



Riverway Storytelling Festival *Where Stories Come Alive!*

April 4-10, 2011 Albany, NY www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

Joe & Jesse Bruchac



Storyteller and author Joe Bruchac draws much of his inspiration from his Abenaki ancestry, the Adirondack Mountains, and the foothill town where he lives. He and sons James and Jesse work extensively in projects involving the preservation of Abenaki culture, language and traditional Native skills. As a teller, Joe has performed in Europe and throughout the US. He is also the author of more than 120 books. Jesse Bruchac has worked extensively over the last 15 years in projects involving the preservation of the Abenaki language, storytelling, music and traditional culture. His first book, *Mosbas and the Magic Flute*, a bilingual telling of a traditional tale in picture book form, was published in 2010.

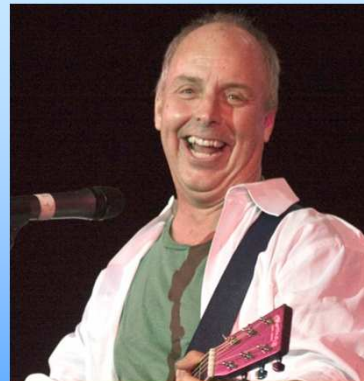
Lyn Ford



Fourth-generation storyteller Lyn Ford shares "Home-Fried Tales" rooted in her family's multicultural African American storytelling traditions. Lyn's programs are enhanced with rhythm and rhyme, history and mystery, and humor and heart. Lyn is an Ohio teaching artist who has presented workshops for literacy, early childhood education, storytelling, and diversity at events across the country. Lyn calls her stories "Home-Fried Tales" to honor her father, who was a terrible cook and the best storyteller she ever heard. Lyn learned to "stir up, season, and simmer" her folktale adaptations and original stories while sitting knee-to-knee with elders who passed on their own special gifts.

Bill Harley is a two-time Grammy award-winning artist, a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the RI Council for the Humanities and a Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Network, and an NPR commentator. His songs and stories paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. CDs including "Zanzibar", "Monsters In The Bathroom", "50 Ways To Fool Your Mother", "You're In Trouble", "Down in the Backpack" and "The Ballad of Dirty Joe" span the generation gap. A singer, storyteller, author, playwright, educator and performing artist, Bill Harley creates a world of wit and wisdom.

Bill Harley



Regional Featured Teller Andrea Lovett has embraced storytelling as a way of life since 1992. She has entranced audiences in schools, libraries, festivals, museums, cable television and private functions throughout the United States including Disney World, First Night in Boston, and more recently in Europe. Each year her audience and repertoire of original work has expanded, including nature-based stories, oral histories, multicultural folktales, several historic stories rooted in Massachusetts history, and storytelling/writing workshops for both children and adults.

Andrea Lovett



Local Storytellers

Bill Cliff Marni Gillard Jeannine Laverty
Jack Maguire Claire Nolan Frank-Lee Speaking

Riverway Storytelling Festival Schedule

Monday, April 4

- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Stories From Here and There**
Frank-Lee Speaking & Jeannine Laverty
 Good Samaritan Lutheran Home for adults **Free**
 Sponsor: Bethlehem Public Library (518) 439-9314
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Stories of Courage** for families **Free**
Marni Gillard & Jeannine Laverty
 Hilltown Senior Center
 Sponsor: Berne Library (518) 872-1246
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Spring into Spring with Stories and Songs**
Bill Cliff & Claire Nolan for families **Free**
 Albany Public Library – Delaware Branch (518) 463-0254

Tuesday, April 5

- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **April Showers Bring Bright Stories**
Bill Cliff & Jeannine Laverty for adults **Free**
 Stephentown Memorial Library (518) 733-5750
- 1:15 – 2:15 pm **It's Always SOMETHING!** for adults **Free**
Frank-Lee Speaking & Marni Gillard
 Hoosick Falls Senior Service Center
 Sponsor: Cheney Library (518) 686-9401
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Storytelling Adventures** for families **Free**
Jack Maguire & Claire Nolan
 Albany Public Library – Pine Hills Branch (518) 482-7911

Wednesday, April 6

- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **A Spring Bouquet of Tales** for adults **Free**
Frank-Lee Speaking & Jack Maguire
 Voorheesville Public Library (518) 765-2791
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Spring into Spring with Stories and Songs** for families **Free**
Bill Cliff & Jack Maguire
 Albany Public Library – Bach Branch (518) 482-2154
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Surprise!** for families **Free**
Marni Gillard & Claire Nolan
 Rensselaer Public Library (518) 462-1193

Thursday, April 7

- Story Walk!** New York State Museum Admission by prior arrangement
- 6:30–8:00 pm **Our Favorite Stories** *Featured Tellers* for families **Free**
 East Greenbush Community Library (518) 477-7476
 Sponsor: Friends of East Greenbush Community Library

NOTE: While this is a free performance, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 477-7476 ext. 6, for more information.

