

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

	Courthouse Tent	Tent on the Hill	Creekside Tent	College Street Tent	Library Tent*	Storytelling Theatre
10:00–11:00	Bil Lepp Ingrid Nixon		Antonio Rocha Donna Washington	Andy Offutt Irwin Will Hornyak	FAMILY Donald Davis Amy Bluemel	
11:30–12:30	Elizabeth Ellis Donna Washington		Brigid & Johnny Reedy Daniel Morden	Josh Goforth Ingrid Nixon	FAMILY Bil Lepp Eth-Noh-Tec	
1:00–2:00	Will Hornyak Donald Davis	Antonio Rocha <i>Wild Stories</i> <i>Tales of travel and adventure from a globe-trotting storyteller.</i>	Pippa White Andy Offutt Irwin	Jennifer Munro Robert B. Jones, Sr.	FAMILY Kelly Campos Bill Harley	
2:30–3:30	Josh Goforth Amy Bluemel		Jennifer Munro Bill Harley	Kelly Campos Donald Davis	FAMILY Donna Washington Brigid & Johnny Reedy	ISC THEATRE Regina Stoops & Paula Gordon Lepp <i>Trials, Tenacity, and Tender Mercies</i> Free with Festival Swatch See description p. 5
4:00–5:00	Robert B. Jones, Sr. Pippa White	Eth-Noh-Tec Ingrid Nixon	Elizabeth Ellis Will Hornyak	Bil Lepp Brigid & Johnny Reedy	FAMILY Daniel Morden Andy Offutt Irwin	JACKSON THEATRE Joe Pfeifer <i>A Memoir of 9/11</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
5:30–7:00			EXCHANGE PLACE • College St. Tent • 5:30 pm See description p. 8 Jane Dorfman, Yasu Ishida, Errol McLendon, Naomi Faw, Rajesh Mirchandani, Kona Morris			
7:30	Olio Daniel Morden Pippa White Eth-Noh-Tec Donna Washington Bil Lepp Amy Bluemel Brigid & Johnny Reedy Bill Harley	Location: Mill Spring Park GHOST STORIES 7:30 pm Connie Regan-Blake Tim Lowry Ingrid Nixon Kelly Campos Daniel Morden *Separate ticket required	Olio Bill Harley Amy Bluemel Donald Davis Brigid & Johnny Reedy Andy Offutt Irwin Eth-Noh-Tec Donna Washington Bil Lepp	Olio Andy Offutt Irwin Kelly Campos Antonio Rocha Josh Goforth Robert B. Jones, Sr. Jennifer Munro Will Hornyak Donald Davis	Olio Ingrid Nixon Robert B. Jones, Sr. Jennifer Munro Will Hornyak Elizabeth Ellis Pippa White Antonio Rocha Josh Goforth	
9:30	AFTER HOURS • Minton Sparks & John Jackson • Jackson Theatre • 9:30 pm Separate ticket required; see description p. 6					

SATURDAY • 10 AM • COURTHOUSE TENT
Robert B. Jones, Sr. • *The History of Music and the Music of History* • A musical survey of the songs, sounds, and stories that have shaped our history—and what they reveal about who we are and how we connect with each other.

SATURDAY • 10 AM • TENT ON THE HILL
Jennifer Munro • *A Tale of Two Warriors* • A stirring piece about Munro's sister, paired with a deeply personal story that weaves one of her own experiences into the timeless journey of The Odyssey.

SATURDAY • 10 AM • CREEKSIDE TENT
Antonio Rocha • *The Malaga Ship: A Story of Maine and The Middle Passage* • A tour de force of voice, movement, song, and storytelling, Antonio brings the Malaga to life in this poetic historical tale told largely from the ship's perspective. The story confronts the devastating reality and lasting impact of the slave trade while revealing a deeply personal connection: the Malaga sailed to Rio de Janeiro in 1845, more than a century before Antonio was raised there in a biracial family.

