

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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Beth Wakelee opened the evening with a delightful folk tale from Canadian Indigenous people. The gods had to find a way to keep the sun from going too far away or getting too close. A net was devised, but wasn't working well until Beaver saved the day and was rewarded with sharp teeth and beautiful fur. His tail, however, had a special purpose.

Renu Narayan joined us from India with a story about a butterfly and a dragonfly who were able to find a way to help a person in spite of their small size.

Chester Weems called in from Oklahoma to tell a personal story of a memorial service for a remarkable family member: "Uncle Leo."

Rose Owens in Livermore told of growing up in Vernal, Utah, which came to be known as "Dinosaur Land" because of the bones found there. Her personal adventure tracking fossils becomes the stuff of legend, and "the roar of the dinosaur is heard again."

Vicky Ness shared a story about Celeste and her mother, who face life's difficulties, including the "Moo Monsters" next door.

Sharon Elwell in Montana recited a poem celebrating the writing of J.R.R. Tolkien.

Sree Karuna, in India, told of a schoolboy who brought home his own shoots to grow, but couldn't understand why all of his classmates had plants that grew well, and he did not.

Katy Mangan completed the evening with a personal story of the end of summer in her village in England, where her days of riding freely through the fields came to an end with the start of school.