



# Catch the Storybug!



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**Hello friends,**

New England has dressed herself up in all her splendor, ready to go to the Fall Ball. The colors of the leaves are gorgeous, the air is crisp and clean and the warmth of Indian summer lingers.

September's Story Café at ArtWorks was blessed with the brilliant talent of [Simon Brooks](#). The audience was enchanted not only by his charm but by his array of terrific tales. On October 17 we will be treated to a night of Italian stories, *Bella Notte*, by the always fabulous and funny [Carolyn Martino](#) from Rhode Island. I hope you can join us. For further information visit: <http://karenchace.blogspot.com/2009/08/story-cafe-charging-ahead.html>

I will be attending the [National Storytelling Festival](#) in Jonesborough, TN this month and I am looking forward to seeing many old friends. October also brings a chance to share Halloween stories, and tales at the 100th anniversary celebration of a local Grape organization.

October 17 will also be the premier of the [1st Granite State Storytelling Festival](#) in New London, New Hampshire. I am fortunate to be one of the storytellers to take part in this grand event. There will be 24 amazing storytellers throughout the day with a featured evening performance by [Odds Bodkin](#). It will be a day to remember! I hope you can join us.

Sadly, in September the voice of one of our most talented and generous storytellers, and a dear friend of mine, [Patrick Mendoza](#) of Colorado was momentarily silenced. Pat suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while on tour in TN. A Vietnam Veteran, he has been a guiding force and advocate in collecting the stories that honor our soldiers, both past and present.

I have placed a link to one of his touching, true tales in the Stories section of this newsletter as a tribute to Veteran's Day. A fund will be set up to help defray the cost of his extensive rehabilitation. I will share that information in the next newsletter.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at [storybug@aol.com](mailto:storybug@aol.com). Until November, I wish you a beautiful fall, filled with the scents, sounds and shades of this beautiful season.

Warm wishes,  
Karen Chace

*"Stories are how we learn.*

*The progenitors of the world's religions understood this, handing down our great myths and legends from generation to generation."*

*Bill Mooney and David Holt, The Storyteller's Guide*

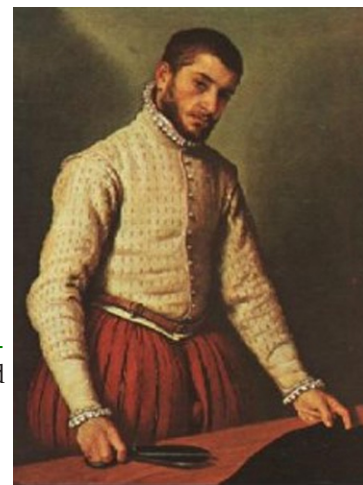
## STORIES

### Edgar Allan Poe

- October 11 is the birthday of Edgar Allan Poe. This site offers his short stories, poems, quotes, biography and additional links. <http://www.poestories.com/>

### World Folklore Online -

An index of stories listed by culture, country, book title and story page number. It will make story research a breeze! <http://tinyurl.com/3se6sy>



*The Tailor by Giovanni Battista Moroni c. 1570*

Folk Tales Every Child Should Know - Twenty tales that have survived the centuries; some well-known, others will be a treat to your storytelling senses.. "The stories made by the people, and told before evening fires, or in public places and at the gates of inns in the Orient, belong to the ages when books were few and knowledge limited, or to people whose fancy was not hampered by familiarity with or care for facts..." <http://tinyurl.com/ntq22d>

**November 11 is Veteran's Day here in the United States. Here are some stories to honor those who protect and serve.**

**Veterans History Project** - Personal narratives, correspondence and visual materials focusing on World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars. <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/about.html>

**What Did You Do in the War, Grandma?** Twenty-six interviews with women who served in WW II. [http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII\\_Women/tocCS.html](http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/tocCS.html)

**Return to Makin Island** - Pat Mendoza's moving tribute to the fallen soldiers of Makin Island during WW II and their return home 58 years later. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6f\\_FvZpm3g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6f_FvZpm3g)

**November 15 is America Recycles Day! Here is my favorite story about the joy of recycling.**

**The Thrifty Tailor** - A wonderful tale to share the idea and fun of recycling with your students. <http://tinyurl.com/lchoun>

*November also brings my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. Here are some sites to help you enjoy the day.*

**Native Languages of the Americas:** Wampanoag Indian Legends Meet Moshup the Giant, read about Squant the Sea Monster and more. There are also additional links and resources to help you learn more about this Indian nation. <http://tinyurl.com/l5tx8x>

**The Circle of Life and the Clambake** – A lovely story from the Wampanoag culture that encompasses the spirit of thanksgiving, the circle of life and caring for the earth. <http://tinyurl.com/kpdyaq>

