Branch 1101 Caroline Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 540 372 1144 X 242

4/6-5/11 10 am-noon “*No Reward for Safety: Engineering Disasters*” **Ralph Chatham** practices industrial-strength storytelling in this 6-week course exploring disasters and near-misses, what makes the difference and what we can do about it for The Hopkins Evergreen Society, at Grace United Methodist Church, North Charlse St., Baltimore. www.evergreen.jhu.edu or 410-309-9531

4/6 10:30 am “*Who’s the Fool?*” **Margaret Chatham** tells Asian folktales for age 3-5 with accompanying adult at Mindful Hands Gallery, 211 King St., Alexandria. Fee. 703-683-2074

4/11 11-2 **Eve Watters** Brunch Harp Music Boar’s Head Inn, Charlottesville 434-972-2230 contact P.O. Box 1792 Charlottesville VA 22902, 434-823-8600

4/13 8 pm Washington Storytellers Theatre presents Speak Easy. “Cutting the Cord,” stories about passing into adulthood, featuring Sherry Geyelin, Jon Spelman, & Carolyn Rapp. Come early to sign up for the open mike that follows. HR-57 Center for the Preservation of Jazz and Blues, 1610 14th St (near Q). \$5 cover, \$8 if you BYOB. 301-891-1129, www.washingtonstorytellers.org

4/14 10:30 am Joe Pipik & the Backpack Puppets: Tales for the Very Young at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna, sponsored by the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation to honor 9/11 victim and local mom. Free, but register at 703-938-0405.

4/14-6/2 (Weds) or **4/15-6/3** (Thurs) 7:30-10 pm *Telling Tales II*, course for intermediate storytellers by **Jon Spelman**. For graduates of Telling Tales or by audition. \$200, in the Sangha Cafe & Market’s new location

4/ 15, Beaver Creek Storytellers featuring **Mary Grace Meador** and **Wayne Rush** at Java J’s Espresso Bar, downtown Bristol, Virginia, 7:30 p.m. Appalachianstory@aol.com or 276-669-8358

4/17, 8:00 p.m. *Fifth Anniversary Gala Celebration* of Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater. Four of the Heart’s founding members (**Judith Onesty, Les Schaffer, Denise Bennett & George Crafts**) will entrance you with their very best stories. We’ll take trips down memory lane, go on wild rides and fly to exotic locales. Whatever the destination, the results will move you, make you laugh and perhaps teach a thing or two. This is a storytelling treat that’s not to be missed, at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, 2880 Mountain Road Glen Allen, VA, just off I-295 at Woodman Road. telltalehearts@aol.com

4/17-5/1 (Sats) —10 am-noon *Telling Your Family Stories*, 3 session workshop taught by **Ellouise Schoettler** Friendship Village Com. Center, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD Fee Call: 301-656-2797

4/17 10:30 am “*Magic of Art*” **Margaret Chatham** tells Asian folktales of magical paintings and sculptures for age 8-12, followed by participants creating their own art, guided by Laura Stowers. Fee. Mindful Hands Gallery, 211 King St. Alexandria. 703-683-2074

4/21 7:30 pm **Ellouise Schoettler** presents “*Patchwork; stories create their own kind of quilt to warm your heart*” Friendship Village Comm. Center, 4433 S. Park Ave, Chevy Chase. Free, no reservations. 301-656-2797

4/22, *Storytelling Open Mike* at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the **Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater** at Barns & Noble Short Pump, 11640 West Broad Street, Richmond. Join us for a relaxed evening of storytelling. Approximately 7:30-9. FREE telltalehearts@aol.com, Les Schaffer 804-560-5567 or Judith Onesty, 804-261-4973

4/24 10-6 *Southern Maryland Celtic Festival* at Jefferson Patterson Park. Music and Scottish games to dance and bagpipe competition. Storytelling, in a new location near the visitor center, will feature 10 **Beth Ohlsson**; 10:45 **Ralph Chatham**; 11:30 **Michael Fleming**; 12:15 **Margaret Chatham**; 1 **Barbara Woodey**, 1:45 **Tim Livengood**; 2:30 **Bill Mayhew**; 3:15 **Beth Vaughan**; 4 **Michael Gaudreau**. www.cssm.org

4/24 (9-5) **4/25** (2-5) *Storytelling in the Ministry* with storyteller **Linda Goodman** at Covenant United Methodist Church in Chesapeake, VA. Details contact Mary Freeman at 757-488-6992

4/24 2 pm **Alice McGill** will be a featured author at the 5th Annual Bethesda Literature Festival, Bethesda, MD Contact Emily Aldrich Clark at (301)215-6660, ext 16

4/24 7:30 pm **STORYSWAP** Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Bob Rovinsky in NW DC for an evening of shared stories and potluck (kosher) snacks. Call 202-237-1036 for rsvps and directions, preferably before sundown Friday.

