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Texas Storytelling Festival March 11-14, 2010 Denton Civic Center



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I am so excited about the Texas Storytelling Festival I can hardly wait. I am really eager to see so many old friends I hold dear. I am also sure there will be good friends I haven't met yet. And the weekend will be filled with the richness and power of story. What could be better than that?

Each of the twenty-five tellers featured at this year's festival agreed to tell for us without being paid. That really touched me. In fact, each agreed to pay their own way. I teared up over that, believe me. But, I didn't want them to spend their own money to participate in this amazing event. So I set out to write grants for food and lodging for the tellers. I am happy to announce I was successful in doing that. Each of the tellers will be provided hotel rooms and food during this once in a lifetime event.

I have learned a little about writing grants in the last few months. One of the things I now know is there are organizations that will grant you some money for the expenses of an event. But, there aren't any that will grant you money to pay off an organization's debt. Believe me, I have checked.

One of the other things I have learned is that you have to use the money from a grant for exactly what it was given for. Go figure. Just because you discover that you are going to need a couple of hundred dollars more for security than you

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Elizabeth Ellis, TSA President

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Jeannine Pasini Beekman

Ask Your Omsbuddie. . .

Dear Omsbuddie -

Just wanted to say thank-you to everyone who is working so hard to keep us informed of the changes and new developments with TSA. I am looking forward to the 25th Anniversary Festival. Anything else going on you can tell us about?

Just Asking in Junction

Dear Wondering in West Texas,

On behalf of everyone, you are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you at Festival. I, however, am feeling quite old at the thought of celebrating our first quarter century. Yikes!

What makes me feel even older are all the new ways in which our very ancient art form is taking advantage of the new technology: social networks, wikis, email blasts. It's enough to make your old Omsbuddie's head explode. These are exciting times and more technologically savvy brains than mine are making sure these tools serve us in the best possible way.

One of these tools is our website, www.tejasstorytelling.com. My geek sources inform me that Web technology continues to change very quickly. Websites become dinosaurs seemingly overnight. Because of that, our webmistress and past Board President, Rosemary Davis, has been studying up on the latest advances and is beginning the long and arduous process of redesigning the site to take advantage of newer technology.. As we are committed to fiscal responsibility and transparency, it is important to note that, while this may take longer, it will benefit Tejas in the long run.

I don't understand how any of this works and, fortunately, none of us need to understand. The important thing is that we will be able to offer you more Web bang for your membership buck. The site will be even more informative and easier to navigate. It will include up-to-date info on our Affiliate Guilds and Guild activities while incorporating photos to illustrate just what you, our members, are doing in your communities. It will also assist us in informing even more people of what storytelling and TSA have to offer.

*Yours in ludicrous Ludditerly,
Omsbuddie*

ASK YOUR TSA OMSBUDDIE provides an opportunity for the membership to receive specific information regarding any and all aspects of your organization. Concerns may be directed to TSA Board member Jeannine Pasini Beekman at j9pb@juno.com. She will not rest - okay, she might take a latte break now and then - until she finds the facts. Your questions will be handled confidentially and every one will receive a response. Those deemed of interest to the entire membership will be published in the Tejas Teller.



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that is dedicated to fostering
the appreciation
of storytelling as an
oral tradition
and a performing art.*

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budgeted doesn't mean you can pull it from a grant where you have excess money. It turns out grantors really frown on that. And some of them have no sense of humor at all!

But it takes more than money to put on an event of this magnitude. It would be impossible without the dedicated Board that works hard behind the scenes. Their willingness to spend hours on TSA affairs inspires me. Be sure to thank them at the festival.

MaryAnn Blue and Donna Ingham are the dedicated souls that have co-chaired the 25th Anniversary event. Dealing with storytellers is always like herding cats. Dealing with scheduling twenty-five of us is enough to make a preacher cuss. Hats off to these intrepid souls for their devotion. Although I cannot list each of you personally, a big Tejas thank you to everyone who worked to make the festival a success.

Speaking of the work needed to move the organization forward, please plan to attend the Membership Meeting, held during the festival. You will meet the candidates for positions coming open on the board. We are delighted to offer a slate of candidates of such high caliber. Each of them is a worthy choice. We are grateful to them for their willingness to serve.

