

## Do Tell Story Summaries February 14, 2023

**Brandon Spars** and **Katy Mangan** served as hosts for a remarkable evening of stories.

**Beth Wakelee** started us off with an Appalachian folk tale with a cast of characters involving a hungry bear and a clever squirrel.

**Beverly Schwarz** joined from New York to share another animal story about the day that Jimmy's muddy dog showed up at school.

**Elaine Stanley** told a story from Maine about that is based on a pun about Mrs. Pott's pit, where she didn't want the snakes in Piscataquis County to hiss.

**Kenneth Foster** shared a story about the owner of a mercantile store in 1907. He told all of the judgments he was able to make to assess job candidates based on their grooming and behavior. Respect, kindness, and patience are characteristics that show in daily behavior.

**Sharon Elwell** told a Japanese folk tale about a cracked tea cup that ended up feeding 1000 people for a whole year.

**Vicky Ness** shared an original story about a couple struggling with the rigors of old age and accepting beauty and joy through pain and sorrow.

**Laurie Reaume** was a welcome sight back in the group. She told of a cutting board made by her father that was falling apart and useless, but hard to give up. She taught us that it is good to renew, and to experience the gifts of kindness.

**Katy Mangan** brought Shirley Anne, her English friend, back to life for us in an imagined visit to California, "Women Cry When They're Happy."

**Diamond** ended our evening with a heartbreaking story of a near-kidnapping in her teenage years. She discovered after the fact that she had actually encountered Jaycee Dugard during Jaycee's time as a prisoner.