4/30-5/1 3rd Annual Sounds of the *Mountains Song and Story Festival* features **Odds Bodkins, Connie Regan-Blake** and **Baba Jamal Koram** along with a like number of musicians. Camp

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Bethel, near Roanoke, VA <http://soundsofthemountains.org/>

4/30 7 pm reception, 8 pm performance Washington Storytellers Theatre Benefit featuring **Antonio Sacre**: *Up to the Sky and other Stories* at the Embassy of Austria, 3524 International Ct., NW DC. Benefactor \$1000, Patron \$500, Sponsor \$275, Advocate \$165, Individual \$65 (2 tickets with each) 301-891-1129, www.washingtonstorytellers.org

May

5/1 12-4 pm Voices in the Glen storytellers share folktales from many lands as part of Spotlight on *The Arts at Van Dyck Park* in Fairfax City, Va. Call Gary Lloyd for up to date info 703-968-4746 or visit Fairfax City's website.

5/4 10:30 am "*Big and Little*" **Margaret Chatham** tells Asian folktales for age 3-5 with accompanying adult at Mindful Hands Gallery, 211 King St., Alexandria. Fee. 703-683-2074

5/5 7:30 pm **Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo** of Eth-Noh-Tec: *Lore of Asia* at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna, for all ages, sponsored by the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation to honor 9/11 victim and local mom. Free, but register at 703-938-0405.

5/6 10:30 a.m. **Barbara Effron** "*Marvelous Moms*" ages 3-5 George Mason Regional Library 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003 703-256-3800 Free, but call two weeks in advance to register.

5/11 8 pm Washington Storytellers Theatre presents *Speak Easy*. "Counterculture," stories about defying convention, featuring **Bob Gordon, Megan Hicks, & Stephanie Garibaldi**. Come early to sign up for the open mike that follows. HR-57 Center for the Preservation of Jazz and Blues, 1610 14th St (near Q). \$5 cover, \$8 if you BYOB. 301-891-1129, www.washingtonstorytellers.org

5/20 4:30 & 7:30 pm **Willy Clafin** 4:30 at Salem Church Library, 2607 Salem Church Road, Fredericksburg, VA, 540-785-9267; 7:30 at Headquarters Library, 1201 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, VA, 540-372-1144. Presented as part of the Ardiena Ann Tromley storytelling series.

5/20 Beaver Creek Storytellers featuring **Peggy Kenny** and **Pat Musselman** at Java J's Espresso Bar, downtown Bristol, Virginia, 7:30 p.m. Appalachianstory@aol.com or 276-669-8358

5/22 10:30 am "*Tree Spirits*" **Margaret Chatham** tells Asian folktales for age 6-12. Fee. Mindful Hands Gallery, 211 King St., Alexandria. 703-683-2074

5/22 8 pm Washington Storytellers Theatre presents **Willy Clafin**: *Where Were You in '72?* at Westmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle on the Bethesda, DC border. \$12 (\$9 WST members, \$10 seniors & students) 301-891-1129, www.washingtonstorytellers.org

5/23 10 am-1 pm Washington Storytellers Theatre presents **Willy Clafin's** workshop "*Art of the Comic Tale*" \$35, \$30 for WST members. 301-891-1129, www.washingtonstorytellers.org

5/27, *Storytelling Open Mike* at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the **Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater** at Barns & Noble Short Pump, 11640 West Broad Street, Richmond. Join us for a relaxed evening of storytelling. Approximately 7:30-9. FREE telltalehearts@aol.com, Les Schaffer 804-560-5567 or Judith Onesty, 804-261-4973

5/28-31 **Doug Lipman** coaching workshop. \$395, (\$350 before 3/20) held in Germantown, MD. Call Gail Rosen at 410-486-3551 to see if there's still space available.