Special thanks to Jeannine Pasini Beekman and Connie Neil Fisher, dedicated board members ending their terms of service. They are both appreciated and will be missed.

Please fill out the on-line survey at www.tejasstorytelling.com. There is still much work to do. No matter how many hours you can devote or what your skills may be, TSA will be eager to have your help. Spreading the word for storytelling throughout the region takes all of us pulling together. And I am grateful for your help.

SILENT AUCTION REMINDER

what: silent auction items

where: Texas Storytelling Festival, Denton, TX

when: March 11-13 (Auction conclusion, Mar. 13)

why: Fundraiser for Tejas Storytelling Association, a 501(c)3 organization

Bring your items to Denton Civic Center. Barbara and Connie Neil Fisher are organizing the Silent Auction again this year.

calendar of storytelling events

march

March 6, 2010

UTSA Storytelling Festival

Keynote Speaker MaryAnn Blue

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Main Building Foyer

University of Texas at San Antonio

http://coehd.utsa.edu/events/detail/storytelling_festival/

March 11-14, 2010

25th Anniversary

**Texas Storytelling Festival
& Membership Meeting**

Denton Civic Center

Denton, TX

www.tejasstorytelling.org

March 21, 2010

Stories Galore

Stellar Teller Donna Ingham

followed by open mic storytelling

Commander's House, San Antonio, TX

bob78227@yahoo.com

april

April 14-17, 2010

Texas Library Association Conference

San Antonio, TX

<http://www.txla.org/conference/conf.htm>

may

May 1, 2010

**Texas Storytelling Youth Challenge
Regional Events**

San Antonio and Denton

Further info in Youth Yarns article

june

June 4-5, 2010

Spirit of Oklahoma

2010 Storytelling Festival

Seminole, Oklahoma

<http://www.territorytellers.org/SpiritOfOklahoma/StorytellingFestival>

June 11-13, 2010

Texas Folklife Festival

Storytelling Stage

Institute of Texan Cultures

Hemisfair Plaza, San Antonio, TX

july

July 9-11, 2010

Tejas Storytelling Conference

St. Edward's University

Austin, Texas

www.tejasstorytelling.com

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July 29-31, 2010

National Storytelling Network

Conference,

"Many Stories, One World."

Los Angeles, California

Early registration discounts available

until January 15, 2010

<http://www.storynet.org/conference/index.html>



...and now the story is yours! Membership News

Karen Morgan, we hold you in our hearts. Karen lost her sister and friend, **Joan Ferris**, in January after a lengthy illness during which Karen cared for her daily. Joan was a lover and supporter of story and particularly of Tejas. **Karen** served TSA as Festival Director and Executive Director for over a decade, holding us steady through some trying times. She established the Storytell listserv and served as board member, board chair, and Director of NSN. Storyteller, teacher, librarian, Dr. Karen has been a pacesetter for producers of storytelling events in our region and around the country.

Guild News

In the fall of 2009, **Central Texas Storytelling Guild** continued their tradition of giving a “War Remembrances” Concert. **Betty Berkey** emceed and **Donna Ingham, Arvinell McClaren, Bernadette Nason** and three servicemen recalled personal incidents and told tales to 63 guests. Another fall event was Tellabration!, featuring **Roy Chapman, Donna Ingham, Flash Kellam, Arvinell McClaren, Lorene Stillwell, Deborah Wilder, and Lucinda Wise**. New president **Jo Virgil** served as emcee.

CTSG is also the new sponsor of the **Austin Liars Contest**, scheduled for February 20 at 2:00 at Austin’s Westlake Barnes & Noble, where the guild meets monthly on second Tuesdays.

Houston Storytelling Guild announces the **Houston Liars Contest** to be held on April 10. Learn more at www.houstonstorytellers.org where you can also listen to the guild’s radio programs and download their recent newsletters.

TELLABRATION! in Houston was hosted by **Brian Herod** at the “Black Lab.” The concert featured **James Ford, David Taylor, Sally Bates Goodroe, Connie Meeker, Dan Gordon, Anita Thompson, and Bill Roy**. In January, HSG produced a Workshop for beginning storytellers at the Freed Public Library where the guild meets monthly at 6:30 on third Tuesdays.

