

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

TENT SPONSOR



	Courthouse Tent	Tent on the Hill	Creekside Tent	College Street Tent	Library Tent
10:00–11:00	Regi Carpenter Donald Davis	Eth-Noh-Tec Donna Washington	Antonio Rocha Andy Offutt Irwin	Sam Payne Bil Lepp	FAMILY SHOWCASE* Tim Tingle Barbara McBride-Smith
11:30–12:30	Simon Brooks Laura Simms	Mara Menzies Tim Tingle	Donna Washington Minton Sparks	Pippa White Josh Goforth	FAMILY SHOWCASE* Carolina Quiroga-Stultz Bil Lepp
1:00–2:00	Sam Payne Barbara McBride-Smith	Regi Carpenter <i>Snap!</i> <i>The true story of a 16 year-old girl's descent into mental illness, her commitment to a state mental hospital, and her journey back to reality and freedom. Content appropriate for teens and adults.</i>	Antonio Rocha <i>Perceptions: Wild Stories from my Brazilian Childhood</i> <i>Welcome to Rocha's wild Latino upbringing featuring a witch as his next door neighbor and an uncle with a pet alligator.</i>	Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. Andy Offutt Irwin	FAMILY SHOWCASE* Special appearance by Isabella Callery* Donald Davis <small>*See page 9</small>
2:30–3:30	Minton Sparks Tim Tingle	Laura Simms <i>Unlocking Nine Locks</i> <i>See description at right</i>	Carolina Quiroga-Stultz Josh Goforth	Pippa White Donald Davis	FAMILY SHOWCASE* Mara Menzies Eth-Noh-Tec
4:00–5:00	Mara Menzies Bil Lepp		Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. <i>Alabama Stories</i> <i>See description at right</i>	Simon Brooks Barbara McBride-Smith	FAMILY SHOWCASE* Donna Washington Andy Offutt Irwin
5:30–7:00	EXCHANGE PLACE • COLLEGE ST. TENT 5:30 to 7:00 • Rosemerry Trommer, Sam Gleaves, Lynn Ruelhmann, Karin Amano, Jeff Doyle, Ray Christian (See description on page 12)				
8:00	Olio Donald Davis Minton Sparks Carolina Quiroga-Stultz Tim Tingle Josh Goforth Donna Washington Simon Brooks Andy Offutt Irwin	LOCATION: MILL SPRING PARK GHOST STORIES <small>See description on page 11</small> Charlotte Blake Alston Dan Keding Laura Simms Mara Menzies Regi Carpenter <small>Separate Ticket Required</small>	Olio Josh Goforth Mara Menzies Donna Washington Simon Brooks Andy Offutt Irwin Carolina Quiroga-Stultz Minton Sparks Donald Davis	Olio Laura Simms Sam Payne Antonio Rocha Pippa White Barbara McBride-Smith Eth-Noh-Tec Tim Tingle Bil Lepp	Olio Regi Carpenter Eth-Noh-Tec Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. Bil Lepp Sam Payne Antonio Rocha Pippa White Barbara McBride-Smith
10:30	MIDNIGHT CABARET • COLLEGE ST. TENT 10:30 • JERRON PAXTON "Joyful Noise and the Lowdown Blues" <small>(See description on page 11) • Separate Ticket Required</small>				

SCHEDULE DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY • 2:30 pm • TENT ON THE HILL
Laura Simms · *Unlocking Nine Locks*
Dynamic combination of personal narrative with global mythology, fairytale and folklore; explores the ancient roots and contemporary repair of rape of all kinds: physical, environmental, and spiritual. For teens and adults. 75 minutes

FRIDAY • 4 pm • CREEKSIDE TENT
Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr · *Alabama Stories*
The Jones family's relationship with their home state of Alabama, beginning with Robert's great-grandfather's experience fighting for his dignity. Exploring issues of race, justice and family.

SATURDAY • 10 am • TENT ON THE HILL
Carolina Quiroga-Stultz · *Tales of Ancient Gods, Kings and Conquistadores* · Legends of Latin America, where gods, kings and conquistadores shaped our cultures' future.

SATURDAY • 10 am • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Andy Offutt Irwin · *Perpetual Calendar*
Aunt Marguerite loves to mark the passage of time. When the local bank removes its perpetual calendar, she feels time itself is taken away.

