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*N.C. Storyfest proudly presents the Fifth Annual*

*in the Heart of Carolina*

**Saturday  
May 16, 2009**



Welcome to the fifth annual Greensboro StoryFest, presented by NC Storyfest, Inc. and its sustaining sponsors: the Greensboro Public Library, City Arts/Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Greensboro, the North Carolina Storytelling Guild, and Downtown Greensboro, Inc. with strong support from sponsors and donors for this event. We hope you enjoy this celebration of the human spirit in story and song featuring outstanding storytellers from across North Carolina.

## FRIDAY PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

### Children's Stories

with Ron Jones

3:30 p.m.

Greensboro Children's Museum

### Reception and Festival Preview

Sponsors, Special Guests,  
Performers and Volunteers

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Greensboro Historical Museum

# SATURDAY: FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

## GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY ON SITE REGISTRATION

<b>Session A:</b>	<b>9:45-11:00</b>	<i>Creating Character Sketches</i>	<b>Charlotte Ross</b>
		<i>Thinking on Your Feet without Falling on your Face</i>	<b>Priscilla Best</b>
<b>Session B:</b>	<b>11:15-12:30</b>	<i>Walking Around Inside Our Memories</i>	<b>Donald Davis</b>
		<i>Bringing Huck Finn to Life</i>	<b>Marvin Cole</b>

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## FESTIVAL

### Pre-Show - Main Stage One

Emcee: Charlotte Hamlin      Guest Emcee: Sandra Hughes  
Charlley Ward      Sandra Hughes      Terry Rollins  
Trish Dumser      Cynthia Moore Brown

#### MAIN STAGE ONE

Clear: Festival Park Stage  
Rain: Nussbaum Rm. Library

#### MAIN STAGE TWO

Clear and Rain:  
Music Hall, Cultural Center

#### STAGE THREE

See locations below

#### Session One: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Emcee: Terry Rollins  
**Charlotte Ross**  
**Donald Davis**

Emcee: Trish Dumser  
**Priscilla Best**  
**Marvin Cole**

*Children's Program*  
Clear: Tent by the Patio  
Rain: Library Atrium  
Emcee: Rusty Boaeuf  
**Ron Jones**

#### Session Two: 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Emcee: Terry Rollins  
**Priscilla Best**  
**Ron Jones**

Emcee: Trish Dumser  
**Marvin Cole**  
**Donald Davis**

*Youth Swapping Ground*  
African American Atelier  
Emcee: Charlley Ward  
**Yaeko Katsuki**  
**Youth Tellers**

#### Session Three: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Emcee: Trish Dumser  
**Ron Jones**  
**Donald Davis**

Emcee: Terry Rollins  
**Marvin Cole**  
**Charlotte Ross**

*Senior Swapping Ground*  
African American Atelier  
Emcee: Charlotte Hamlin  
**Senior Tellers**

# DONALD DAVIS

Master Storyteller and  
2009 Featured Teller

4:45-6:00 P.M.  
Main Stage One

*Emcee: Cynthia Moore Brown*

## ABOUT OUR PERFORMERS

### HEADLINER

#### **Donald Davis: Ocracoke, NC**

Nationally known Appalachian native Donald Davis draws many of his stories from fairy tales and myths he learned through generations of storytellers. The retired minister is famous for his remarkable accounts of personal and family experiences. Winner of Parents' Choice and Publishers Weekly awards, Donald travels across America sharing hope, humor and inspiration through his storytelling and workshops.

Website: [ddavisstoryteller.com](http://ddavisstoryteller.com)

### FEATURED TELLERS

#### **Priscilla Best: Goldsboro, NC**

A retired teacher, Priscilla Best delights audiences of all ages with her use of participation stories to allow listeners to learn as they listen. A native of Eastern North Carolina, she is best known for her cultural folktales, especially African American tales, chants and poetry. Website: [priscillabest.com](http://priscillabest.com)

#### **Marvin Cole: Candler, NC**

Attired as Mark Twain and giving lectures and humorous presentations in that persona, Marvin Cole brings to life Twain's characters and times at festivals, Elderhostels and on riverboats. A retired college professor and president, Cole also shares personal stories of growing up in an abandoned school house near Asheville. He can be reached at: [samtwain1@aol.com](mailto:samtwain1@aol.com).

