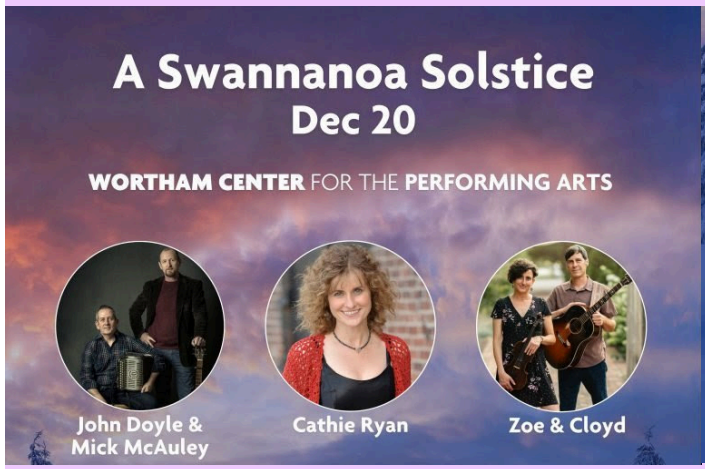


A Solstice Celebration - in Asheville, NC
Sunday, December 20, with shows at 2 pm and 7 pm





I am delighted to be telling stories for this year's "Swannanoa Solstice" December 20, at the Wortham Theater in Asheville, NC. I will also be emceeing this 20th annual celebration with a great line-up of performers bringing music, Irish dancing, storytelling and more in a heartwarming holiday experience. Give yourself the gift and join us for a 2:00 pm matinee or an evening show at 7:00 pm. Tickets here. Here's a taste of what is in store: Promo Video.

Check out Tellabration in Your Community!



Coming on 40 years ago, J.G. Pinkerton had a vision to create a fund-raising event that would also introduce new listeners to storytelling. And Tellabration!™ was born. Today, there are over 400 official sites around the world, spanning 40+ states and 9 countries with shows usually held the weekend before Thanksgiving. Google to see where your closest storytelling performance might be. And if you live in Asheville, NC, area, come to the Folk Art Center on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM to enjoy regional tellers and headliner, Donald Davis. Tickets here or call 828-777-9177.

Honoring Dolly Parton



One of the people I am grateful for during this season of Thanksgiving is Dolly Parton. She was a gift to the world in so many ways - her amazing voice, her song-writing, her dedication to her beloved Smokey Mountains and more! I am especially inspired by her "Imagination Library" that she created 30 years ago to ensure that children in her home town would have access to stories and the written word. It has expanded - and now each & every month, more than 3 million children all across the US and beyond receive a free book! Here are all the details so if you know of children anywhere - spread the word!

Ready for your Storytelling Debut on NPR?



Are you 65 or older? If yes, next question . . . are you ready to tell a story on the brand-new NPR Senior Podcast Challenge? You just might win the grand prize - a free trip to Washington, DC! You will be a guest at NPR headquarters to watch — and listen — as your story airs live on Weekend Edition Sunday. Deadline is November 30 for a max 8 minute story.

A Winter's Taste of Storytelling in 2027

On-Line with Connie



Want to join me in 2027 for my 4-session online storytelling workshop, "Landscapes of Story & Telling" on four Wednesday afternoons?

All levels are welcome!

I am still deciding dates - let me know if you have a preference for February or March.

Special Discount for my newsletter folks.



In-Person with Jennifer

My friend, storyteller and musician, Jennifer Armstrong is teaching "A Feast of Story and Storytelling," at John C Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC., this winter.

Discover storytelling as a joyful, nourishing, and welcoming art in a supportive learning environment. No experience needed—just curiosity!



"If you see someone without a smile, give them yours" - Dolly Parton

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