**Thanksgiving Short Stories for Kids** <http://tinyurl.com/m4563n>

**The Scarecrow's Thanksgiving** – A Canadian Thanksgiving story. <http://tinyurl.com/y9ulwob>

## CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

**How to Plan a Scarecrow Story Time** <http://tinyurl.com/yckv2ge>

**Word Jumble** - Fun, fall word jumble for your students to rearrange! <http://tinyurl.com/ycsrfj6>

**Fall Word Search** - <http://tinyurl.com/ya3cux8>

Thanksgiving and Fall Crafts for Children <http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/thanksgiving.html>

**Thanksgiving Coloring Pages** - <http://tinyurl.com/yauxtpy>

*Celebrate America Recycles with some easy and inexpensive crafts.*

**Cutlery Wind Chimes** - The summer cookout season is over. Here's a clever craft to recycle all of the leftover plastic utensils. <http://tinyurl.com/mt76o7>

**Brown Paper Kites** – For grades K – 6. <http://www.kinderart.com/crafts/bagkite.shtml>

**Milk Carton Pen Pot** – For grades 2 and up. <http://tinyurl.com/mxn6sg>

**Puzzle Piece Picture Frame** – For grades K– 2 <http://tinyurl.com/n96pxw>

**Veteran's Day Activities** - Coloring pages, crafts for kids, word searches and more. <http://tinyurl.com/kslkv7>

## CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Autumn Activities and Lesson Plans – While your students enjoy the glorious colors of fall guide them through the scientific “reason for the season” with this free downloadable pdf file. From Teacher Vision for grades K-6. <http://tinyurl.com/y95w4sh>

**Halloween Games for the Classroom** - “A collection of fun and educational Halloween games that build math and language skills for grades K-5. With Halloween-themed versions of games like tag, musical chairs, and “Pin the Tail on the Donkey,” you’ll teach your student’s math and language skills while still enjoying the holiday. Your students will think they’re playing but will be learning at the same time!” \* Requires subscription to access full information. <http://tinyurl.com/ya4hn36>

*Lesson plans to complement the works of Edgar Allan Poe.*

For grades 9-12 - <http://tinyurl.com/yelpp64>

For grades 6-12 - <http://tinyurl.com/ydfp93u>

For grades 6 -8 - <http://tinyurl.com/y9agcyf>

**November 15 is America Recycles Day.** Visit this site for ideas and information. <http://www.americarecyclesday.org/>

**Wampanoag Culture and History Links** – Geography, lifestyle and traditions, books and more. <http://tinyurl.com/njqk6y>

**Wampanoag Indian Fact Sheet for Kids** [www.bigorin.org/wampanoag\\_kids.htm](http://www.bigorin.org/wampanoag_kids.htm)

**Learning to Give** – Native American Lesson Plan for grades 9 – 12 in Arts, Language Arts, Library / Technology, Philanthropy and Social Studies. Includes numerous folktales to share. <http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit226/lesson12.html>

**All 'Bout Cranberries** - A comprehensive cranberry curriculum for grades K-8 covering many aspects of cranberry growing and takes the user on a journey from the Cranberry Bog to the Kitchen Table. It is designed to give students an appreciation of Massachusetts number one food crop through problem solving and thought provoking activities. [www.cranberries.org/cranberries/teachers.html](http://www.cranberries.org/cranberries/teachers.html)

**American Indian Leather Painting** – For grades 5-6, students will create stories that resemble old Indian leather paintings. Students will tell a story using only pictures and drawing them in sequence so others can read the story back. <http://tinyurl.com/6q8jtt>

**The Pilgrims Voyage: A Map and the Mayflower** - This project teaches geography and history. The student makes a map of the voyage and a tiny replica of the Mayflower. <http://tinyurl.com/mauanx>

## MUSIC

**Beyond Row, Row, Row Your Boat** - Incorporate some musical rounds and add rhythm and fun to your storytelling. This site offers thirty-two songs, dating back to the middle ages, complete with music, lyrics and sound files. <http://tinyurl.com/yesbaze>

## BOOK SUGGESTIONS

**The Children of the Morning Light: Wampanoag Tales as Told By Manitonquat** A storyteller of the southeastern Massachusetts Wampanoag has retold some of the creation tales of his people -- teaching and 'pourquoi' tales that are remarkable for their humor, common sense, and humanity. <http://tinyurl.com/ko3637>

**Once Upon a Time: Storytelling to Teach Character and Prevent Bullying** (2006) by Elisa Pearmain. The book recently won a silver medal in the Independent Publishers Book Awards. <http://www.amazon.com/Time-Storytelling-Character-Prevent-Bullying/dp/1892056445>

