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National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, TN - October 2-4, 2026
Ghost telling, Volunteer, and Free Online Streaming



This is my 53rd time on stage' at the National Storytelling Festival! (Even I am impressed with that 😊 .) This year, I am a featured ghost storyteller and will be telling spooky stories on both Friday and Saturday evenings. It takes a separate ticket so you can come to just that show or add it on to the whole weekend

If there are budget concerns, here's a much less expensive way to take in the weekend of stories - volunteer! I am in touch with the coordinator and they could still use a few good Tent Hosts.

Send a note of interest with your name, email, and cell #, to: TentVolunteer@StoryTellingCenter.net or fill out the **Volunteer Application**.

Free Online Streaming

And if you can't make it in-person to TN this October, tune in online, Friday, October 2nd for a day full of stories from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. Register on **Eventbrite** to reserve your FREE spot so you can drop in any time throughout the day! You might even gather friends and family for a 'watch & listen' party!



My Beginnings...and an online opportunity for you!



Yes, that is me with long, dark hair! I began m storytelling career 55 years ago when I was hire to tell stories 5 days a week at day care centers In October of 1971 the Chattanooga Public Libra created this innovative program with a feder grant. At that time, day care centers were also brand new offering, inspired by Lady Bird Johnso Those 3, 4, and 5 year-olds called me "Ms. Daisy – and were my first listeners on my life-lon journey as a professional storyteller!



Online Workshop - From Asia!

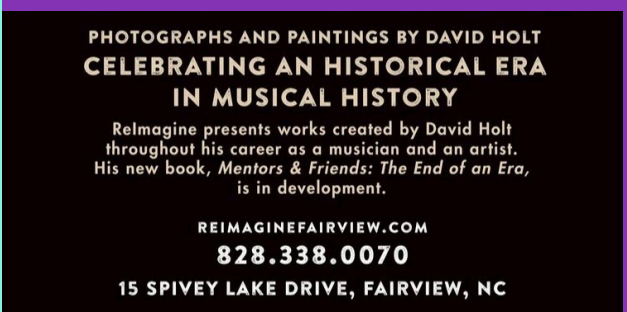
If you are drawn to tell stories to children with props, here is a **Free online workshop** Thursday, August 27th. Set your alarm clocks because it starts early in the morning at 7:30 AM (EST.) This workshop is offered by **FEAST** (Federation of Asian Storytellers) with headquarters in Singapore. **More info →**

David Holt Exhibit Mentors and Friends - The End of an Era

I first met David Holt back in the 1970s at Fiddler's Grove Folk Festival and we became instant friends.

I am very excited to share that he has a new book, "Mentors & Friends: The End of an Era" coming out soon. David has spent decades documenting the mentors who shaped him, including long time collaborator, Doc Watson.

In the meantime, you can catch his art show here in Asheville which features some of his black and white portrait photos of storytellers and musicians along with his very creative artwork using pottery and collage.





As David has said, *"One of the greatest things in my life has been to get to know and learn from so many wonderful mentors. As it happened, I was able to witness the end of an era, the last of the pioneer generation. These folks have a power and wisdom that you just don't see in the modern world. They grew up before self-doubt was invented."*

More info on David's Exhibit→

More Stories

I am delighted that long-time workshop participant and coaching student of mine, Naomi Faw, is telling on Friday, October 2nd at the Exchange Place Tent during the National Festival this year.

Also, if you live in the Hampton, VA area, Naomi is debuting her brand new show "Shooting Star: Granny's First 100 years!" on Sunday, September 12th. Naomi's humor, warmth and cleverness runs through all her stories and this one is told through her granny's words who, by the way, is still with us as she just turned 100!





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