

Do Tell Story Summaries

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Meg Brown started a winter's evening with a story of traveling through a white out snow storm in Minnesota. All of us put on another sweater and got a warm cup of tea.

Beth Wakelee in Hawaii took us to the other extreme, telling a story of Pele, the fire goddess. An arrogant young man treated an older woman disrespectfully when she asked to race him on a slide down the lava. Pele is still angry today, sending out fire from Mauna Loa and Kileaua. It is best to treat elders with deference!

Sharon Elwell told a Chinese folk tale curated by Cathryn Fairlee. A spoiled young girl, Xian-Ling, learns to care for others through difficult experiences.

Beverly Schwarz shared a story about a WWII survivor of the Nazi concentration camps who discovers her real identity many years later through a preserved family necklace and pendant.

Kenneth Foster, in Ephraim, Utah, told of a Christmas when his father taught him that the real joy of the season comes in giving, as he took his young son to help an impoverished family.

Vicky Ness ended the evening with a story contrasting Abner, who found jewels in pomegranate seeds and broken bottles, with his acquisitive neighbors, whose greed and anger destroyed their home. A great night of stories!