The **Big Thicket Story Circle** gathers on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at the Tyler County Art Gallery in Woodville. One recent guild event was telling stories of “Ghosts and Legends of Texas Past” at Heritage Village in Woodville.

The **Dallas Storytelling Guild** presented Winter Jam II at the Corner Theatre in DeSoto, Texas, in conjunction with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dallas Alumni Chapter, Inc. bringing to the stage storytellers **Melody Bell, Dee Cee Cornish, Mike Guinn, Njoki McElroy, and Toni Simmons**. Produced by **Pat Carr**, the event attracted 75 listeners, adults and children.

DSG has a new location for their second Wednesday meetings: “The Point, The Center for Arts and Education” at C. C. Young retirement community. They also have a new board: **Reagin Forman Hults** will serve as Board President with 2009 President **Richard Nash** moving to the position of “elder statesman.” 2010 DSG Board Members at Large are **Leslie Buie, Tim Couch, Gene Helmick-Richardson, Peggy Helmick-Richardson, Traphene Hickman, Steve McCluer, Paul Porter and Toni Simmons**. Check out the guild’s other activities at www.dallasstorytelling.org.

Treasurer’s Report

by Jerry Young, Treasurer, jdymesquit@yahoo.com

It’s snowing tonight. (Oh dear, you now know when I was doing my homework. This treasurer’s report is a bit like a last minute college term paper written the night before it’s due.) Any way, the weather today reminded me of another snowy day when I was a kid. The difference between that day and today is that that day was a dry cold, freezing day. My mom had hung out the laundry, which was frozen stiff. My dad’s frozen long handles were ice bound stiff. For some unexplained reason, I happened to be carrying a hammer when I walked by Dad’s long handles. For some unexplained reason, I took the hammer and “pop, pop.” I popped two holes in the drop seat of dad’s long handles. The two holes stared at me like a pair of eyes. I don’t recall anyone asking me how the holes got in the seat of Dad’s long handles, and I sure wasn’t telling.

Now what does that story have to do with the treasurer’s report. Nothing that I can think of. But as I look at the money that has come in during the past couple of months, TSA isn’t in the “hole.” (How’s that for a slick tie in.)

First thing, all the bills are paid. We continue to make a monthly payment on the debt retirement. It was necessary to add a beer and wine clause to the General Liability Insurance for Talespinner dinner. The Festival vendor fees and site fees are paid. Financial arrangements and paper work have been made with Holiday Inn Express. Credit reports have been filed with WRR and *Texas Monthly*.

Nominations for Board

Tejas Storytelling Association

by David Thompson, TSA Nominations Committee

Since there are three vacant positions coming up on the Board of Directors, the nominating committee (David Thompson and Sheila Phillips) methodically met via e-mail and achieved the following slate for your voting approval: Alice Evergreen, Donna Ingham, and Tom Taylor.



Tom Taylor
Belton, Texas

Tom Taylor is a veteran teacher, award-winning professional actor/storyteller, song-writer/balladeer, poet/author. His work includes more stories, ballads, poems and songs than “you can shake a stick at.” Tom’s experience telling in such varied venues as camps and hospitals from China to Great Britain and his professional appearances in such institutions as the Ford’s Theatre and Off-Broadway’s Cherry Lane prove that his ability to be comfortable in myriad settings is an asset many wish to have. He brings a wealth of information and experience and sees that his contributions to TSA would have the ability to help TSA grow into a more viable, visible entity.



Donna Ingham
Spicewood, Texas

Donna Ingham, a storyteller/author from Spicewood, Texas, has long been an active member of the Tejas Storytelling Association. She served a three-year term on the TSA board several years ago and was artistic director of the 2009 Texas Storytelling Festival. She is currently the Texas state liaison for the National Storytelling Network. Other memberships include those in the Central Texas Storytelling Guild and the Texas Folklore Society. Her work as a touring storyteller takes her to all parts of the state of Texas and beyond, giving her an opportunity to be in touch with many TSA members, whose concerns and suggestions she values.