5/28-30 The North Carolina Storytelling Guild will be holding their annual Spring Retreat at Little Switzerland, NC., Workshop presenters will be Donna Washington and Ron Jones. Please stay tuned to the NCSG website (www.ncstoryguild.org) for upcoming details. Kelly Swanson www.kellyswanson.net kelly@kellyswanson.net

June

6/1 10:30 am "*Dragons*" **Margaret Chatham** tells Asian folktales for age 3-5 with accompanying adult at Mindful Hands Gallery, 211 King St., Alexandria. Fee. 703-683-2074

6/1, 6:30 p.m. **Sheila Kay Adams** Reads and Signs her new book, *My Old True Love* at The Fountain Bookstore, Inc. (Upstairs in the Events Room) Historic Shockoe Slip, 1312 E. Cary St., Richmond VA, 804-788-1594

6/5 from 11 am - 4pm **Barbara Effron** tells stories at *Imagination Celebration*, a children's summer street festival sponsored by Bethesda Urban Partnership. The event offers a fun day for children 12 and under with cultural and educational activities plus two stages of entertainment, storytellers, clowns, balloon artists and more. For more schedules and more information go to www.bethesda.org/specialevents/specialevents.htm

6/5-6 *Washington Folk Festival* - This year for sure the Folklore Society of Greater Washington brings the Washington Folk Festival back to Glen Echo Park. Storytelling schedule to be announced. www.fsgw.org

6/8 8 pm Washington Storytellers Theatre presents *Speak Easy*. Story Slam "Near Misses," stories of what might have been. See www.washingtonstorytellers.org for rules. HR-57 Center for the Preservation of Jazz and Blues, 1610 14th St (near Q). \$5 cover, \$8 if you BYOB. (301)891-1129

6/12, 8:00 p.m. *Grins, Giggles & Guffaws*. Laugh until you feel good! an evening of funny Stories presented by **Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater** at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, 2880 Mountain Road Glen Allen, VA, just off I-295 at Woodman Road. telltalehearts@aol.com, Les Schaffer 804-560-5567 or Judith Onesty, 804-261-4973

6/12-13 *Potomac Celtic Festival* at Morven Equestrian Park, Leesburg, VA. Storytellers Saturday: **Margaret Chatham, Bill Mayhew, Beth Vaughan, Anne Sheldon, Alan Irvine, Fiona Powell, Ralph Chatham**. Sunday: **Ralph Chatham, Beth Phillips-Brown, Fiona Powell, Alan Irvine, Beth Vaughan, Gary Lloyd, Margaret Chatham**. 1-800-752-6118

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6/17, Beaver Creek Storytellers featuring **Howell Cross, Leon Overbay** and **Doug Morrell** at Java J's Espresso Bar, downtown Bristol, Virginia, 7:30 p.m. Appalachianstory@aol.com

6/19-20 **LAUGHS** Loudoun's 4th Annual Gigantic, Hilarious Storyfest features **Willy Clafflin, Carmen Deedy, Elizabeth Ellis, Diane Ferlatte, Bil Lepp,** and **Ed Stivender**. More info in article, p 4. Claude Moore Park, 21544 Cascades Parkway, Sterling, VA. www.laughsfestival.org or 540-338-7973

6/19-6/30 **Barbara Effron** "Gold Medal Tales and Songs for Summer Reading" Ages 3 and up at various libraries in the Northern Virginia area, contact your local library for times.

6/24, *Storytelling Open Mike* at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the **Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater** at Barns & Noble Short Pump, 11640 West Broad Street, Richmond. Join us for a relaxed evening of storytelling. Approximately 7:30-9. FREE telltalehearts@aol.com, Les Schaffer 804-560-5567 or Judith Onesty, 804-261-4973

6/25 7:30 Friday Campfire storytelling series at Caledon Natural Area, King George County, Virginia. **Glenn Holliday** tells stories, a marshmallow roast, and a fire at sunset by the river.

6/26 10 am-1 pm Washington Storytellers Theatre presents **Charlotte Blake Alston's** workshop *Finding It and Making It Your Own* (beginning tellers, teachers and student teachers). \$35, \$30 for WST members. 301-891-1129, www.washingtonstorytellers.org

Story Sharing *Pete Houston*

When we love something, we want to share it. Sharing always deepens our pleasure. Storytelling is a wonderful way to share. It draws people closer. Often times it results in friend and companionships being formed. There's such a comfortable feeling from telling stories to others. Share a story with someone today.

