

**Blue Ridge Story Space** is comprised of folks who love telling and listening to stories. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at The June Bug Center in Floyd, VA. "Put your name in the hat" to tell a 5 to 7 minute story inspired by the monthly theme or just come to listen. Bring friends for an evening of fun, feelings, and curious twists. Event is free. Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

Check us out on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/blueridgestoryspace>

**Let Me Tell Ya!** is a community of people who share an appreciation for the magic of storytelling. Our monthly online Guild meetings provide a platform for storytellers to share their latest works, and receive valuable feedback. Our monthly Story Swap is a fun and engaging event that showcases family-friendly stories based on a theme of the month.

To learn more and sign up for our newsletter showcasing storytelling in Southwest Virginia visit [www.StorytellingConnections.com](http://www.StorytellingConnections.com)



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**2nd Saturday of each month  
5:30–7:00 PM**

The June Bug Center, Floyd, VA  
Join us for an evening of live, in-person storytelling in the heart of the Blue Ridge!

### Let Me Tell Ya! Virtual Storytelling Events

*Hosted on Zoom*

**2nd Tuesday | 7:00–8:30 PM**  
*Guild Meeting* – Share a story in progress and receive thoughtful, supportive feedback.

**4th Tuesday | 7:00–8:30 PM**  
*Story Swap* – A welcoming space to tell or listen to stories from voices near and far.



Let Me Tell Ya!



**Floyd Living  
Traditions  
Festival  
presents  
storytelling  
from Blue  
Ridge Story  
Space and Let  
Me Tell Ya!**



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## Storytelling Events

10:30—Wayne Jordan and Mark Fryburg “Knocks, Nibbles, and Near Misses”

12:00—Paul Armstrong “Help Wanted”

1 pm—Clint Atwater “Voices from the Holler”

2 pm—Teresa Calhoun “Once Upon a Twist”

3 pm—Clint Atwater “Deep Woods, Deeper Roots”

4 pm—Hettie Farley “The Way I Heard It, The Way I Tell It”

5 pm—Peter Jonas “There’s a Song about That” Story Swap—a chance for audience members to share stories.

ONCE UPON A TIME

## STORYTELLERS

**Clinton Atwater** is the founder of *Storytelling Connections* and the *Let Me Tell Ya!* storytelling events. Known for his engaging presence and commitment to building community through story. His repertoire includes personal narratives, folk stories, and traditional folktales—each told with authenticity, heart, and purpose. In 2025, he was honored with the **NSN ORACLE Award for Regional Service and Leadership**. Roanoke, VA  
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**Hettie Farley** is an Appalachian American storyteller who weaves a rich tapestry of traditional tales and “otherwise,” drawing inspiration from the mountains, the sea, and her travels around the world. Known for her contagious energy and boundless enthusiasm, Hettie brings stories to life in a way that uplifts and connects with audiences of all ages. Catawba, VA [Hettie@hettiestories.com](mailto:Hettie@hettiestories.com)

**Mark Fryburg** is an award-winning poet and storyteller who entertains audiences with personal narratives generously seasoned with humor. A former radio and TV news reporter in Roanoke, Mark brings a natural command of voice, timing, and presence—skills that keep listeners engaged and wanting more. Daleville, VA [mfryburg2@icloud.com](mailto:mfryburg2@icloud.com)



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**Paul Armstrong** is a natural-born storyteller with a vivid imagination and a gift for crafting original, captivating tales. Whether he’s spinning a humorous yarn or sharing a thought-provoking fable, Paul has a way of drawing listeners into his world with vivid verbal imagery and heartfelt delivery. In 2024, he took top honors at the Liars Contest, a testament to both his creative storytelling and stage presence.  
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**Peter Jonas** is the facilitator of *Blue Ridge Story Space*, a welcoming forum for those who love to tell, and hear great stories. Founded in 2018 Story Space offers a friendly, non-competitive environment where storytelling becomes a way to share our thoughts, emotions, and common humanity. The event invites you to “put your name in the hat” or simply come and enjoy an evening of connection through story. [Facebook.com/blueridgestoryspace](https://Facebook.com/blueridgestoryspace)

**Teresa Calhoun** is a retired librarian and passionate storyteller who delights in sharing traditional tales—especially those with a spine-tingling twist. Her enthusiasm and expressive style captivate audiences of all ages, drawing listeners into every story she tells. Roanoke, VA.  
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**Wayne Jordan**—Amusing. Comical. Witty. Chucklesome. Yes—“**chucklesome**” perfectly captures the spirit of Wayne Jordan’s storytelling. Known for his clever humor and sharp timing, Wayne brings laughter and insight to every performance. More than just funny, he strives to understand and genuinely connect with his audiences, making each story a shared experience. Galax, VA  
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