## BUSINESS NOTES

**How to Gain a Professional Edge by Sue Morem**  
[www.careerknowhow.com/ask\\_sue/profedge.htm](http://www.careerknowhow.com/ask_sue/profedge.htm)

**Words. Words. Words.** by Nan S. Russell  
[www.careerknowhow.com/improvement/words.htm](http://www.careerknowhow.com/improvement/words.htm)

**Career Networking Do's and Don'ts** by Katharine Hansen, Ph.D.  
[www.quintcareers.com/networking-dos-donts.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/networking-dos-donts.html)

**The ABCs of Networking – You Can't Excel Without Them!**  
by Daisy Wright, CDPC, BA, CPS. <http://tinyurl.com/y9qt2dg>

## EDUCATION HIGHWAY

**October 3, 2009 Fond du Lac, Wisconsin** - The Circle of Change, exploration of women's stories of change as gleaned through Navajo myth of Changing Woman. Workshop is lead by Midge Miles, storyteller and personal growth facilitator, 9:00 - 12:00. Cost:\$20. Sponsored by Center-to-Be, [www.centertobe.org](http://www.centertobe.org) . For information contact [midge.miles@att.net](mailto:midge.miles@att.net)

**October 17, 2009 – New London, New Hampshire** - 1st Annual Granite State Storytelling Festival, featuring Odds Bodkin. Four venues 28 storytellers – For more information contact [phillipstale@comcast.net](mailto:phillipstale@comcast.net)

**October 21, 2009 Des Moines, Iowa** - Do Tell That Story Any Way It Works Maureen Korte, Patricia Coffie, and Duffy deFrance will present the versatility of story along with tried and true techniques for use with folk tales, personal stories, and props. Cost \$45 includes lunch. Contact: [maemaude@webiowaplus.net](mailto:maemaude@webiowaplus.net) for details.

**October 30, 2009 - November 1, 2009** - Adirondacks, New York - An opportunity to work on your work with Regi Carpenter, Karen Glass and other storytellers in a cozy cabin to work on whatever your heart and career desires. \$50.00 fee includes all food and lodging. For more information contact Regi at [soaringstories@gmail.com](mailto:soaringstories@gmail.com)

**November 7, 2009 Urbana, Illinois** – Stories: An Educator's Secret Weapon with Kevin Strauss at the Anita Purves Nature Center 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. \$30 C-U Storytelling Guild Members/\$45 non-members. Information: Kim Sheahan 309-928-9452 or [kimtales@mchsi.com](mailto:kimtales@mchsi.com)

**November 7, 2009 Fond du Lac, Wisconsin** - Midge Miles, storyteller and personal growth facilitator, leads It's The Holidays-Are You Already Running on Empty? A Workshop For Those Who Do Too Much, 9:00 to 3:00. Cost \$45. Lunch included. Sponsored by Fond du Lac Center for Spirituality and Healing, [www.fsch.org](http://www.fsch.org). For more information contact [midge.miles@att.net](mailto:midge.miles@att.net)

**November 13 - 15, 2009 Willard, Wisconsin** - Turn, Turn, Turn, retreat for women on archetypal themes of change and transformation revealed through 3 sacred stories from myth, folk and fairy tale. Retreat is led by Midge Miles, storyteller and personal growth facilitator. Cost: \$150 plus meals and lodging. Sponsored by the Christine Center, [www.christinecenter.org](http://www.christinecenter.org). For information contact [midge.miles@att.net](mailto:midge.miles@att.net)

**January 29 - February 1, 2010 Brattleboro, Vermont** - Springboards for Stories with Jackson Gillman in the inspiring setting of Rudyard Kipling's historic home. The goal is to help individuals develop stories by doing some exploratory mining of personal experiences, and consider ways to refine, polish and share those nuggets. Each session is open to 5-7 people. Email [jxsong@comcast.net](mailto:jxsong@comcast.net) with any questions, or for more details go to: [www.jacksongillman.com/workshops.html](http://www.jacksongillman.com/workshops.html)

## SOMETHING EXTRA

October is Health Literacy Month– A time of raising awareness about health literacy and ways to improve understanding. In the past Health Literacy Month centered on awareness-raising events hosted by organizations and community collaborations across the U.S. and around the world. This year, Health Literacy Consulting decided to take a different approach and focus on stories of why health literacy matters to health-care providers, policy makers, patients, families, and others who care about understanding health.

Throughout October, podcasts, songs, story posts, and photo galleries celebrating the theme Finding the Right Words for Better Health will be shared on the Health Literacy Month website at <http://www.healthliteracymonth.org>



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