



# SOUTH FLORIDA STORYTELLING NEWS VIRTUAL EDITION 2021 FINAL ISSUE

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# 2021

*Happy New Year*

**A NEW YEAR TO UNFOLD  
NEW STORIES TO BE TOLD**

**STORIES AWAIT YOU**

## MORE STORYTELLING THAN EVER BEFORE

*There is an abundance of  
excellent storytelling,  
all genres, all ages.*

*I'm discovering so many  
storytellers that I would  
never have known,  
never heard of before.*

*adults only or  
just for kids*

*Options to tell, to  
listen, to invite*

**Festivals**

*- every day right here at home-*

**Native American Stories**

*circles and open mic*

**So many are doing exciting things.**

**NO NEED TO TRAVEL**

*Small and large gatherings, every  
genre for every age and occasion,  
late night stories, middle of the  
morning stories, live and virtual,  
all right here in your home.*

**Workshops**

*Some are free some. Some ask  
for tips. They are professionals.  
The storytellers deserve that..*

**I'VE LEARNED A LOT  
WATCHING AND LISTENING.**

**Sacred Stories**

*I'm actually making friends, storytelling friends.*

*Bring a beer type events,*

**themed programs**

*Never in my lifetime has storytelling  
been this accessible and prolific*

South Florida Storytelling News is dedicated to promoting the oral tradition of storytelling. We share stories, experiences and news of the storytelling world. We believe storytelling is for everyone. Storytelling is enjoyed as an art form and used as a powerful tool to promote peace-building, health care, education and business in today's world.

SFSN can be found at [www.mijbyram.com](http://www.mijbyram.com)



## LIVE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCES.

Join me at the festival.

<https://flstory.com/festival/>

Pay What You Can.



**Linda Gorham** has engaged audiences internationally with poignant and humorous family stories; interactive folktales; notably twisted fairy tales; and riveting, well-researched historical stories for the past 30 years. Each performance is infused with Linda's unconventional humor and her signature 'sophisticated attitude'. <https://lindagorham.com/videos/>



**Linda Schuyler Ford** joins entertainment with education, and enrichment. She has been described as "an expressive magician who uses heart and words to take listeners on wondrous journeys". She is a local and national treasure. Kids, teens, families, adults, elders and professionals all enjoy her storytelling, and expand their skills and understanding from her workshop and coaching.

<http://www.schuylerford.com/>



**Anne Rutherford & Norm Brecke** bring double the entertainment power. Their hearts are in the Pacific Northwest, but with their stories and music they travel the whole wide world. They delight audiences nationwide with traditional stories, personal narratives, historical tales, and stories in song. Funny, touching performances include tales of personal adventure, Pacific Northwest folklore and prize-winning tall tales. <https://www.anne-norm.com/>



**Josh Campbell**, storyteller specializes in creating storytelling events. Especially events for corporate clients looking for unique team building experiences.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/josh\\_campbell\\_seven\\_keys\\_to\\_good\\_storytelling](https://www.ted.com/talks/josh_campbell_seven_keys_to_good_storytelling)







# Tell Your Story, Transform Your Life



SAVE \$50  
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## Dr. Joel Ying, MD

Physician-Educator-Storyteller

Online Workshop for **Beginners**

Craft captivating **personal stories** in  
the **oral tradition**. Pass on legacy.  
Create community. Heal your story.

**StorytellingMedicine.com**

**5 sessions on Zoom**  
**Tuesdays 7pm – 9pm ET**  
**Feb 9 - Mar 9, 2021**

"As I am creating  
my story, I am the  
one healing." -MM

**Tell Your Story, Transform Your Life.** Do you have stories inside of you waiting to come out? Do you want to leave a legacy of stories? Receive more storytelling content and course information by Dr. Joel Ying, MD. **Sign up, get free storytelling PDF.** The next course is coming up in February 2021. [JoelYing.com/storytransforms](https://JoelYing.com/storytransforms)



## 7th Adults ONLY Stories

the latest in our regular monthly series

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

9pm-12midnight (EST)/8-11pm (CST)/7-10pm (MST)

6-9pm (PST)/5-8pm (AKST)

4-7pm (HST)

Time to sit back and enjoy stories just for adults - no, not holiday stories or winter stories - but "kick back with the grown folk" stories.

So get some spiked eggnog or chocolate red wine - lean back on the couch or with a friend, and enjoy great storytelling from around the country.

Featured Storytellers:

M.J. Kang & Sharon Elwell (both from CA), Sara DeBeer & Nina Lesiga (both from CT), Chetter Galloway (GA), Larry Castleberry (MI), Robin Kitson (NC), Bob Dancer (NV) & Lauren Hope (VA).

[Register in Advance Here.](#)

**Admission is Free. Collective Tip Jar Open During the Performance for Contributions.**



## STORY BLOWOUT 2020

*a fabulous send-off to a memorable year*

Thursday, December 31, 2020 - Friday, January 1, 2021

10:30am-3:30am (EST)

9:30am-2:30am (CST)

8:30am-1:30am (MST)

Join Us on December 31st at any time that's right for you.



