

## Do Tell Story Swap Summaries January 9, 2024

Co-hosts Katy Mangan and Vicky Ness filled in for Brandon Spars, who is traveling abroad with his high school students.

**Kenneth Foster** zoomed in from Ephraim, Utah, with a Cuba folk talk about the great god Obakala and his search for someone to be the god of our specific world. His helper, Orula, was tasked with preparing the best possible meal for him. Succeeding at that task, Orula was asked to prepare the worst possible meal. Turns out the two meals were the same – and for a very interesting reason.

**Vicky Ness** told of a woman named Midge who entered an invention in a community makers' fair called "Lean into the Future." Her fascinating invention taught the townspeople that what they needed was what they had all along.

**Beth Wakelee** called in from Hawaii to share a Suquamish folk tale about gossiping clams.

**Sharon Elwell** took us through transitions in music that changed the lives of her family.

**Laura McHale Holland** told part of a novel she's writing about a French trapper and his battle with noisy frogs.

**Genevieve Franklin** shared a piece she has written about Our Lady of Guadalupe, who has become a ubiquitous symbol of hope to Latino people everywhere.

**Kenneth Foster** ended the evening with a favorite story of 1953, when a forgotten wagonload of pollywogs upended their family life.