

Inviting the Wolf In: Thinking about Difficult Stories

A workshop with master storytellers

Loren Niemi & Elizabeth Ellis

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Sponsored by Storytellers of New Mexico



What: A workshop about what difficult stories are, why we must tell them and how to do it truthfully, artfully and consciously.

For Whom: This workshop is for storytellers, writers, ministers, therapists, lawyers, social workers or anyone who has a need to work with stories that are hard to hear and harder to tell.

Whether you have a particular story you want to work on or want to explore the power of personal or traditional stories to make the complex understandable and the human touching, this hands-on workshop can help you.

Time: 6-9 PM Friday, November 5th; 10-5, Saturday, November 6th, 7-9 pm Evening Concert

Location: Albuquerque Friends Meeting House, 1600 5th St., NW, Albuquerque, NM

Covid-19: All participants must be vaccinated against Covid-19, to increase safety for all.

Presenters: Elizabeth Ellis and Loren Niemi have each worked with and told these kinds of stories for over 40 years. Content from their critically acclaimed book, *Inviting the Wolf In - Thinking About Difficult Stories*, is reflected in the workshop's content. Books will be available for purchase.

Workshop Goals:

- * Understanding what difficult (traditional, historical, personal) stories are
- * The value of hearing them without blame or shame
- * Appreciating why we must tell them
- * How to tell them artfully, truthfully and consciously

Registration & Stipend Information:

- * Limited to 12 participants maximum
- * **Full tuition:** \$200 per person
- * **Pay as Led:** Stipends of up to \$100 for STNM members, and of up to \$70 for non-STNM Members until stipend funds are expended (\$1,000 maximum provided by STNM). First come, first served.
- * **Pre-registration required by Oct. 22:** Send an email request to: info@storytellersofnewmexico.org



About our Presenters:

Elizabeth Ellis (born 1943) is an American storyteller and author known for her live performances of traditional tales, literature, Texas and Appalachian history and folklore, and personal memoir. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award in 2013 by the National Storytelling Network and is a regular performer at the National Storytelling Festival, a Storyteller-In-Residence at the International Storytelling Center and the first recipient of the John Henry Faulk Award from the Tejas Storytelling Association. Elizabeth is the author of *From Plot to Narrative*, an award-winning hand book for the creation of stronger and more engaging stories, and *Every Day a Holiday*, a collection of some of her popular personal stories. In 2013 the National Storytelling Network honored her with its Lifetime Achievement Award. A mother and grandmother, she makes her home in Dallas, Texas. Her website is www.elizabethellis.com.

Loren Niemi is a storyteller and poet with over 40 years of creating, performing, teaching and writing about what it means to be human. His book of collected and original ghost stories *What Haunts Us* won a 2020 Midwest Book Award for “Sci-fi / Fantasy / Horror / Paranormal” fiction. It joins two poetry chapbooks, *Vote Coyote!* and *Coyote Flies Coach,* as well as the award winning *The New Book of Plots* on the uses of oral and written narratives and its companion *Point of View and the Emotion Arc of Stories* (co-authored with Nancy Donoval). He is a 2016 recipient of the National Storytelling Network’s **Lifetime Achievement Award** and twice served as the Chair of NSN’s Board of Directors For more: www.lorenNiemistories.com