

Victoria Storytelling Festival

The Festival Storytellers

Friday Feb 10 7:30pm

Best Loved Stories of the Victoria Storytellers' Guild

BRENDA ANDREWS

A First Nations educator of Cree ancestry, Brenda has taught cultural awareness for 15 years. She is a Pow Wow dancer, storyteller and puppeteer and dressed in full regalia she has taken her Raven stories to schools, libraries and First Nations' gatherings. She believes that stories and legends are a wonderful teaching tool.

NORMA CAMERON

Norma, a writer and storyteller, draws on her childhood experiences growing up outside Glasgow to weave Scottish traditional stories with charming and often hilarious family tales. She has conducted workshops and performed at various storytelling festivals and events in Canada, Scotland, England and Ireland. She has also written and performed a one-woman play, *Coalmines, Council Houses and Corsets: The Life and Times of a Scottish Granny* - adapted from her collection of stories based on her real-life Granny Jamieson.

PAT CARFRA

Pat loves to sing and to tell stories. The singing career came first when, as the Lullaby Lady, she released three award-winning recordings to encourage parents to sing with their little ones. Then came the stories. As a founding member of the Victoria Storytellers' Guild seventeen years ago, she set out on the beckoning path of the storyteller and has never stepped off. Now she combines these favourite activities whenever she can.

JENNIFER FERRIS

Jennifer entered the lively world of public storytelling eight years ago. She has told in Victoria schools and pre-schools, at numerous community events, retirement homes, and on the radio. Her stories, full of humour and wisdom, keep you on the edge of your seat. She presents workshops to new and not so new tellers.

PEG HASTED

Born and raised on Vancouver Island, Peg Hasted is currently researching and collecting stories from along the west coast. Her world folktales, lively participation stories and original west coast tales have been enjoyed by all ages at festivals, schools, libraries and community events. She also presents workshops for new tellers.

FAYE MOGENSEN

Faye Mogensen discovered she was a storyteller when working as a Park Interpreter in the early 1980's, and weaving entertainment into education. There, she told stories about the stars in the sky, in wildflower meadows and in the eyes of the first settlers in western Canada. She continues to tell Earth and peace tales, history and adventure sagas, and seasonal celebration stories. She draws upon folktales from all around the world, specializes in the Scandinavian folktales of her heritage and tells some original tales as well. She has performed in British Columbia, Alberta and Denmark at benefits, in elementary and secondary schools, parks, museums, churches and community festivals. Faye loves the way stories touch the heart and tickle the mind.

CAT THOM

Cat Thom is a published writer and has been performing her own stories in cafes, interpretive centers, museums, retreats, schools, and living rooms since she was sixteen. She specializes in original and traditional folk and fairy tales with a modern twist.

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[Family Storytelling Performance](#)

SHARON HOUSE

Sharon House specializes in the art of aha's, giggles and grins. She is a family and adult storyteller who enjoys writing, finding and telling reflection stories that make you think, southern "kitchen table" stories with a wink and tall tales with just enough surprises to tickle your funny bone

DONNA McCRAW

Donna McCraw has been telling stories to audiences from preschoolers to seniors in various venues from storytelling concerts and circles to classrooms to festival stages. With flair and delight, she tells her own stories from her two books as well as myths, classics and tall tales.

PHYLLIS PACHECO

Phyllis Pacheco has trained for 10 years at the Academy of Ballet in corporal mime, mime acting and dance. Studied Richard Pachinko¹'s clown techniques; penny whistle and vocal training; also twenty years of studying various styles of acting and improvisation and has been performing for over a decade.

JENNY FERRIS

Jenny's storytelling experience includes all age groups. As a member of the Victoria Storytellers' Guild, she has shared many African and Celtic stories in a variety of settings. As a facilitator of *Theatre For Living workshops*, she combines her love of the expressive arts by providing others with an opportunity to experience a personal connection to their community through drama.

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Tristan and Iseult

MELANIE RAY

Every year, much of Melanie's work takes place in both elementary and high schools. She has told tales in all the school districts of the Lower Mainland, in many throughout BC, and in several across the country.

Over a 22 year professional career in storytelling, she has told across Canada, the United States and Great Britain. She has performed in epic tales with some of Canada's best tellers, and told on C.B.C. Radio. Most recently, with the help of a Canada Council grant, she has taken her medieval epic romance, Tristan and Iseult, across Canada and Vermont and how will be the feature performer at the festival.

WORKSHOPS

Saturday Feb 11 10:00am

"EVERYONE TELLS!"

A storytelling workshop for families

Length: 1 hour. For family members 5 years and older

Description: Everyone has a story to tell! This workshop is full of games and activities that will encourage families to celebrate language and imagination together. Participants will take home lots of ideas for finding, creating and sharing tales that the whole family can enjoy.

Presented by:

JENNIFER FERRIS

Jennifer has shared her knowledge of storytelling in workshops for children and adults. She has facilitated three 5-week series at the Quadra Arts Centre, presented workshops for Montessori teachers, for Greater Victoria school assistants and gifted children. She has also run storytelling clubs in schools and enabled young tellers to perform in public.

PEG HASTED

Peg believes that everyone has a tale to tell. She enjoys working with children, teens and adults - anyone interested in discovering more about the art of storytelling. She has presented workshops for the Greater Victoria Public Library, ECEBC, Making Tomorrow, the Intercultural Association, the ECCE program at Camosun College, and others.

Saturday Feb 11 2:00pm

"LEARN TO TELL"

A workshop for adults (16 years and older)

Presenters: Peg Hasted and Jennifer Ferris (see bio's above)

Length: 1.5 hours

Description: Story is all around us. While it continues to entertain and draw families together, the power of narrative is now recognized in many sectors - including education, business and health care. This workshop will introduce participants to the art of storytelling through a series of interactive exercises and discussion. The experienced facilitators will model storytelling styles and demystify the process of finding, learning and telling well-loved tales. New tellers will find their voice in this relaxed and enjoyable introduction to the oral tradition.