Alice Evergreen
Houston, Texas

Alice Evergreen is an active member of the Houston Storytelling Guild and loves to tell stories that evoke a sense of wonder in the listener. Alice lives in Houston and began her telling career as a part-time professional in 1979. Her present employment as a full-time legal secretary has been an invaluable resource for her organizational skills during her five-year tenure as both an officer and a board member of the Houston Storytelling Guild.

JANUARY 2010 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

Balance Jan 1	\$12,931.48
Deposit	\$9,320.40
<u>Withdrawals/debits</u>	<u>\$10,062.02</u>
Balance1 Jan 31	\$13,189.86

HOT FUND ACCOUNT

Balance Jan 1	\$1,143.82
Deposit	.00
<u>Withdrawals/debits</u>	<u>\$355.00</u>
Balance Jan 31	\$788.82

DOC MORE OUTREACH FUND

Balance Jan 1	\$1,170.12
Deposit	.00
<u>Withdrawals/debits</u>	<u>.00</u>
Balance Jan 31	\$1,170.12

BUSINESS LINE OF CREDIT.

Balance Dec 12, '09	\$24,612.88
Payment	1,103.00
Charges	250.00
<u>Finance Charge</u>	<u>\$110.23</u>
Balance Jan 11, '10	\$23,870.11

by Eldrena Douma
Chair, TSA Awards Committee

Planning for the 25th Anniversary of the Festival has been a time for looking at the organization’s history and honoring those who served the community in important ways and for reaching back to pay our respect to some of the “elders” of the storytelling movement here in Texas.

We realize that these mentioned as recipients are only a small portion of people who helped in the beginnings of the Tejas Storytelling Association.

It is my honor as the Chair of the Tejas Storytelling Association Awards Committee to formally introduce the 2010 Awards and Recipients.



Jay Stailey

John Henry Faulk Award



John Henry Faulk

Our first award is named after John Henry Faulk, who contributed to our nation’s history by standing strong on behalf of the First Amendment during the McCarthy Era. He was a radio host and master storyteller whose reminiscences of rural Texas reflected spirit and love of the simple life.

The **John Henry Faulk Award** recipient should be someone whose work has had a major impact on storytelling in our Region. It is presented annually to a person whose devotion to storytelling over a significant period of time has made an appreciable and meaningful difference.

This year’s recipient is **Jay Stailey**. His contributions are many, so forgive me if I leave out some that you know him for. He is a long time student, educator and promoter of the art of storytelling. Not just here in Texas and the United States, but internationally!

In the winter of 1986, Jay was introduced and became a member of the Houston Storytellers Guild; he later went on to become HSG’s second president.

Over the next decade he served on the Storytelling Committee for the National Council of Teachers of English, performed at Tellabration events in

Atlanta, Louisville, and Seattle. He was a member of the National Storytelling Association board of directors for six years, serving as the board’s chairperson for half of his service time. Jay was a featured storyteller at Wintertales in Oklahoma City, a regional teller at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and was a featured teller at the 10th Anniversary of the Texas Storytelling Festival. He appeared annually in the award winning Fox Houston production of Texas Ghost Tales. He also managed the dubious honor of twice being named the winner of the Greater Houston Area Liar’s Contest. Throughout the 1990s, Jay was an adjunct professor in the University of Houston/Clear Lake College of Education teaching a course on Storytelling in the Classroom.

From 1996 to 2008, as principal of Bales Intermediate School in Friendswood, Texas, Jay Stailey brought a number of national and state voices from the storytelling community to work with the students and staff. In the summer of 2007, Jay was a Storyteller in Residence at the International Storytelling Center in Tennessee. He also impacts the international storytelling community serving as a leadership coach and consultant. We will once again be honored with Jay’s presence when he joins TSA as one of the twenty five Teller’s at the 25th Anniversary Tejas Storytelling Festival in Denton, Texas.



Traphene and J.R. Hickman



Rob Schneider

Marvin Brown Volunteer Service Award



Marvin Brown

The **Volunteer Service Award** has been renamed the **Marvin Brown Volunteer Service Award**. The recipient is a person or group whose contributions of time and talents to TSA have enhanced the reputation of TSA in the greater Denton area and beyond. As an early recipient of this Volunteer Service Award,

Marvin Brown's many years of dedicated work have not gone unnoticed. He spent hours serving in the TSA office, volunteering his time with storytelling events across the state of Texas, as well as helping future Youth Tellers as coach and supporter. He is the epitome of volunteer service. Through his unselfish service he has helped TSA and contributed to its growth for the past 25 years. We would like to thank him and honor him for his dedication and hard work.