Friday, April 8

- Guilderland Public Library (518) 456-2400
- 1:30–3:30 pm **Workshop: Paper Stays Put** \$30
- Ghost Story Night** *Featured Tellers*
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm **Things That Go Bump in the Night** for families **Free**
- 8:30 – 10:00 pm **Tales to Take You to the Edge** for teens / adults **Free**

NOTE: While the evening performances are free, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 456-2400 ext. 41, for more information.

Saturday, April 9

- William K. Stanford Town Library, Colonie (518) 458-9274
- 9:30 am-Noon **Workshop: When Stories Are Broken** \$30
- 9:30–11:00 am **Workshop: Sweetening the Tale** \$20/\$10
- 11:00 am-Noon **Fresh Voices: Stories with Attitude** for families **Free**
Young storytellers who have studied with master tellers showcase their abilities.
- 12:00-12:45 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00-2:00 pm **Passport to Adventure** for families **Free**
Out of many excellent entries, these tellers and their stories were chosen to bring the best of the northeast storytelling world to your family right here in Colonie.
- 2:00-3:00 pm **World Stories for Families** for families **Free**
Joe & Jesse Bruchac, Lyn Ford & Andrea Lovett
- 3:15–4:00 pm **Story Swaps** **Free**
Story Swaps are where anyone can tell a story (but not read a story). Do feel free to tell unpolished tales. Length of stories: under 7 minutes.

Laughin' Night *Featured Tellers*

- 7:00–8:00 pm **Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin** for families **Free**
- 8:30–10:00 pm **You Might As Well Laugh: Comical Tales for Grown-Ups** for adults **Free**

NOTE: While these are free performances at 7:00 and 8:30 pm, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 458-9274, for more information.

Sunday, April 10

- Bethlehem Public Library (518) 439-9314
 Sponsor: Friends of Bethlehem Public Library
- 2:00–3:30 pm **Festival Finale** *Featured Tellers*
Stories Alive! for families **Free**



If you are in need of sign language interpreter services (ASL), please contact Mary Fellows (518) 437-9880 Ext. 228 by April 1.



This project is made possible in part through a Community Art\$Grant, a program funded by The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

For addresses and directions to all venues, see www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

Riverway Storytelling Festival Workshops

Friday

Paper Stays Put
Joe and Jesse Bruchac

Stories in books and stories shared orally - both are valuable and both have places in libraries and classrooms. When (and how) do stories move from the oral tradition of storytelling to the printed page? Storytellers and authors Joe and Jesse Bruchac explore the challenges of translating oral language to written language, drawing from their own experiences of creating books from stories in the American Indian tradition. For librarians, teachers, and tellers of all levels.

Saturday

Sweetening the Tale
Lyn Ford

Come learn how to add action and audience interaction to your storytelling! Lyn Ford uses rhythm, call and response, and choral response to get her audiences totally engaged in her stories. You will use your voice and your body as you learn new story sharing skills from this master of folktale adaptations and original stories. For tellers of all levels.

When Stories are Broken
Bill Harley

Sometimes we have a story that we feel should be good, but it just doesn't work. This is the most painful thing of all, because it's hard to know what to do with something that is only half alive. In this workshop, we'll look at some common reasons why stories do not work, and come up with some strategies for fixing them. Most of the work will not be about storytelling style, or performance technique, but problems related to the story itself. In the workshop, everyone will have a chance to work in small groups on one of their stories, and we'll do some whole group work on selected stories. Participants should bring one story they have been working on that has problems. For intermediate and advanced tellers.

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Community Library

Details

Ticket Ordering Information

- Send order form with check or money order made out to UHLS to:
Riverway Storytelling Festival
Upper Hudson Library System
28 Essex Street
Albany, NY 12206
- Purchase tickets at each event using check/cash.

Ticket purchases will be confirmed by email or telephone and held at the registration table for each event. Ticket information and order form can be found at: riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

For more information, please call (518) 437-9880.
Note: Saturday lunches must be paid for by March 21.

Saturday Box Lunch

Includes a sandwich, a bottle of water, a bag of chips, an apple and a cookie.

NOTE: You may bring your own lunch. Also, there are many restaurants available a short distance from the library.

Accommodations

For hotel information, visit the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau at www.albany.org.

Merchandise

Storytelling merchandise will be available at the festival and can be purchased using check/cash.

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2011 Order Form for Ticketed Events

Qty	Description	Price	Total
Full Festival (2 workshops and Saturday lunch)			
	Adult	\$55	
Friday Workshop			
	Paper Stays Put Adult	\$30	
Saturday Morning Workshops (select only one/person)			
Sweetening the Tale *			
	Adult	\$20	
	Student	\$10	
When Stories are Broken *			
	Adult	\$30	
Saturday Box Lunches (no cost for full festival ticket holders)			
	Cheese Sandwich	\$8.50	
	Ham Sandwich	\$8.50	
	Tuna Salad Sandwich	\$8.50	
	Turkey Sandwich	\$8.50	
TOTAL			

* NOTE: These workshops are concurrent - please select only one.

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone		
Email		

How did you hear of Riverway? _____