#### **Ron Jones: Durham, NC**

Actor, storyteller and media specialist Ron Jones tells traditional and contemporary folktales, fairy tales and bilingual stories interspersed with songs. A storyteller for more than 30 years, he credits his love for the craft to growing up on a dairy farm and listening to his grandmother's stories. Website: [rijones.com](http://rijones.com)

#### **Charlotte Ross: Boone, NC**

A ninth generation storyteller from the Georgia mountains, Charlotte Ross has collected and composed into story more than 3,400 original tales and legends of Appalachia. An nationally known anthropologist, playwright and folklorist, she is on the faculty at Appalachian State University. She can be reached at [rossct@appstate.edu](mailto:rossct@appstate.edu).

### SPECIAL GUESTS

#### **Sandra Hughes: Greensboro, NC**

Well known as local news anchor at WFMY-TV for many years, Sandra Hughes is becoming known across the Triad as a highly polished storyteller. As a child, she learned stories from her grandparents growing up on a sharecropper's farm in Durham County. She enjoys sharing personal stories that bring smiles and a touch of nostalgia to listeners. She can be reached at [shughes18@yahoo.com](mailto:shughes18@yahoo.com)

#### **Yaeko Katsuki: High Point, NC**

A native of Tokyo, Japan where she was a teacher and storyteller, Yaeko Katsuki has delighted audiences at StoryFest and in local schools for several years with her dramatic and costumed retelling of classic Japanese folktales and legends. She can be reached at [candle\\_yae.2009@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:candle_yae.2009@yahoo.co.jp).

## EMCEE/TELLERS

### **Rusty Boaeuf: Greensboro, NC**

Specializing in Christian stories, and stories of the old West, out of the headlines and flatlander tales, Rusty is a former journalist and marketing consultant turned storyteller from Florida who moved to Greensboro several years ago. He played a leadership role in festival planning in the Tampa area and has been actively involved with Greensboro StoryFest since its inception. He can be reached at [newsman@bellsouth.net](mailto:newsman@bellsouth.net)."

### **Cynthia Moore Brown: Greensboro, NC**

Best known in the Triad for her "Ghost Stories from the Graveyard" performances around Halloween and as "Mrs. Santa," Cynthia Moore Brown is well-known across the region as storyteller, teacher, television personality. She co-founded the N.C. Storytelling Guild, served as its president and is on the NC Storyfest, Inc. board.

Website: [www.folkteller.com](http://www.folkteller.com)

### **Trish Dumser: Cornelius, NC**

A native of New York and former high school teacher, Trish Dumser has been a storyteller for a number of years and is well known for her Irish folk tales and legends. She uses stories to educate, entertain, amuse and inspire listeners of all ages. She can be reached at [trishdnc@aol.com](mailto:trishdnc@aol.com).

### **Charlotte Hamlin: Greensboro, NC**

Having told stories throughout her life in her career as a teacher, diversity trainer, organizational consultant and college administrator, Charlotte Hamlin became a storyteller after her retirement from Guilford College. She is currently President of NC Storyfest, Inc.

Website: [www.charlottewebspinner.com](http://www.charlottewebspinner.com).

### **Terry Rollins: Bath, NC**

"Bard Elf" well describes entertaining teller and North Carolina native Terry Rollins who grew up in a family where storytelling was a way of life. A media specialist who has widely performed across the state as a teller and emcee, he is a co-founder and past president of NC Storytelling Guild. He can be contacted at [bardelf@gmail.com](mailto:bardelf@gmail.com)

### **Charley Ward: Greensboro, NC**

Teacher, guitarist, singer, storyteller Charley Ward teaches drama and storytelling at Penn Griffin School for the Arts in High Point where he encourages youth to share their stories. In past years, he has introduced a number of youth tellers to StoryFest audiences as well as shared his own stories and songs. He can be reached at [charleyw@aol.com](mailto:charleyw@aol.com).

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