

Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association

Celebrating storytelling as the greatest natural resource of Southern Appalachia

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A GIFT OF STORIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON DECEMBER 20

Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association Employs the Telling of Stories to Celebrate the Season

MARYVILLE, Tennessee: Telling traditional stories and giving gifts is central to celebration of the December holidays for people of multiple cultures and traditions. Smoky mountain storytellers Roland Mote, Stephen Fulbright, and Susan Fulbright will combine the two by offering a gift of stories on December 20 at Vienna Coffee House located at 212 College Street in Maryville. All are invited to enjoy the free event which will begin at 6:00 pm and continue until about 7:30. In addition to enjoying the stories, the Vienna Coffee House always makes available an array of beverages, sandwiches and other treats. Plus, there is plenty of free parking in the area.

Roland Mote, Stephen Fulbright, and Susan Fulbright are each experienced and gifted tellers of stories. Roland's stories draw upon the peculiarities and earthy humor gleaned from his family's oral history, 70 plus year association with rural life, and "just something heard somewhere." Stephen's repertoire includes traditional tales and personal narratives drawn from a wide array of experiences in both Texas and East Tennessee. Susan's stories draw upon traditional tales from around the world, historical characters and events, and her personal narratives. In addition, she might just tell an out and out lie.

The Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 and is devoted to preserving and advancing the art of oral storytelling. Members are folks who love telling, listening to, and rejoicing in a rich heritage of stories. There is a multitude of telling styles and genres among members. Traditional Appalachian tales, classical stories from foreign lands, contemporary fiction, and personal narratives are

among the narratives shared as each story unfolds. For more information about the Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association and its events, visit smokymountaintellers.org.

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