SATURDAY • 10 AM • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Pippa White • *Truth is Stranger than Fiction: Stories from the Titanic* • True stories of ship survivors—harrowing, surprising, and sometimes unbelievable. This is history brought vividly to life!

SATURDAY • 10 AM • LIBRARY TENT
Bil Lepp • *Skeeter's Free-Range-Chicken-Egg-Yolk-Or* ange-One-Piece Bathing Suit* • A tale as outrageous as its title, proving once again that with enough imagination, ingenuity, and bad judgment, just about anything can happen.

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • COURTHOUSE TENT
Donald Davis • *Our Stories Tell Us Who We Are* • Donald shares stories of family and friends, reminding us that the stories we tell about the people we love often reveal something about ourselves.

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • TENT ON THE HILL
Will Hornyak • *Lost and Found in Peru: Tales from a Reporter's Notebook* • From the Andes to the Amazon, Hornyak shares stories of history, people, politics, landscapes, and journeys—across South America and within himself.

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • CREEKSIDE TENT
Ingrid Nixon • *Shackleton's Endurance: Antarctica's Greatest Survival Story* • When Sir Ernest Shackleton attempted to be the first to cross the Antarctic continent starting in 1914, things went terribly wrong. What unfolded is an epic tale of leadership and courage against almost impossible odds. If it were fiction, it would be over the top!

*American Sign Language Interpreters

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

	Courthouse Tent	Tent on the Hill	Creekside Tent	College Street Tent	Library Tent*	THEATER SHOWS
10:00–11:00	Robert B. Jones, Sr. <i>The History of Music and the Music of History</i> See description on p. 14	Jennifer Munro <i>A Tale of Two Warriors</i> See description on p. 14	Antonio Rocha <i>The Malaga Ship: A Story of Maine and The Middle Passage</i> See description on p. 14	Pippa White <i>Truth is Stranger than Fiction: Stories from the Titanic</i> See description on p. 14	Bil Lepp <i>Skeeter's Free-Range-Chicken-Egg-Yolk-Orange-One-Piece Bathing Suit</i> See description on p. 14	JACKSON THEATRE Kevin Kling <i>The Long Road Home</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
11:30–12:30	Donald Davis <i>Our Stories Tell Us Who We Are</i> See description on p. 14	Will Hornyak <i>Lost and Found in Peru: Tales from a Reporter's Notebook</i> See description on p. 14	Ingrid Nixon <i>Shackleton's Endurance: Antarctica's Greatest Survival Story</i> See description on p. 14	Andy Offutt Irwin <i>Free The Imprisoned Lightning</i> See description to right	Donna Washington <i>When Al Came To Visit</i> See description to right	JACKSON THEATRE Joe Pfeifer <i>A Memoir of 9/11</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
1:00–2:00	Elizabeth Ellis <i>Tougher Than Woodpecker Lips: Aging's Not for Weaklings</i> Elizabeth shares personal stories that reflect on aging—gracefully or otherwise!	Kelly Campos <i>Lyrics & Legends</i> Explore the emotional landscape through the intimacy of storytelling and the transformative power of music.	Eth-Noh-Tec <i>The Lure of Lore and More: Stories from the Far East and Far West</i> See description to right Ages 12 and up (Language)	Daniel Morden <i>The Thief's Tale</i> See description to right Ages 12 and up.	Josh Goforth <i>Music and Stories of the Southern Appalachians</i> See description to right	ISC THEATRE Cory Howard <i>Campfireball</i> Free with Festival Swatch See description p. 5
2:30–3:30	Brigid & Johnny Reedy <i>Miles to Go</i> See description to right	Amy Bluemel <i>Stories from Nature</i> See description to right	Jennifer Munro <i>The Magic of Friendship</i> See description to right	Ingrid Nixon <i>Wild Coexistence</i> See description on p. 16	Donald Davis <i>People I've Known</i> Donald remembers remarkable people from his past, reminding us how those who touch our lives live on through stories.	ISC THEATRE Storytelling Studio with Elizabeth Ellis <i>S is for Story. S is for Sacred.</i> Ticket required See description p. 5
4:00–5:00	Andy Offutt Irwin <i>Undeniable Ghosts</i> See description on p. 16	Warriors Speak® <i>The Power of Authentic Storytelling</i> See description on p. 16 	Donna Washington <i>Respect the Hags!</i> Fractured folk and fairy tales told from the point of view of the women who have long been labeled "witch."	Bil Lepp <i>Some Old, Some New, All Funny, Nothing True</i> See description on p. 16	Pippa White <i>Voices from Ellis Island</i> See description on p. 16	JACKSON THEATRE Bill Harley with Cathy Glasper-Torch <i>An Iliad</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
5:30–6:30			Creekside Tent • 5:30 pm Common Ground See description on p. 7		Yarnspinnners' Party Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall • 5–7 pm Separate Ticket Required; see description p. 5	
7:30 Showcase	<i>Family Ties</i> Will Hornyak Elizabeth Ellis Jennifer Munro Bil Lepp	Location: Mill Spring Park GHOST STORIES 7:30 pm Tim Lowry Connie Regan-Blake Donna Washington Amy Bluemel Daniel Morden *Separate ticket required		<i>Once Upon a Song</i> Brigid & Johnny Reedy Robert B. Jones, Sr Andy Offutt Irwin Josh Goforth		
9:30	AFTER HOURS • Minton Sparks & John Jackson • Jackson Theatre • 9:30 pm • Separate ticket required; see description p. 6					

