



**steeped in Stories**



**SIS**

### MISSION STATEMENT

We recognize that storytelling is the history of our lives. Our mission is to create an environment in which the sharing of life tales, oral history, and make believe is encouraged. **Steeped in Stories** will foster the growth of the imagination by expanding all the possibilities that the spoken word allows. We will stimulate good storytellers to be great storytellers.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 10, 2014

REJOTI PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR SIS MEMBERS

SEE ATTACHED FLYER

### Featured Storyteller Julie Della Torre



Julie Della Torre is an established storyteller in the Metropolitan area. Her list of performances include The Hans Christian Anderson Statue in Central Park, Wave Hill, Sunnyside Historic Site, N.J. Botanical Garden and the Newark Museum. She has delighted audiences both young and old with her storytelling treasures. Be prepared for enter the enchanted land of story.

### “MATTIE TWO BRAIDS”

A one act, One woman play written and produced by Veona Thomas



Portrayed by Patricia Fields

A one-act, one woman play that dramatizes the strength and determination of a 19<sup>th</sup> century African-American women, who made her exodus from enslavement in the South and headed West, instead of North. She also reveals the blood connection between Native Americans and African-Americans.

### Montclair Channel 34 TV

**SIS** member, Dolores Davis, executive producer of The Family Story Hour, has taken storytelling in the Montclair Community to a new level. The initial storytelling program was presented by Davis as a part of the Senior TV series entitled "News and Views." On that show NJ Storytelling Guild founder, world renown storyteller and Montclair resident, Gerald Fierst discussed storytelling with host, Dolores Davis and fellow storyteller, co-founder of SIS, Shirley Johnson. The program now has its own spin off, "**Family Storytelling Hour**," showing at 2:00 PM weekdays on cable channel 34 in Montclair. If you are not a Montclair resident, you may view the show on the website



<http://www.montclairnjusa.org>.

Other featured tellers have been, Owasu, Marcia Almeida, Jack McKeon, and Veona Thomas. Anyone interested in telling on this series may contact Shirley Johnson at [sankofastories@aol.com](mailto:sankofastories@aol.com)

May's featured tellers are Judy England McCarthy and Veona Thomas.

Judy England McCarthy is a member of both the Lehigh Valley and New Jersey Storytelling Guilds. She has performed for the NJ Storytelling Festival at the Grounds for Sculpture and for children's groups, libraries and churches.

Veona Thomas offers a wide array of possibilities for storytelling arts. Her storytelling performances include multicultural folktales from Africa, the Caribbean and all around the world. Veona's tales have moral, educational, spiritual and entertainment value.

## Pre Mother's Day STORY SLAM

SATURDAY, May 10, 2014

10:00am-1:00pm

St Paul's Auditorium

116 Church St

Teaneck, NJ

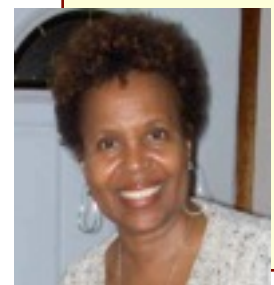
Join fellow storytellers sharing stories about mom or mother figures. Prizes will be given to those who have best adhered to the following guidelines:

- No more than 5 min, in length
- Must follow story format (beg. mid. end)
- Stories must be told not read
- stories must relate to the theme of mothers, motherhood, or mother figure in some way
- Story should be of interest to listeners

### Also telling on May 10th



**Julie Sibbald**



**Vicki Bryan**

\*\*\*\*\*Special added attractions will be a serenade by **Timothy D. Thomas** and an instrumental performance by **Lillian McKnight**. \*\*\*\*\*

**Attention:**

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Interest: Check all that apply  
 Storyteller  Story Lover  
 Story Writer  Other

***\$30.00 annual membership –  
 send check or money order  
 payable to Rejoti Productions.***

***REJOTI, PO Box 721, Teaneck,  
 NJ 07666***

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**“Steeped In Stories” members**

The fiscal year began January 2014. Dues are \$30 annually and allow you FREE access to story swaps, newsletters, special discounts and MOST workshops. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send a check to REJOTI Productions, P O Box 721, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

If you have paid your dues and have not received your membership card, please email us and let us know.

Your current membership card will allow a discount on the May 10<sup>th</sup> pre Mother’s Day Celebration.

**Veona Thomas**



**Book Corner:**

Wright, Johnathan Hammer. Team Up! Tell In Tandem!: A "How To" Guide from Experienced Tandem Storytellers

Morris, Matt. The Storytelling Method

MacDonald, Margaret Read. Five Minute Tales: More Stories Read and Tell When Time is Short



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**Calendar**

**Thurs. April 24th, 7PM, MOTH, “Leftovers”** HW Book Store, 126 Crosby Street NYC \$16  
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**Tues. April 28th, 7PM, MOTH, “Climbers”** The Bitter End, 147 Bleeker St. NYC \$16  
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**Sun. May 4th 7PM - WORKSHOP Storytelling as Therapy led by Simcha Willick** NJ Storytelling Guild, 176 Cooper Ave. Montclair, NJ. \$10. non-members  
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**Tues. May 6,** Folks Tell’n Tales, Sister’s Uptown Bookstore and Cultural Center. **Awarri Africa Strategy, Guest Historian ,Oba** For info call 212.862.3680 \$10.  
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**Sat. May 10th 10AM - 1PM A Mother’s Day Celebration.** A Rejoti Production, \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. See attached flyer.  
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**May 12-14 ANNUAL STORYTELLING RETREAT ,** African Folk Heritage Circle, Shawnee PA. for more information call 212-807-1570 or 212-568-1645  
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**Tues. June 3rd . JUNETEENTH JUBILEE ,** Sister’s Uptown Bookstore and Cultural Center. For info call 212-862-3680 \$10.