

**We wish all our readers a winter warmed by good friendships
and plenty of hearty STORIES!**

Welcome to the June 2011
Edition 47 of the Online
Newsletter for the Australian
Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc

RECENT EVENTS

Congratulations to members **Lee Castledine** and **Reilly McCarron** who became accredited storytellers of the guild on Saturday 21st May.

Lee, a specialist children's librarian, told *The Crocodile Hunt* - an action story she wrote, *Peace and Quiet* - a traditional Yiddish felt board story by Judy Sierra, and a new story written by Lee *My New Beach Bag* - a magic bag prop story.

Reilly, a student of folklore, told an adult version of *Sleeping Beauty* (drawn from a mixture of sources - the earliest known recorded version from 14th Century French prose in the Grail Tradition, through to the Brothers Grimm and Walt Disney), and the healing story *The Woman with Hair of Gold* from Clarissa Pinkola Estés' book *Women Who Run with the Wolves*.

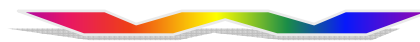
The audience really enjoyed and appreciated two talented storytellers with different styles and stories for different audiences.

Our **Story Circle** also held some delightful gems from both members and visitors. **Barbara Castledine** shared an interactive version of *Bread and Honey* by Pamela Allen and **Lindy Mitchell** entertained us with a personal story "My relationship with Nature or how I ended up with a funnel web spider in my pants". Some Early Childhood Students from the University of Western Sydney shared some of their creative presentations on Storytelling for cross-cultural understanding. **Rebecca and Alaina Shaw** shared their story *We're Going on a Walkabout* and **Sameera Ghafoor** presented her own *A Fairytale from India*.

Another first time visitor, **Pip Martins**, joined in enthusiastically telling the rhyming story *The Giant*.



The NSW Storytellers Guild's **May workshop** was a boisterous affair with **Patsy Allan** from the ACT sharing her expertise in **Storytelling for Early Childhood**. Joining in with rhymes, rhythms, songs and actions, the Workshop attendees learnt simple tales for retelling and discovered the child-like joy of letting go and playing with story. Throughout the afternoon Patsy demonstrated the effectiveness of props in storytelling for children using a range of items from sophisticated puppets to socks and cardboard cutouts. If anyone was in doubt about the ability of a sock on a hand to enthrall, they were soon convinced as Patsy closed the workshop with a captivating performance of her signature story "The Dragon and the Rooster" with a sock puppet Dragon. Patsy's workshop was inspirational, motivational and a whole lot of fun, it really felt like we were given the "Key to the Kingdom" of storytelling for early childhood.



JUNE EVENTS

June 10-13 Snowy Mountains of Music festival Perisher Valley
<http://www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/>

June 24 "Connections" Photo and story booth. Gathering digital stories of migration and relocation Crown St Mall. Wollongong

JULY EVENTS

Saturday 23 July NSW Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc Annual General Meeting

10 am - Story Circle, accreditation candidates, followed by AGM and election of committee
12.30 - 1.30 Traditional Stone Soup Lunch, and Stone Soup Story
1.30 - Doors open for Family Concert
2- 4.30pm Family Storytelling Concert - for people of all ages!

Hosted by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc

- Professional Storytellers
- The three finalists of the Children's Storytelling Competition
- Raffles
- Afternoon Tea

Where: NSW Writers Centre, Callan Park, Balmain Rd, Rozelle

Cost: Children -\$5 Adults - \$10 Families - \$25 - no size limit to families. Bring mum, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, uncles & aunts!

Bookings:

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STORYTELLING MAGAZINE

Remember the theme for the winter edition is

Multicultural storytelling

If you'd like to contribute a storytelling-related article, please write to Lindy at lindyladyofthelake@hotmail.com
Deadline for submission of articles is 14th June.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

For those whose membership ends in June, our treasurer Ann Wyatt will be in touch with you so that you can enjoy the Guild's activities at special rates.

Contact our treasurer:
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www.storytellersnsw.org.au

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