**2020** will be remembered by the wide-ranging events - from election to pandemic, from wildfires to hurricanes, from KPop to Tik Tok, from murder hornets to UFO sightings, from MAGA rallies to Black Lives Matter protests - what a year! So in light of all the strange stories of this year, Artists Standing Strong Together will end the year with a **Story Blowout** - stories from all over the world and across generations. Join our Blowout to see the performances of our YSSC (Youth Standing Strong Camp) this Winter Break youth tellers. The stories start at 10:30 am and continue until 11:45 pm –come and go as you'd like, or keep the stories on your phone, iPad or laptop as you rest, relax and plan for 2021. Starting at 11:45 pm (EST), we will have the countdown followed by music, dance and champagne or grape juice until 3:30 am on January 1, 2021! <https://www.artistsstandingstrongtogether.net/upcoming-events>

Register in Advance at - <https://www.artistsstandingstrongtogether.net/upcoming-events>

**Admission is Free. Collective Tip Jar Open During the Performance for Contributions.**

I will be sharing a story that has guided me in my search for happiness. Check it out at the **Story Blowout on December 31**. I'll be appearing between 9 and 9:30 right after the legendary Heather Forest.

AND

Me, Myself and I have been invited to tell for the **8th Adult's ONLY Storytelling** on January 16.

I expect that to be loads of fun and frolic.

Would love to see you there. [CLICK HERE](#)





# THE STORY SLAM



Come share your true, 5-7 minute story from your life, or just sit back and enjoy! No notes, no memorization, no essays or poetry, just good old-fashioned connection. And courtesy of the Boca Raton Public Library, first prize wins \$50. First ten people are eligible to tell stories; slots fill up fast. Email me at [cneile@fau.edu](mailto:cneile@fau.edu) to sign up. Looking forward to seeing you there! (Feel free to invite friends, but please don't post to the world. We want to keep it small.)

Every month on the Second Sunday, until Mar 14, 2021,

Sunday at 5 PM EST – 6:30 PM EST

Jan 10, 2021 05:00 PM

Feb 14, 2021 05:00 PM

Mar 14, 2021 05:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://fau-edu.zoom.us/j/83004970966...>

Meeting ID: 830 0497 0966

## THE PUBLIC STORYTELLER



YOUR TRUE STORIES OF LIFE IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

Sundays, 4pm on [www.wlrn.org](http://www.wlrn.org) or 91.3 FM and 91.5 FM in South Florida

Have a story to share? We want to hear it.

Call (561) 289-6586

### YOUR HOSTS

**Caren S. Neile**, Ph.D, MFA, is a professional storyteller and an affiliate professor at Florida Atlantic University, where she teaches storytelling studies. The former chair of the National Storytelling Network, she performs and teaches throughout the nation and abroad.

**Michael Stock** hosts the weekly radio show "Folk & Acoustic Music," an outlet for music otherwise not heard in the mass market. "Storytelling just got a lot folkier with "The Public Storyteller"" say Michael.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2021

WHEN YOU'RE A MEMBER OF

[LEARN MORE](#)

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In a pandemic? You bet! Fun is essential during the darkest hours. NSN planning committee is planning a full slate of inclusive events both large and less large in the months ahead to engage every level and style of teller. The events currently planned include:

- January 9th: Resolute (Story Slam and live drawing for Fringe Lottery)
- February 6th: Luuv (Slam + Showcase + Late-Night Showcase)
- March 19th – 20th: Women's Storytelling Festival in collaboration with Better Said Than Done
- April 10th: Earth Up (Weekend: Workshops, [Go to NSN Events Page for more](#) Performances, Slam, Fringe, Master Class,

## GIVE THE GIFT OF STORY THIS SEASON!

NSN announces the opening of the

### VIRTUAL STORY LIBRARY

of Recordings! The doors are **OPEN for BUSINESS!**

Add quality storytelling into your life.

ALL the recordings from the eight day '**CONNECTED**' marathon last June.

YES, ALL the workshops, regional concerts, and International Sessions.

ALL the recordings from the **HALLOWEEN GALA...** a vault of

Spooky Kid and Adult collections & 'How to Tell a Spooky Tale' Workshop.

NSN offers them all at a **40 % DISCOUNT** through the end of the month!

WE WANT YOU TO HEAR WHAT IS WAITING FOR YOU THERE!

TO GET THESE WONDERFUL RECORDINGS Use the **code: INTRO20** at checkout

Just go to [www.storynet.org/shop](http://www.storynet.org/shop)

Claim **40% discount** with **code: INTRO20**

# GO INTERNATIONAL



## Worldwide Virtual Storytelling Guild

Try something new. Join the guild. Listen to the world. Make friends.

Tell and listen to people from around the nation and the world.

[JUST A CLICK AWAY](#)

**To speak is to sow; to listen is to reap.**



INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING CENTER

Workshops and performances virtual and live

Get on their email list and you'll know who, when and where.