SATURDAY • 1 pm • COURTHOUSE TENT
Tim Tingle · *From Boarding School to Alcatraz*
The story of Tingle's Choctaw great uncle, Clarence Carnes. He attended Jones Academy Indian Boarding School, where he was mistreated, escaped, and began a life of crime; he became the youngest inmate ever sentenced to Alcatraz Prison, where his life changed.

FRIDAY • 4 pm • ISC THEATER · see p. 20
Gamble Rogers: Down at the Terminal Tavern

SATURDAY • 1 pm • TENT ON THE HILL
Pippa White · *Voices from Ellis Island*
From 1892 to 1930, Ellis Island was the first experience of life in America for millions of immigrants. Join 7 immigrants as they cross the Atlantic and confront unexpected challenges.


FRIDAY • 8:00 pm
STORYTELLING THEATER
Dan Hoyle
Border People
See page 9 • Separate ticket required

SATURDAY • 1 pm • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. · *Lead Belly: An American Legend* · Based on the life and music of Huddie Ledbetter, a singer, musician, storyteller and tradition keeper whose life reflected the struggles of an African American man living between 1888 and 1949.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

 Yoga in the Park
Storytelling Park, behind ISC Saturday & Sunday morning, 8–9 am • See page 20

Courthouse Tent Tent on the Hill Creekside Tent College Street Tent Library Tent

10:00–11:00	Donald Davis	Carolina Quiroga-Stultz <i>Tales of Ancient Gods, Kings and Conquistadores</i> See description on pg 14	Regi Carpenter <i>It's All Going to the Dogs</i> Ill advised adventures of a storyteller	Andy Offutt Irwin <i>Perpetual Calendar</i> See description on pg 14	Josh Goforth*
11:30–12:30	Barbara McBride-Smith <i>Fond Mammeries</i> A light-hearted look at life when you're finally old enough to not care what anybody else thinks.	Mara Menzies <i>Of Magic and Mystery</i> Drawing on her dual Scottish and African heritage, Menzies delves into the worlds of the wee folk, shape shifters and orishas.	Donna Washington <i>Straight Up Folktales</i>	Antonio Rocha <i>I Am An Immigrant: Celebrating 3 Decades in the USA through Stories</i> An immigrant follows his dreams while trying to understand America.	Bil Lepp*
1:00–2:00	Tim Tingle <i>From Boarding School to Alcatraz</i> See description on pg 14	Pippa White <i>Voices from Ellis Island</i> See description on pg 14	Sheila Arnold <i>Freedom Stories</i> See description on pg 9	Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. <i>Lead Belly: An American Legend</i> See description on pg 14	Andy Offutt Irwin* <i>Songs I Have Made Up</i> A collection of old and new songs and the stories behind them.
2:30–3:30	Laura Simms <i>Falling in Love with the World</i> Simms weaves together personal tales with a Sufi fairytale in this performance in praise of the power of innate joy.	Eth-Noh-Tec <i>Red Altar</i> See description at right	Simon Brooks <i>Of Rogues and Rascals</i> See description at right	Donald Davis	Barbara McBride-Smith* <i>Yeese Gods!</i> The myth-adventures on Mt. Olympus may remind you of the hidden hijinks in your own family closet.
4:00–5:00	Bil Lepp <i>Book Report</i> There will be water polo tryouts at the local pool. Life jackets are provided, but you must bring your own horse.	Regi Carpenter <i>Where There's Smoke, There's Dinner</i> Stories of Regi, growing up the youngest daughter in a family of 5 and living in a small town on a big river	Sam Payne <i>One of a Million Stars</i> See description at right	Minton Sparks	Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr.* <i>Three Chords, Five Notes: The Story of America's Music</i> See description at right
5:30–6:30	 Creekside Tent 5:30–6:30 Bad Idea (See description on page 16)				
8:00	LOCATION: MILL SPRING PARK GHOST STORIES See description on page 11 Antonio Rocha Charlotte Blake Alston Simon Brooks Donna Washington Dan Keding Separate Ticket Required		Myth Makers Tim Tingle Eth-Noh-Tec Mara Menzies Laura Simms	Southern Exposure Barbara McBride-Smith Bil Lepp Minton Sparks Josh Goforth	Family Ties Donald Davis Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. Regi Carpenter Andy Offutt Irwin

SATURDAY · 10:00 am
STORYTELLING STUDIO
Peter MacDonald
 The Code Talker
 See page 10 • Separate ticket required **SOLD OUT**

SATURDAY · 11:30 am
STORYTELLING STUDIO
Minton Sparks
 Story Alchemy
 See page 10 • Separate ticket required

SATURDAY · 1 pm · ISC THEATER · see p. 20
Gamble Rogers: Down at the Terminal Tavern

SATURDAY · 2:30 pm · TENT ON THE HILL
Eth-Noh-Tec · *Red Altar* · In a small coastal area along Carmel Bay, six Chinese teenagers in 1850 survive a shipwreck and start the fishing industry despite mounting anti-Chinese violence. This untold American story celebrates courage, inner strength and perseverance.