This year's recipients of the **Marvin Brown Volunteer Service Award** are **Traphene and J.R. Hickman**. They may best be known for the Tejas Storytelling Festival's green room on wheels. For years the Hickmans used their personal RV to accommodate our featured tellers' needs of food, drink, or a place to practice. Folding chairs could be found outside the RV for a quiet time of relaxation. Hospitality and a warm smile come natural for both of the Hickmans, but together or individually they are ready to lend a helping hand in wherever needed.

Finley Stewart Trailblazing Award



Finley Stewart

On this, the 25th Anniversary of the Festival, the Board of Directors of TSA has made a very conscious and deliberate choice to recognize the contributions of **Finley Stewart**, the man who founded both the festival and the organization. Each Festival causes us to realize how many lives were influenced by his trailblazing spirit.

Finley will never know what his actions created. The **Finley Stewart Trailblazing Award** will be given to an individual, group or business that created an outstanding organization, festival or business that promotes storytelling and utilizes the membership of the Tejas Storytelling Association.

The first honoree of this new award is **Rob Schneider**, the founder and driving force behind the George West StoryFest. Operating for 21 years, this is our state's second longest running storytelling festival. Over the years, the George West Storyfest has welcomed many of our state's finest storytellers to tell in the schools and on stage. Even though Rob didn't know much about storytelling, he had a true trailblazing spirit 21 years ago and many of our membership have benefitted. Rob also gave his service to TSA as a board member and past president.

Jaye's Juicy Juncture

Heart of Texas Guild, Waco

by Jaye McLaughlin, Jayemclaughlin@hotmail.com

January 23, the fourth Saturday of the month, found me rising early and headed for Waco. As a TSA Board member, Elizabeth Ellis, our President, suggested that we visit Guilds other than our own. I didn't know too many members in the Heart of Texas Guild in Waco, so that was where I set my sights. I had emailed Vivian Rutherford, who is a member and is on the TSA Board also, to see when they met. Was I surprised when she emailed me back and said it was on Saturday at 10:30 am., like that weekend!

Whoops, I had to get my planning ready—cause that was the next day!

Luckily all things came together at the right time. I emailed a friend and former Tarrant Area Guild of Storytellers member who had moved to the Waco area and invited her to meet me at the library on Saturday (where the HOT Guild meets).

We had a great time. Each member brought some food (the theme for the stories that day.) But the partaking of the food waited until the business was completed and the stories were told. I learned about the many projects HOT Guild works on each year. How they were busy getting t-shirts made for Guild members to wear when they told stories. Their successful venture in writing a grant to Humanities Texas for their Oakwood Cemetery Storytelling program, held in conjunction with the Historical Society. This program was so successful that someone from Corpus Christi asked how the HOT Guild did it, so a similar program could be implemented.

The Guild will be three years old this spring and they are active with different programs during the year. After the business and important plans it was time for stories. The stories ranged from the personal to modern to traditional as each member shared. Though not a story, one member brought a recipe called "Griots". I want to share that with you.

Griots: four servings

Many West African storytellers and historians are called griots. I don't know how this dish got its name, but I like to think it might have been served as a reward for a wonderful evening of stories. These flavorful cubes of pork are popular treats in Haiti and are often served with mashed plantains, sliced avocados, and watercress.

1 cup chopped onion	½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup chopped shallots or chives	½ teaspoon black pepper
1 cup orange juice	2 lbs boneless pork, cut into 2" cubes
¼ cup fresh lime juice	2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
¼ cup water	
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme	

1. Put all the ingredients except the oil and the pork in a bowl and mix well. Add the pork and toss until well coated. Marinate in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours. Drain off the marinade and set it aside.
2. In a frying pan, heat the oil over high heat until hot, but not smoking; brown the pork on all sides. Add the marinade and cover; reduce the heat to low. Simmer 30 minutes. Uncover and increase the heat to medium. Cook until the liquids have evaporated, 8-10 minutes.

