

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

May 13, 2025

We had a full evening and a great variety of storytellers!

Meg Brown kicked off the evening with the poem, “The Glory Trail,” from a book called Sun and Saddle Leather by Badger Clark. The poem recounted the unfortunate fate of a man who roped a mountain lion.

Chester Weems called in from Oklahoma City with the story of a funeral service where the hearse was frozen shut.

Ken Foster came to us from Ephraim, Utah, with a story of Luther Burbank’s walnut trees that ended up made by Ken himself into bowls.

Vicky Ness told about a grandma who smoked without tobacco and shared secrets with her granddaughter.

Sharon Elwell shared a personal story of a hospital patient who endured his situation by cherishing his favorite memories.

Laura McHale Holland sang a poem about an aspiring San Francisco artist.

Renu Narayan called from India to tell of a wise mother who settled disputes between her son and daughter-in-law.

Genevieve Franklin quoted Edith Wharton’s line: “My little dog – a heartbeat at my feet,” to tell us about her beloved pet, Chipper.

Sree Karuna called from India to tell about a disciple of Buddha who needed to improve in order to prepare himself to teach.

Katy Mangan ended the evening with a visit to the magical world of Eduardo, and a birth that celebrates the spring equinox.