

About the Storytellers....

We are thrilled to welcome to Appleford Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild members Larry Scurman, Lisa Facciponti and Charles Kierman. Larry is a storyteller that will make you laugh, let you learn, while you long to listen. Larry has been telling stories for more than 25 years. He evolved from a street performer/magician and stand-up comic into an enchanting storyteller. In his 26 years of teaching as a vocational instructor, Larry learned the importance of story in the process of learning. Using the imagination helps develop and strengthen the problem-solving skills for all ages. Young and old alike will enjoy Larry's special stories that leave you with a good feeling.

Larry is a proud member of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild. He has performed at Musikfest, Mayfair, Christkindlmarkt, Godfrey Daniels Coffee House, the Moravian Historical Society, as well as schools, libraries and churches throughout the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

You need a listener as well as a teller to have a story!

Halloween stories hold a special place in a storyteller's repertoire. Besides those elements that make up a good story, the scary story has one additional feature: the sense of dread. That feeling of being just a little disconcerted, unsettled, frightened. A listener feels this dread as the teller takes them down that long cavernous entrance into underground realms from which not many return. But don't worry. You are safe in a skilled storyteller's hands. We won't leave you there to your fate. Usually.

Charles Kiernan also performs Americana tales, collectively labeled as the "Lost Dollar" stories. This collection of wisdom and humor is woven into the life of a little village stuck way back in the hills. Just ask about Uncle Willard's Catfish.

Charles has, of late, been fobbing himself off as Mark Twain with some success. Twain is wont to ramble on about his boyhood memories, life on the Mississippi, the civil war, his recollections of his friend General Grant, and the book publishing business.

Departing from this continent, he also specializes in Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Be warned, however, he does tell them in their original spirit, under the belief that the "grimness" of Grimm serves a purpose, and should not be removed. Celtic tales also hold a special place in his heart.