I haven't had a chance to try this yet, but am looking forward to a special occasion to try it with other storytellers.

Thank you Heart of Texas Guild for a Saturday that helped my heart to sing. I do believe our former TAGS member has found a home and will enjoy her newfound friends.

Note:

Griot, noun: "a member of a class of traveling poets, musicians, and storytellers who maintain a tradition of oral history in parts of West Africa." Origin: French, earlier *gririot*, perhaps from the Portuguese *criado*.

Haitian Griots or **Grillots**, as it is sometimes spelled, is often considered the national dish of Haiti. This spicy, marinated fried pork dish almost always appears on the table at parties and family gathering. Origin: French, *grillettes*, the name given in former times to thin slices of fresh pork fried in butter or other fat.

by Shelby Smith
Chair, TSA Youth Committee
shelby@tipitellers.org

Congratulations to All Youth Tellers

The Big Thicket Storytelling Circle convened at my house on Friday, January 29. To be honest, I bribed them with dinner because I had asked them to perform a daunting task: select four young storytellers from the 25 audition tapes that had been carefully recorded and sent to me. These audition tapes and DVD's that were submitted to TSA for the festival demonstrated how far we've come with youth. Every one of them told in a manner that would make one proud to be a Texan. However, with only four slots to fill, the committee had a very difficult choice to make. After dinner, they viewed tape after tape, debating and discussing the poise of this one, the creativity of that one. I'm glad I didn't have to be the one to choose. Finally, they winnowed it down to the four.

Everyone can look forward to seeing Julia Higgenbotham (North Richland Hills), Cheyenne Kennedy (Duncanville), Keith Kibby (Frisco), and Grayden Stubsten (Denton) on stage March 13 at Tejas Tale Tellers Saturday! I want to congratulate, not just these four, but also every young teller who submitted a tape. They are all winners in my book for taking the time and energy to select, learn, and perform a story.

Tejas Tale Tellers Saturday is FREE!

Hopefully, this newsletter reaches you in time for you to attend Tejas Tale Tellers Saturday on March 13 during the Texas Storytelling Festival. This day has been created just for young storytellers and their needs. In addition to a youth tellers concert and stories for youth to enjoy, there will be a youth swap, a youth workshop conducted by Toni Simmons, and personal coaching by professional tellers. The price can't be beat, so don't miss this chance to learn how you can be even better than ever!

Texas Youth Storytelling Challenge May 1, 2010

In the last Teller, I explained what Texas Youth Storytelling Challenge (TYSC) was, so this is just a reminder to encourage you to keep on practicing. Although May and the end of the school year is approaching, it's nowhere near the end of stories. Keep up the good work! These competitions will be held at Stone Oaks Elementary in San Antonio and at W. S. Ryan Elementary in Denton. For registration in the South Central area contact Sue Kuentz at skuentz@gvtc.com (210) 497-6200 or check the internet at <http://tw.neisd.net/webpages/skuent/storytelling.cfm> For North Texas area contact Shelby Smith at shelby@tipitellers.org (214) 212-1771. Any student from anywhere in Texas is welcome to participate in either (not both) competitions. Please contact Shelby Smith, Chair TSA Youth Committee, for information on entering the NYSS competition if you do not live in the geographical areas covered by the Spring Challenge events.

Anyone Can Start a Storytelling Club!

North and South Central Texas have storytelling clubs and your area can, as well! If you work with kids, storytelling is an easy and inexpensive activity. The only requirements are an interest in language and the ability to set aside a time once a week or so to meet with the students. Be a storytelling coach and have fun as you guide students through stories and relevant activities! Libraries, bookstores and schools are usually delighted to host youth tellers at one of their events, or make your own up! As Halloween approaches next year, get in gear and tell *Ghost Stories* or *Tales Out of School: Things Mom Never Knew*. The possibilities are endless. If you'd like to start a group, please contact Shelby Smith. Contact information is listed above.



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Schedule

Texas Storytelling Festival

March 11 - 14, 2010

Thursday, March 11, 2010

6:30-7:00 p.m.

Ghost Tales for Kids

Denton Civic Center

MaryAnn Blue, James Ford, DeCee Cornish

7:15-9:00 p.m.