Volunteers Still Needed for The Gathering

A photographer with a good camera, either digital or 35 mm to take pictures during the weekend.

Persons to sell books in the resource area.

Ushers for the performances.

Donations of bottled water or cookies or other munchies.

Please contact Mimi Rockwell: Appalachianstory@aol.com or 276-669-8358

Norris Spencer is still accepting donations for the silent auction. You may bring an item when you come or contact her at tellspence@cs.com. Items do not need to be story related. Suggestions: craft items, books, collectibles, gift certificates, etc.

Compact Disc Review

The Legend of Slappy Hooper & Other Stories

Reviewed By Linda Goodman

Rhode Island storyteller **Cindy Killavey's** perky voice and homegrown attitude make for a pleasing mix of stories and songs on this new CD. The CD is witty, light, and just plain entertaining – exactly what is needed after a long day with the nose to the grindstone.

The Legend of Slappy Hooper, the CD's feature story, included by permission of its author Aaron Shepard, tells the listener the tale of the "biggest, bestest, and fastest" sign painter that the world has ever seen. In fact, his paintings are so real that they actually come to life, causing all sorts of problems for the folks in his town. Slappy's talent is rewarded with exile. Luckily for him, he eventually finds a place where "if it isn't too good, it's not good enough."

Lazy Jack, an old standard, is told with a new twist: Jack's mother forces him to seek work because she is led to believe that it will improve his self-esteem. Whatever the outcome, Jack owes it all to mom.

Sleeping Ugly, a Jane Yolen story, humorously contrasts two young women: a beautiful woman who is ugly on the inside and a homely woman who is beautiful on the inside. They are brought together by a disgruntled fairy who sees to it that a deserving lady gets her prince. Note: "If you see a little old lady asleep under a tree, she is probably a fairy in disguise. Be nice to her!"

Why the Cow Jumped attempts to explain Mother Goose's *Hey Diddle Diddle* nursery rhyme. Believe it or not, it all makes sense.

The Cat Bride, another Jane Yolen story, presents a dying mother whose last request is that her son marry her calico cat. He agrees, and there are some very amusing results.

The songs on this CD have catchy tunes and charming lyrics that will have children singing them over and over. Among them is the delightful *Monster Pizza*, with vocals by Cindy and her friend Chris Carbone and lyrics by the incomparable Carolyn Martino, one of New England's best writer/storytellers.

After a hard day, one usually looks for a way to unwind. Suggestion: kick back, put your feet up, and relax with this CD. It is a pleasant way to spend an evening.

The Legend of Slappy Hooper & Other Stories, by **Cindy Killavey**, CD available from **Cindy Killavey, P.O. Box 536, Portsmouth, RI 02871, (800) 538-3034. Website: www.storyri.com. \$10.00 for CD plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. Rhode Island residents include 7% sales tax. Recommended for ages six through adult.**

VASA Members Present Workshops at *Sharing the Fire*

Sharing the Fire, the nation's oldest and most respected regional storytelling conference, celebrated its 23rd year with the theme "**Story: Fanning the Flames**". Sponsored by the League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling (LANES), Sharing the Fire was held March 19-21, 2004, at the Tang Center, Sloan School of Management, M.I.T., Cambridge, MA.

Virginia tellers were ably represented as workshop presenters by VASA members Linda Goodman, Lynn Ruehlmann and Joan Leotta.

Linda Goodman -

MAKING THE MOST OF A TAXING SITUATION

Tax time is stressful for professional artists. Proper record keeping insures an accurate picture of where your business is going and will reduce headaches at tax time. Learn about records and how to keep them. Tax myths will be discussed. Discussion followed by questions and answers.

Lynn Ruehlmann - TO TELL A TALE

You have stories to tell, and now you want to work on presentation. In this very hands-on workshop we explore some ways to bring characters in stories to life and give them distinctive voices. We'll use bodies, voices, and a few props as we laugh and work and play!

Joan Leotta -

STORYTELLING IN MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC HOUSES

Joan will share the unique aspects of museum markets, approaching museum educators, ins and outs of required research, tips on close collaboration and more. Be prepared to tackle a mock assignment as part of the class work! Joan Leotta is a member of the International Museum Theatre Alliance.