SATURDAY · 2:30 pm · CREEKSIDE TENT
Simon Brooks · *Of Rogues and Rascals*
 Scamps, scalleywags, and scoundrels abound. Tricksters sometimes have their way, tricky lores get their due, and those in search of luck sometimes come undone!

SATURDAY · 4:00 pm
STORYTELLING STUDIO
Peter MacDonald
 The Code Talker
 See page 10 • Separate ticket required **SOLD OUT**

SATURDAY · 4 pm · CREEKSIDE TENT
Sam Payne · *One of a Million Stars*
 Astronauts on fire, distant rovers, singing soldiers, and young lovers; when the night is dark, sometimes the only light comes from the remembered stories of the ones we come to know as family.

SATURDAY · 4 pm · LIBRARY TENT
Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. · *Three Chords, Five Notes: The Story of America's Music*
 Using a variety of instruments, this story explores the roots of spirituals, worksongs, blues, country, bluegrass, rock and roll, Motown soul and even rap music.

SATURDAY · 8:00 pm
STORYTELLING THEATER
Dan Hoyle · *Border People*
 See page 9 • Separate ticket required

*American Sign Language Interpreters

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

	Courthouse Tent	College Street Tent	Library Tent*	Storytelling Theater
10:00–11:00	SACRED TELLING Carolina Quiroga-Stultz Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. Laura Simms Donald Davis	SACRED TELLING Sam Payne Andy Offutt Irwin Eth-Noh-Tec Barbara McBride-Smith	SACRED TELLING Pippa White Tim Tingle Regi Carpenter Bil Lepp	
11:30–12:30	Tim Tingle Andy Offutt Irwin	Simon Brooks Minton Sparks	Mara Menzies Josh Goforth	STORYELLING STUDIO Donald Davis <i>How They Linger</i> See page 10 • Separate ticket required
1:00–2:00	Eth-Noh-Tec Bil Lepp	Donna Washington Barbara McBride-Smith	Sam Payne Antonio Rocha	ISC THEATER see page 20 <i>Gamble Rogers: Down at the Terminal Tavern</i> (80 min.)
2:30	SHOWCASE Minton Sparks Antonio Rocha Josh Goforth Donald Davis Pippa White Barbara McBride-Smith Mara Menzies Bil Lepp	SHOWCASE Andy Offutt Irwin Simon Brooks Eth-Noh-Tec Donna Washington Minton Sparks Carolina Quiroga-Stultz Josh Goforth Donald Davis	SHOWCASE Barbara McBride-Smith Tim Tingle Sam Payne Bil Lepp Regi Carpenter Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. Laura Simms Andy Offutt Irwin	

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Special thanks to the talented Festival emcees who grace the stages this weekend.



Swappin' Ground at the Schoolhouse

Friday, noon–6 pm • Saturday, 9–11 am and 3–6 pm
Sunday, noon–3 pm
Oak Hill School, Sabin Drive, next to Library Tent

At the first National Storytelling Festival in 1973, a handful of storytellers gathered around the courthouse in Jonesborough's town square and traded tales. An old wagon served as the stage, and listeners took their seats on bales of hay. Today the Swappin' Ground tradition continues in the Oak Hill School, next to the Library Tent. Here, anyone can tell a tale — and many do. Stop by and listen as tellers recapture the humble beginnings of the National Storytelling Festival.

Take part in a festival tradition at the National Storytelling Festival's Swappin' Ground, hosted by the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild and located in the Schoolhouse near the Library Tent. **Sign up at information booth in front of Visitors Center.**

STORY SLAM!

This year's theme: **BAD IDEA**

Creekside Tent • Saturday • 5:30

Join the fun as these Story Slam tellers compete for the best 5 minute story! Content suitable for general audience, age 13 and up.

Sponsored by Carmen Agra Deedy and John McCutcheon

2019 PARTICIPANTS:

Silvana Clark, Scott Evans, Stephanie Garibaldi, David Nelson, Gregory Pickett, Tim Robbins.