Ghost Stories Concert

Stories to Make You Tingle

Denton Civic Center

Shelly Tucker, Dorothy McMahon, Donna Lively,
Tim Tingle

Friday, March 12, 2010

9:00-10:30 a.m. Concert

25th Anniversary Opening Olio

Denton Civic Center

Elizabeth Ellis, Jeannine Pasini Beekman,
Donna Lively, Don Sanders

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Public Concert

Tales for Tots

Emily Fowler Library

Judy Nichols, Jeannine Pasini Beekman,
Dorothy McMahon

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

John Henry Faulk Concert

Denton Civic Center

Sheila Phillips, Elizabeth Ellis, Gayle Ross,
James Ford, Lynn Moroney

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Workshop

Storytelling Basics

Denton Civic Center, Area 1

Faye Hanson

12:15-1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Friday, March 12 *Continued*

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Concert

Denton Civic Center

Eldrena Douma, Don Sanders,
Toni Simmons, James Ford

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Choices

Adding Sparkle to Story Programs

Denton Civic Center, Area 1

Dorothy McMahon

or

A Conversation with Gayle Ross

Denton Civic Center, Area 2

Moderator: Lynn Moroney

or

Junk in the Trunk: Bible Stories Workshop

Emily Fowler Library

Sheila Phillips

3:10-4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Concert

Kathy Culmer, Faye Hanson, Linda Befeld

3:10 - 4:00 p.m. Workshop Choices

Coaching Session

Denton Civic Center, Area 1

Toni Simmons

or

Coaching Session

Denton Civic Center, Area 2

Jay Stailey

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting

Denton Civic Center

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Rising Star Concert

Denton Civic Center

7:30-10:00 p.m.

Evening Concert

Denton Civic Center

DeCee Cornish, Jeannine Pasini Beekman,
Elizabeth Ellis



Don Sanders



Dorothy McMahon



Linda Befeld



Sheila Phillips



James Ford

Saturday, March 12, 2010

9:00-10:45 a.m.

Family Concert

Toni Simmons, Judy Nichols, Don Sanders,
Elida Bonet, Dorothy McMahon, Shelly Tucker,
Nancy Burks Worchester

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Workshop Choices

Personal Stories from the Inside Out

Denton Civic Center, Area 1
Rosanna Herndon

or

A Conversation with Barbara McBride Smith

Denton Civic Center, Area 2
Moderator: Jay Stailey

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Workshop Choices

Bring Stories Into Your Classroom

Elida Bonet

or

Tales for Tots

Judy Nichols

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Concert

***For Those Who Have Gone Before
Memorial Concert***

Jeannine Pasini Beekman, Shelly Tucker,
Jay Stailey, Gene Helmick-Richardson,
Lynn Moroney

12:15-1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Affiliate Guilds meeting during lunch

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Concert

Faye Hanson, Judy Nichols,
Gene Helmick-Richardson, J.B. Keith

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Choices

Laugh 'til You Split (Area 1)

Linda Befeld

or

A Conversation with Tom McDermott (Area 2)

Moderator: Don Sanders

Saturday, March 12 Continued

3:10-4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Concert

Lynn Moroney, Barbara McBride Smith,
Elida Bonet

3:10 - 4:00 p.m. Workshop Choices

Coaching Session

Sheila Phillips

or

Coaching Session

Rosanna Herndon

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Liars Concert

Linda Befeld, Jay Stailey, DeCee Cornish,
Sheila Phillips

5:00-7:00 p.m.

TALESPINNER PARTY

Denton Civic Center

8:00-10:30 p.m.

Evening Concert and Awards Presentation

Tom McDermott, Gayle Ross,
Barbara McBride-Smith

Sunday, March 14, 2010

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Sacred Stories

Kathy Culmer, Barbara McBride-Smith,
Gayle Ross, Jay Stailey, Nancy Burks Worchester,
Elida Bonet, Donna Lively,
Gene Helmick-Richardson

11:15 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Closing Olio

Jeannine Pasini Beekman, Gayle Ross,
DeCee Cornish, Elizabeth Ellis, Sheila Phillips,
Judy Nichols, Tom McDermott



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