



# Storytelling Concert

*Open to the Public*

**7 p.m.**

in the Tent

MC: *Miriam Nadel*



The playfulness of **Anthony Burcher's** delivery can belie the seriousness of some of his stories. His downhome, conversational style has a bit of the tall-tale teller or the medicine show barker in it. He brews up a tincture of tales that is story-medicine worth patenting.



**Ellouise Schoettler** reminds us of what is best about being human: deep emotion, strong values, unfailing courage, and gratitude to those who have gone before.



**Margaret Chatham** is an eclectic teller of ethnic tales from around the world who also tells literary stories, always putting the story on center stage.

9:00-10:00 Open Mic with MC

## Directions:

9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia 22079

From Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia

Follow I-95 South to Exit 160 to merge onto Gordon Blvd/VA-123 N toward Occoquan/Lake Ridge

Continue to follow VA-123 N

The Workhouse Arts Center is on the right before the intersection of Rte.123/Ox Rd. and Lorton Road

From I-95 South

• Take I-95 North to VA-123 North via Exit 160B toward Occoquan/Lake Ridge

• Continue on VA-123 past Historic Occoquan

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# Saturday Storytelling Series



October 27, 2012

Workhouse Arts Center  
9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia

# Saturday Workshops

Choose one from each column for each time designation

## Column A

### 10-11:30 a.m. The Storyteller From the Inside – Jim Flanagan

As a principal, Jim Flanagan has hired several storytellers. In this workshop, he will discuss dos and don'ts, how to make a good impression, and how to get useful feedback, all the way from the first contact to the final evaluation handed in to the office.

### 1-2:30 p.m. So You Want to Tell a Whopper? – Katie and Otto Ross

In this inter-active workshop participants will examine the basic elements of crafting and telling tall tales. Katie and Otto, prize-winning liars, will spin two of their favorite yarns complete with banjo music. Workshop members will then analyze the stories in light of the basics. Hand-outs will be available.

### 2:45-4:15 p.m. Ten Ways to Tell a Tale – Debbie Griffin

Come learn how to pick, practice and play with stories. Beginners and tellers of all levels looking for new ideas to bring their stories to life, will enjoy watching and trying out different techniques. Everyone is bound to find one that will fit their telling style.

## Column B

### 10-11:30 a.m. Weaving Music and Story Together – Katie and Otto Ross

The presenters will share creative ways of incorporating music into storytelling presentations. Participants will learn by being actively involved in singing, clapping, playing instruments, even dancing. Of course there will be story too. Hand-outs of resources and notes will be available. Fun is the order of the day.

### 1-2:30 p.m. Story Coaching – Ralph Chatham

You can never hear *your* story the first time. Let the coach and your peers help you understand how *we* hear it. This is perfect for beginners, or experienced tellers with a story in progress. Bring a tale for telling and feedback or just come to hear. Listeners are especially welcome; some of the best stories at a storytelling event are heard at coaching sessions. Prerequisite: ability to check your ego at the door.

### 2:45-4:15 p.m. Storytelling With (Not Just For) Children – Eve Burton

You've heard stories; maybe you've told tales yourself. Now, learn how to encourage children to become storytellers. This workshop will include tips on starting a storytelling group with children; developing a routine; choosing stories; storytelling games; and where to take your kids when telling for each other just isn't enough!



## Registration and Fees:

Register with the Workhouse Arts Center either by phone 703-584-2900 #4 or website <http://www.workhousearts.org/>

Members: \$85 Non members: \$95 (all day pass)  
(the "All Day VASA Pass" is not available for online sales, **please register by phone, mail, or in person at the Workhouse Arts Center**)

OR

\$30 per workshop,

Concert \$15 for adults, VASA & VITG members and children who listen like adults

Fast food is available nearby and dinner is on your own. We will make dinner reservations at Madigans in Occoquan for anyone who wants to eat together. To RSVP for dinner, email [mhnadel@alum.mit.edu](mailto:mhnadel@alum.mit.edu)