[TO GET ON THEIR EMAIL LIST CLICK HERE](#)



TIMPANOGOS FESTIVAL is running an encore presentation of the September festival  
from December 26, 2020 to January 03, 2021.

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

**TIMPANOGOS STORYTELLING BENEFIT FESTIVAL**  
DECEMBER 26, 2020-JANUARY 3, 2021  
**ONLY \$25\***

Back by popular demand, an encore of our 2020 virtual Festival featuring unforgettable stories for you and your entire gift list!

*Storytellers will receive 75% of Encore profits*

For tickets and information, visit [www.TimpFest.org](http://www.TimpFest.org)

*\*Tickets purchased from 12/22-12/30 will be \$30*



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WEITKAMP



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WHITE

*Where the world listens together!*

The lineup is  
impressive and for  
\$25 per ticket,  
it's a great deal.

If you who missed  
the event the first  
time around, here  
is another  
opportunity.



# Healing Story Alliance

is a special interest group of the

National Storytelling Network



## Keeping our Oars in the Water 2021

Gather with us to bear witness to experiences, stories and reflections of vulnerability and resilience during these turbulent times

**Every Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:00—8:30PM via Zoom**

Please join HSA members and other storytellers for an evening of listening to each other; a chance to “Find Ground” through being heard or witnessing your peers in the experiences, stories, and ideas that have emerged through this time of upheaval and change. There will be a facilitated gathering via Zoom to create a holding space to share the experiences and reflect upon the current situation.

**Here is the link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83612748210?pwd=bERNcm9ScDUxZHBta09QTHF2ek85UT09>

**Flow of the Gathering:** A welcome, framing and brief thematic centering; followed by conversation in small groups (3) then continued sharing and reflection via words, poetry and story; closing affirmations.

**NOTE:** This is not a therapeutic circle, but we do hope it will be healing, supportive, informative and inspiring.

### **Our evolving schedule for 2021**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Host/Facilitators</u></b>
January 13, 2021	Bob Kanegis and Liz Mangual
January 27, 2021	Sara deBeer, and Kristin Pedemontii
February 10, 2021	Sangitaa Seghall and Poonam Josy
February 24, 2021	Heather Forest and Onawumi Jean Moss
March 10, 2021	Katie Hereld (invited) and Joe Doolittle

**Here is the link for our 2021 meetings:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83612748210?pwd=bERNcm9ScDUxZHBta09QTHF2ek85UT09>

**Feedback and questions welcome, please contact Mike Seliger ([telliger@gmail.com](mailto:telliger@gmail.com)) or Joe Doolittle ([aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:aldenjoe@nycap.rr.com)).**

# CALIFORNIA INVITES YOU

## TO ALL LOVERS OF CAPTIVATING STORYTELLING:

The Storytelling Association of California  
invites you to attend the 4th Genre Storytelling Series event on  
Third Wednesdays of each month 7:00-8:30 PM, PST.  
10:00–11:30PM Eastern Standard Time

PLEASE JOIN US!

You will find a link at the Storytelling Association of California website,  
[storysaac.org](http://storysaac.org) and click on the **Genre Storytellers Series** box on the left side drop down box.

**The event is free, but registration is required.**

After registering you will receive a log on link

There is no cost to attend.

However, we will be compensating the tellers for their efforts. Donations will be accepted for this purpose.

Members from various Storytelling Swap groups around California will be telling stories at each event held once each month on the **third Wednesday** from 7:00-8:30. E

ach event will highlight stories from different genres: See Schedule Below:

January 20 = Tall Tales

February 17 = Romantic Stories

March 17 = Myths/Fables

April 21 = Historical Stories

May 19 = Legends: Urban & Traditional

June 16 = Fantasy/Faire Tales (Traditional & Fractured)

July 21 = Humorous/Laughing Stories

August 18 = Personal Stories

And more

<http://www.storysaac.org/>



♥ Thank you for being wonderful participants in the art of storytelling.

♥ Without an audience there is no storytelling. - Mij Byram

This will likely be my last South Florida Storytelling Newsletter. I will be taking on the blog for Florida Storytelling Association in 2021. However I'm leaving you with a gift.

Follow the links below. Join one or several associations listed below. Get on a mailing list and find the gift of storytelling; all kinds of storytelling more storytelling, for all ages and all genres, more than you ever thought possible.

[FLORIDA STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION](#)

[ARTISTS STANDING STRONG TOGETHER](#) and [NEST STORYTELING](#)

**FOR A LIST OF EVENT CALENDAR  
created in partnership with Northeast Storytelling**

[CLICK HERE](#)

[NATIONAL STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION](#)

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500 of you have asked to receive SFSN and many more that get it forwarded second hand. If any one of you or someone you know is interested in contributing or continuing SFSN or perhaps transforming SFSN into another story oriented venue please contact me at [mijbyram@gmail.com](mailto:mijbyram@gmail.com).

To have great poets, there must be great audiences. - Walt Whitman

*The audience is 50 percent of the performance. - Shirley Booth*

*Never treat your audience as customers, always as partners.—James Stewart*

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A GREAT PATRON OF THE ART OF STORYTELLING.**