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The Newsletter of the Story Circle of the Capital District

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“Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.”

✎ *Hans Christian Andersen*

Story Circle Business News

Meetings - Open to the Public - from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the **William K. Sanford Public Library** (Colonie) and from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. at the **Pine Hills Library**. At the Pine Hills Library, we will have a topic for panel/roundtable discussion.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday **August 21** at Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library 6:15 - 9:00 pm.

Recent Meetings: Wednesday **June 19**. Meeting facilitator, *Bonnie Mion*

Stories told:

Adam Hoffman - The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Yiddish Folk tales

Gil Payette - Owl's Warrior Medicine - Klamath

Joe Doolittle - View of Maple Juice Cove - research?

Bonnie Mion - Thailand Trip - personal

Kate Dudding - Snapshots of Julia - book?

Listeners: *Sandy Schuman* and *Eric Randall*

Tuesday **July 16**. Meeting Facilitator, *Kate Dudding*

Stories Told:

Bonnie Mion - "Even Dragons Need Love" - myth and historical

Gil Payette - "The boy who started a war" - historical (Apache)

Marie Rudloff - "Budapest and Chuck Berry" - personal
Ellen Cernoff - "Why houses have basements" - personal
Joe Doolittle - "Jap" - historical and personal
Listeners: *Sandy Schuman, Dave Ross and Kate Dudding*

Did you Know?

2013 dues are a bargain at \$10.00 per year. Due NOW
Please use the form on Page 5.

Story Circle Meeting Cancellation Policy: Use the following guidelines to cancel a meeting or to check on a scheduled meeting: It is up to the facilitator to decide to cancel a meeting. The facilitator may consult with *Carol Connolly* or *Kate Dudding*. If the facilitator decides to cancel a meeting: 1) Send out an e-mail message via the Story Circle listserv (or ask Carol Connolly or Kate Dudding to do it) and 2) notify the library. Story Circle members who are planning to attend a meeting may call or e-mail either the facilitator or the library to determine if a meeting is being held.

Ongoing Events

Every Week - The LANES Teller-Phone - Call 617-499-9662. A new three-minute story every week starting on Mondays.

Adirondack Storytelling Guild - Contact Fran Yardley at franstory@gmail.com.

Eighth Step Open Mic on First Thursdays 7-9:30 p.m. at Proctors in Robb Alley - All welcome.

Interfaith Story Circle of the Tri-City Area

<http://www.interfaithstory.org/tricity/meetings.shtml> Contact Anne Snyder for upcoming meetings. Anneveronica50@hotmail.com

Story by Story is our monthly TV show on Channel 16 in Schenectady County on Open Stage Media - tune in Fridays at 6 p.m. In most other counties in the Capital District, tune in the first Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. on Public Access TV. <http://www.storycircleatproctors.org/story-by-story.shtml>

OPEN MIC in Saratoga: Wednesday **September 11** from 7:00 - 9:0 pm at Caffè Lena 47 Phila Street in Saratoga, NY. Featured teller to be announced. **October 9** at Woodlawn Commons 156 Lawrence St. Directions to Woodlawn Commons: From Broadway in Saratoga, turn West on Church St. Turn right on Seward St. (if you get as far as the hospital, you've gone one block too far). Turn right again on Clement St. (at the 2nd stop sign) Look for Hospice and turn in. Woodlawn is the big yellow building straight ahead. <http://www.storycircleatproctors.org/sc/Open%20Mics.shtml> Free.

Family Programs

August 18 Sunday 6:00 pm *Norah Dooley* at the Not Just For Kids Storytelling Series. Norah's program is "Mary Read: Pirate and Cross Dresser, Tales of the People who sailed in the Golden Age of Piracy and the Wonders of the Seven Seas." Come to the Visitor Center at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Information: [Janice Fontanella](mailto:Janice.Fontanella@scholarie.org) (518) 829-7516 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter, NY. <http://www.storycircleatproctors.org/hv/notjustforkids/index.shtml> FREE.

August 17, 24 and 31 Saturdays in August 11:00 am - 12:00 noon. *Storytelling at the at the Hans Christian Andersen Ugly Duckling statue in Central Park* in New York City. **August 17** "Little Ida's

Flowers" told by *Katie Green* and *Heather Forest*. **August 24** "All Africa Hour" stories told by *Melissa Heckler* and *Therese Plair*. **August 31** "All Jewish Hour" stories told by *Penninah Schram* and *Marc Young*. Stories told, rain or shine! *The Ugly Duckling* near 72nd Street & Fifth Avenue in Central Park, New York. Free.