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Andy Offutt Irwin • *Free The Imprisoned Lightning* - Andy shares the patriotic tale of his Great-Great Uncle Leopold Mendelssohn, a German Jewish immigrant who journeys in his Model T truck from Manhattan's Lower East Side to the Deep South, where he makes a new home. A man of constant and deep wit, Leo passes his love of the Statue of Liberty—or, Liberty Enlightening the World, her proper name—down through the generations, including to his favorite little girl, who grows up to become Andy's Aunt Marguerite.

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • LIBRARY TENT
Donna Washington • *When Al Came To Visit* - Donna shares the journey she and her mother took after her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's—a deeply personal story of love, change, and finding a way forward together.

SATURDAY • 1 PM • CREEKSIDE TENT
Eth-Noh-Tec • *The Lure of Lore and More: Stories from the Far East and Far West* - Eth-Noh-Tec weaves cultural folktales and personal stories from East and West to explore the old world traditions we carry with us and a new culture we call America. Through story, we discover the shared humanity connecting our yesterdays and today. Ages 12 and up (Language)

SATURDAY • 1 PM • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Daniel Morden • *The Thief's Tale* - A thrilling Celtic adventure brimming with monsters, madness, and mayhem. Once a hero, Conall has left his thieving days behind—until three strangers arrive with a tempting proposition for one last job. What could possibly go wrong? The Thief's Tale is a darkly comic journey into the power of a great tale, well told. Ages 12 and up.

SATURDAY • 1 PM • LIBRARY TENT
Josh Goforth • *Music and Stories of the Southern Appalachians* - Goforth brings Appalachian traditions to life through music and stories rooted in the people, places, humor, and history of these mountains.

SATURDAY • 2:30 PM • COURTHOUSE TENT
Brigid & Johnny Reedy • *Miles to Go* - Ride with Brigid & Johnny through an hour of songs, stories, and poems of the American West and beyond. From the saddle to the high seas, from traditional to original, they create a rich and eclectic artistic landscape unified by their strong sense of place.

SATURDAY • 2:30 PM • TENT ON THE HILL
Amy Bluemel • *Stories from Nature* - Discover why animals look and behave as they do—and which clever tricksters you'll want to keep an eye on!

