

Storytellers NSW

Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc.

Welcome to the June 2010 Edition 35 of the Online Newsletter for the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES

What a great time we had at the Writers' Centre on Saturday 22nd May for the Guild workshop day.

THE STORYCIRCLE: We had a most entertaining morning **storycircle** sharing from seasoned storytellers as well as from people who were first time attendees at any guild event. The storycircle provides people with the opportunity to try out new stories and receive feedback on style, content and presentation if desired.

Jo Henwood told a rollicking version of 'Sinbad the Sailor' accompanied by unfolding creative artistic renditions of different sections of the story.

Jacqui Meyers, a midwife, told a moving story about the 4th stage of labour - an important stage that crucially involves the newborn's father.

Kitsiri da Silva drew us into his story of a young man's journey with his resonant voice, **Grant Platt**, entertained us with his cheeky sense of humour and **Barbara Castledine** delighted us with her playful telling of Ticki Ticky Tembo'. **Errol MacDonald** captured our imaginations with 'The Sailor's Gift' and **Yvonne Collier** finished the morning with a cautionary tale about checking the checklist before travelling overseas.

THE AFTERNOON WORKSHOP:

'Awaken The Spontaneous Storyteller Within'

presented by **Christine Carlton** had been advertised as 'A fun and interactive workshop to develop your storytelling skills'. It was that and much more. There was much laughter as we participated in a number of exercises to develop our creativity and spontaneity as storytellers. One of the activities was a group chain story called Fortunately/Unfortunately. A new time attendee, **Diego Villavecques**, chose this format to sum up the day.

"Unfortunately, when I heard about the 'Awaken the Spontaneous Storyteller Within' workshop I was bummed: I had another commitment, and could not attend! Fortunately, I was able to stretch

and shape my diary enough to be there on the day. Unfortunately I didn't get there on time, but fortunately they gracefully accepted me when I arrived. Unfortunately it was nothing like I expected; fortunately, it was 100 times better! Unfortunately it finished too quickly because fortunately it was one of the most fun times I have ever had. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to some great people, but fortunately I became a member of the Storytelling Guild and will see them again."

JUNE EVENTS

Sunday 20 – "Tellers Teas".

"Short Stories for Short Days"

Come and warm yourself this winter at The Hughenden Arts Hotel, 14 Queen Street, Paddington 2-4pm **Featured Tellers: Annie Evers and Ebba Bodame plus open Mic**

Tickets: \$18 Guild members; \$20 others; Includes Devonshire Tea Pay at door. Doors open 1.30

JULY EVENTS

NSW STATE CONFERENCE & AGM

'Weaving Stories Together'

- Drawing the threads of tales, old and new together with life experience to create new patterns for understanding, empowerment and enjoyment.

JULY 23 (Friday evening)

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25.

Baulkham Hills, Sydney, NSW

Registration for the whole conference includes:

- Choice of workshop offerings and participation in 5 practical workshop sessions
- Friday evening welcoming soiree and entertaining story slam
- Saturday night dinner
- Saturday night Storytelling Concert
- Sunday afternoon Family Concert
- Conference community plenary sessions
- Informal story circles and story swaps
- Saturday and Sunday lunches and morning & afternoon teas

Early bird rates - \$300 for members and \$380 for non members

To take advantage of the early bird registration rates **you must pay in full on or before 30 June**. Registration forms, and full conference details on our website;

www.storytellersnsw.org.au

Conference enquiries:

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Venue: St. Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living.
64 MacKillop Drive
Baulkham Hills, Sydney ,NSW

ACCOMMODATION at ST JOSEPHS

A wide range of accommodation options with attractive rates is offered. Please note this is separate from the registration fees, and you are requested to make your own bookings. Ring Christine Klaricich (02) 9634.2317 Ext 2505 or email c.klaricich@stjosephscentre.org.au

AUGUST EVENTS

Sunday 15 – "Tellers Teas" at the Hughenden Arts Hotel 2-4pm **Featured Tellers: Sue Alvarez, Andrew Kwong and Stephen Meagher. Title: 'Voyages' (no open Mic because of having 3 tellers)**

Tickets: \$18 Guild members; \$20 others; Includes Devonshire Tea Pay at door. Doors open 1.30

The Darwin Festival 12th-29th August 2010.

A great line up of Storytellers from around Australia and overseas are heading north to tell stories at the Darwin Festival and surrounds.

www.darwinfestival.org.au

The Under the Banyan Storytelling Gathering will be held as part of the Festival from the 12th to 15th of August.

For all updates become a follower at: <http://underthebanyantreestorytelling.blogspot.com/>

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