Aunt Vyrnetta and other stories from Cedar Grove

Told by Kelly Swanson

Kelly Swanson announces her new book and CD. She presents a combination of short stories from the fictitious town of Cedar Grove, a town so small it only has half of a fast food restaurant! Her town is filled with the quirky characters of small town America. Her warm "down home" style and crystal clear descriptions take you right to the heart of the south. The stories will convulse you with laughter as she describes her outrageous adventures.

Kelly will be making her second appearance at LAUGHS in June. If you missed her last year, be sure to catch her performance this time.

Her book or CD can be purchased through Parkway Publishing, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, or her website (www.kellyswanson.net).

Workshops in West Virginia

The WV Storytelling Guild, with financial assistance from the WV Humanities Council, is sponsoring professional development workshops geared toward storytellers, or teller wannabes, who wish to hone their performance, writing, and research skills.

April 16-17 Ilene Evans "Story Bones: Finding the essence of a tale and developing a unique story."

May 21-22 Karen Vuranch "Telling History: Storytelling based on historical people, places and events."

June 18-19 Mountain Echoes (June Riffle and JoAnn Dadisman) "Authentic Appalachian: Developing and telling Appalachian folk tales."

Cost of each workshop is \$50. For details and registration contact: Rich Knoblich, 304-232-6436, Knoblichr@aol.com

Debbie Griffin Honored with Award

by Donna Will

VASA member Debbie Griffin received the VEMA [Virginia Educational Media Association] award for School Library Media Specialist of the Year for 2003. She was in competition with media specialists from all over the state of Virginia.

Debbie's principal at Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria, Dr. Carroll Williams, states that, "Debbie is truly a dedicated professional who has consistently used her position, unlimited energy and talents to involve students, teachers, parents and the larger community to instill in children the skills of reading and spark their desire to read and to explore the wider world through books."

Debbie says, "I look forward to each new day, ready to tackle the excitement of juggling so many hats without dropping one." And a master storyteller to boot!

WAY TO GO, DEBBIE!

Writer's Day Celebrated in Bristol with Mimi Rockwell

Mimi Rockwell participated in the annual "Writer's Day" at St. Anne's Catholic School in Bristol, Virginia on March 15. Mimi told stories to pre-school through 8th grade. Additionally, she discussed how she goes about creating, adapting, and developing stories through both the written and oral process with students in the upper grades and teachers.

*Life will go on as long as there is someone
to sing, to dance, to tell stories and to listen.*
Oren Lyons



June 19 and 20, 2004

Claude Moore Park
21544 Cascades Parkway
Sterling, Virginia

<http://www.laughsfestival.org>

Featured tellers: Willy Claflin, Elizabeth Ellis, Carmen Deedy, Diane Ferlatte, Bil Lepp, and Ed Stivender. Showcases: Keepers of the Culture, Voices in the Glen, plus Virginia Storytelling Alliance's national "Emerging Tellers" audition winners.

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum will be open this year, complete with country store, agricultural exhibits and live farm animals. Special old-time activities for children. Plan to bring the whole family. Family rates are available.

The VASA Saturday Showcase by Keepers of the Culture, Sunday Showcase by Voices in the Glen. The new Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum will be open, free of charge. Foot-stomping music Saturday afternoon and before the evening concert.

Performances will run from 9:30 am to 9:30 pm on Saturday, and from 10:00 am to 4:15 pm on Sunday.

The Loudoun County Convention & Visitor's Association will be glad to assist you at 1.800.752.6118. Special group rates are available. Our 2004 flagship hotel is the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott. 703.318.6362.

Tickets are now on sale. You can save a few dollars from the prices at the gate by ordering in. Check and credit card accepted by mail. You can also place a credit card order by telephone. If you bought tickets last year, you are already in the county's data bank. You may submit a credit card order on line, but you must first call 540-338-7973 or email laughsinfo@aol.com to obtain your identification number. The ticket form (and lots of other good information) can be found at the website www.laughsfestival.org

To receive your copy of the brochure for LAUGHS 2004, please send your snail-mail address to laughsinfo@aol.com.

Meanwhile you can email a request for a one-page basic announcement in a Word attachment you can print out to take along as you visit places in your community.