SATURDAY • 2:30 PM • CREEKSIDE TENT
Jennifer Munro • *The Magic of Friendship* - Two stories celebrating the extraordinary magic of female friendship—one drawn from Munro's early childhood, and the other from a more recent, deep and lasting connection that transcended the need for words.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

	Courthouse Tent	College Street	Library Tent*	Theatre
10:00–11:00	SACRED TELLING Will Hornyak Andy Offutt Irwin Amy Bluemel Bil Lepp	SACRED TELLING Antonio Rocha Robert B. Jones, Sr. Pippa White Donald Davis	SACRED TELLING Elizabeth Ellis Daniel Morden Ingrid Nixon Josh Goforth	ISC THEATRE Regina Stoops & Paula Gordon Lepp <i>Trials, Tenacity, and Tender Mercies</i> Free with Festival Swatch See description p. 5
11:30–12:30	Bill Harley <i>Old, New, Borrowed & Ridiculous</i> See description below	Jennifer Munro Kelly Campos	Antonio Rocha Eth-Noh-Tec	ISC THEATRE Storytelling Studio with Donald Davis <i>A Few More Relatives</i> Ticket required See description p. 5
1:00–2:00	Brigid & Jonny Reedy Josh Goforth	Robert B. Jones, Sr. <i>Crazy in Alabama</i> The story of how Robert's family visits to Alabama changed his perception of America and its people.	Amy Bluemel Bil Lepp	ISC THEATRE Megan Wells <i>An Afternoon with Eliza Hamilton</i> Ticket required See description p. 5
2:30	Andy Offutt Irwin Eth-Noh-Tec Donald Davis Jennifer Munro Pippa White Brigid & Johnny Reedy Daniel Morden Josh Goforth	Bill Harley Daniel Morden Josh Goforth Elizabeth Ellis Amy Bluemel Andy Offutt Irwin Eth-Noh-Tec Bil Lepp	Brigid & Johnny Reedy Kelly Campos Bil Lepp Ingrid Nixon Robert B. Jones, Sr. Will Hornyak Donna Washington Donald Davis	

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SATURDAY · 2:30 PM · COLLEGE STREET TENT

Ingrid Nixon · *Wild Coexistence* · Encounters with wild animals may fill us with fear or fill us with awe, and they might help us discover something more. Join former National Park Service ranger, Ingrid Nixon, for stories of surprising alliances that explore what it is to be wild and what it means to be human.

SATURDAY · 4 PM · COURTHOUSE TENT

Andy Offutt Irwin · *Undeniable Ghosts* · Andy doesn't tell ghost stories, but he and his Aunt Marguerite have created situations where their friends, their families, and even entire communities know that the ghosts are undoubtedly real!

SATURDAY · 4 PM · TENT ON THE HILL

Warriors Speak™ · *The Power of Authentic Storytelling* · What happens when we give powerful experiences a voice? Join three warriors and one Gold Star mother from Wounded Warrior Project for true stories of service, sacrifice, and recovery as we explore the remarkable power stories hold to create connection, foster healing, and transform both the storyteller and the listener.

SATURDAY · 4 PM · COLLEGE STREET TENT

Bil Lepp · *Some Old, Some New, All Funny, Nothing True* · You know better than to believe everything Bil tells you—but that won't stop you from enjoying every word.

SATURDAY · 4 PM · LIBRARY TENT

Pippa White · *Voices from Ellis Island* · The Gateway to America. The Front Door to Freedom. The Island of Tears. From 1890 to 1930, Ellis Island was the first American experience for millions of immigrants. Their stories are amusing, frightening, inspiring, and all true.

SUNDAY · 11:30 AM · COURTHOUSE TENT

Bill Harley · *Old, New, Borrowed & Ridiculous* · Fifty years of songs and stories in one hour! Bill shares old favorites, new takes, humor, and insight in his neverending search for common ground.

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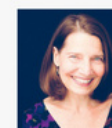
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