August 25 Sunday 6:00 pm come listen to the Storyteller Laureate of Kingston, NY. *Karen Pillsworth* will tell "Come home with me: Stories of Life Love and Letting Go" at the Not Just For Kids Storytelling Series. Come to the Visitor Center at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Information: [Janice Fontanella](mailto:Janice.Fontanella@proctors.org) (518) 829-7516 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter, NY.

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September 8 Sunday 6:00 pm listen to storyteller *Kate Dudding* tell about "Women who made a difference: True stories about American Women" at the Not Just For Kids Storytelling Series. Come to the Visitor Center at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Information: [Janice Fontanella](mailto:Janice.Fontanella@proctors.org) (518) 829-7516 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter, NY.

Adult Programs

August 28 Wednesday 7:00 pm *Eileen Mack* will present her one woman show "Voice of the Mountains: Jeanne Robert Foster, an Adirondack Legacy" at the Lake George Land Conservancy. She will present the same show for the Empire State College's A.L.L. Lunch and Learn program on **October 4**.

August 28 Wednesday 7:00 pm Stories for Inquiring Minds *Marni Gillard* will join *Janet Carter* for "Speaking Our Truth" **September 25** *Margaret French* and *Janet Carter* will perform "On the Road" stories At the *Inquiring Minds Bookstore* at Main and Partition Streets in Saugerties 845 246 5775. *Jeannine Laverty* will be the guest October.

Opportunities for Storytellers

The Capital District's 18th Annual *Tellabration* 2014 Sunday November 10 at 2:00 pm
"Stories of Courage and Remembrance"

Call For Tellers!

November 10 is Veteran's Day Weekend and *Joe* and *Kate* decided to go with a theme applicable to Veteran's Day - Stories of Courage and Remembrance. While this title certainly can include veterans' stories, it can also include stories with other themes and connections.

Selection Process

Live audition: Story Circle members can audition live in September at:

- (a) The Saratoga Open Mic at Caffe Lena on Wednesday **September 11** at 7:00 pm; or
- (b) The Story Circle meeting on Tuesday **September 17** at 6:30 pm the Colonie Town Library.

People who have told at a previous Tellabration can submit a tape/CD by **September 11** to: *Kate Dudding*, 8 Sandalwood Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065-2700.

One of Story Circle's aims is to promote the art of storytelling. *Tellabration* accomplishes this through the visibility of a high quality performance and the community outreach afforded by the income earned. Stay tuned for updates and ways you can help, with sponsorship, promotion, (think group ticket sales), refreshments and assistance the night of performance. Thank you for all you do to make *Tellabration* a success!

Upcoming Events

Story Sundays at Glens Sanders in Scotia begins **October 6** with *Marni Gillard* and *Christie Keegan*. "Tricksters and Heroines" and Word Plays at the Proctors Theater in Schenectady begins on Sunday **October 20** with "Life and Death" featuring *Siri Allison, Claire Beetlestone, Janet Carter, Betty Cassidy, Lale Davidson, Mary Murphy, Eliud Nieves, Merideth Nieves* and *Nancy Marie Payne*.

Let the Stories Begin!

All meetings are held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday of the month alternating between Tuesdays in odd numbered months at the William K. Sanford Library and Wednesdays in even numbered months at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library. Addresses and DIRECTIONS: **August 21 from 6:15 pm - 9:00 at the Pine Hills Branch** of the Albany Public Library. 517 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203 near North Allen Street at "the Point".

September 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at The William K. Sanford Library located at 629 Albany Shaker Road, just off Northway Exit 4, and 1/4 mile east of the intersection of Wolf Road and Albany Shaker Road on the left side.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I want to be a member of Story Circle, enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for the newsletter and a roster of members. Renewal is in **January** of each year.

List my name among performing storytellers for referral.

Send my newsletters via US mail. Send my newsletters via E-mail.

Membership renewals are due each January and are good for one year. Please make checks payable to "Story Circle" and send to *Carol Connolly*, 1100 Niskayuna Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309