LAUGHS Schedule

Saturday June 19

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Tent 1 - "Getting to Know You"
hear all of the featured tellers

10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Showcase Tent - all day
Keepers of the Culture

11:00 am - 11:45 am

Tent 1 - Willy Claflin
Tent 2 - Elizabeth Ellis & Carmen Deedy
Tent 3 - Diane Ferlatte & Bil Lepp

11:45 am – 12:15 pm

Resource Tent -
Book signing by Willy Claflin

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Tent 1 - Elizabeth Ellis
Tent 2 - Ed Stivender & Bil Lepp
Tent 3 - (family tent)
Diane Ferlatte & Carmen Deedy

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Resource Tent -
Book signing by Elizabeth Ellis

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Tents 1 & 2 - Virginia Storytelling Alliance
National Audition winners
Museum - Voices of Loudoun County

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Tent 1 - Carmen Deedy
Tent 2 - Ed Stivender & Diane Ferlatte
Tent 3 - (family tent)
Bil Lepp & Willy Claflin

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Resource Tent -
Book signing by Carmen Deedy

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Tent 1 - Willy Claflin & Diane Ferlatte
Tent 2 - Carmen Deedy & Bil Lepp
Tent 3 - (family tent)
Elizabeth Ellis & Ed Stivender

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Tent 2 - South Mountain String Band

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LAUGHS Schedule

Saturday Evening

6:30 - 7:30

Tent 1 – Novelty Seven Jug Band

7:30 - 9:30

Tent 1 - Special Storytelling Concert
by the featured storytellers.

Sunday June 20

10:00 am – 11:15 am (sacred telling)

Tent 1 - Ed Stivender, Diane Ferlatte &
Elizabeth Ellis

Tent 2 - Willy Claflin, Carmen Deedy, &
Bil Lepp

10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Showcase Tent - all day
Voices in the Glen

11:15 am - 11:45 pm

Resource Tent -
Book signing by Ed Stivender

11:45 pm - 12:30 pm

Tent 1 - Diane Ferlatte
Tent 2 - Willy Claflin & Elizabeth Ellis
Tent 3 - Ed Stivender & Carmen Deedy

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Resource Tent -
Book signing by Diane Ferlatte

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Tents 1 & 2 - Virginia Storytelling Alliance
National Audition winners
Museum - Voices of Loudoun County

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Tent 1 - Bil Lepp
Tent 2 - Willy Claflin & Ed Stivender
Tent 3 - Elizabeth Ellis & Diane Ferlatte

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Resource Tent -
Book signing by Bil Lepp

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Tent 1 - Ed Stivender
Tent 2 - Elizabeth Ellis & Bil Lepp
Tent 3 - Willy Claflin and Carmen Deedy

VASA Showcase Winners

The winners of the Virginia Storytelling Alliance national audition have been announced! Invited to share their stories at LAUGHS 2004 are emerging tellers:

Mark Binder of Providence RI;
Kathy Coleman of Afton VA;
G. Lee Hearl of Abingdon VA;
Alan Irvine of Pittsburgh PA;
Angela Cay Klingler of Salem NH;
Sheila S. Phillips of Sugar Land TX;
Jo Radner of Lovell ME;
Lynn Ruehlmann of Norfolk VA;
Kelly Swanson of High Point NC;
Joan and Mack Swift of Staunton VA;
Donna Washington of Durham NC;
Donna Will of Deltaville VA.

The VASA stages will take place mid-day on Saturday and Sunday.



The Call of Story is a one-hour television special exploring how traditional storytelling may be transposed into a new medium. It is an ambitious television special presenting a collaboration between nationally known oral storytellers and cutting edge filmmakers. It is a production of KBYU Television in Provo, Utah, in association with Osric Productions.

Storytelling is said to take place in the minds of the listeners. How then can this be translated into a visually-based medium? And further, in what ways do storytellers visualize the tales they weave? The result is a careful balance between the oral presentation, depth-filled visuals, and a subtle yet moving original soundtrack. The program is truly a unique television experience.

Check out their website: www.callofstory.org

They maintain an excellent website devoted to all aspects of storytelling. There are many articles by nationally renowned tellers. There are articles on the how-to of storytelling, tips to improve your storytelling, telling for teachers, telling to classes, family storytelling, how to host community events, an archive of stories, a calendar of events and a list of resources on the web.



Virginia
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or Renewal

1 Year -- \$15
2 Years -- \$25

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ STATE/ ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____

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