



As we head into the summer solstice, I am delighted to share some of my garden images above, along with several upcoming story opportunities below. And yes, that is a real bear cub who was visiting with his mama!

FIRST OFF

Have you got what it takes to be the National Storytelling Festival's next Best Story Slammer?

Anyone's welcome to apply – all you need is a little bit of courage and a true, five-minute story that suits this year's theme, Common Ground.

A recorded 2-minute story excerpt is required to apply. All entries will be judged by a panel, and six will be selected to tell at the National Storytelling Festival on Saturday, October 3. Those selected to tell will receive a weekend ticket to the Festival and will compete for cash prizes.

Submit your story here - deadline to apply is July 10 at 5 pm ET.



AND



The Merle Davis Story Listener Fund honors the life of Merle Davis (1944-2017), an arts administrator and story lover whose keen ear, sharp eye, gracious smile, and generous heart made every storyteller want her in the audience. She understood that having eager listeners is as important as having accomplished storytellers.

The Merle Davis Story-Listener Fund was created to provide financial support for story enthusiasts to attend the National Storytelling Festival. The scholarships will cover registration fees and a travel stipend for two special listeners to attend the National Storytelling Festival in October. There will also be additional scholarships available for workshops.

Fill out our online form and submit a 500-word statement or a three to five-minute video on why attending the National Storytelling Festival is important to you, or how story has inspired you or changed your life.

Application here - deadline to apply is July 10 at 5 pm ET.

AND

And one last thing . . . coming up soon on Sunday, June 28, there are still a few open spots for "Storytellers Wild Week with Connie Regan-Blake." Join us in a beautiful retreat setting, right off the Blue Ridge Parkway, an hour's drive from Asheville, NC.

Our time together will be rich with lots of story-activities, including partner exercises, coaching, concerts along with walks in the woods and more! If you would like to join us or know of anyone who might enjoy and benefit from a week of story in a beautiful spot, details here. Registration here.



Please be in touch if you have any questions.
I happily anticipate our story paths crossing –
and in the meantime, keep on telling & listening,
Connie

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