

Desert Spirituality & Storytelling: A Master Class — Tucson, Arizona February 15-19, 2012

Master Class in Storytelling: for skilled storytellers who are developing a new story or a new story-cycle of their own choosing. The seminar will offer time to tell and re-tell the stories with the support and feedback of other master tellers. The sessions will be intensive.

Desert Stories & Spirituality: Every day we explore storytelling traditions from the great desert cultures of the world while exploring the natural landscape of the Sonora desert. The Cultures: Sahara, Arabian, Kalahari, Sonora, Gobi, Australian & the Holy Land. Places in the Sonora: Saguaro National Monument, Living Desert Museum, San Xavier Bac Mission, and other desert environments in and around Tucson. There will be some easy desert walks in the cool of the morning. Morning and evening prayer will outdoors under the desert sun and the desert moon.

We will combine our sessions at the retreat center with trips to various desert environments that will deepen our appreciation of desert stories and spirituality. Here are the details: The Tucson seminar will be a Master Class in Storytelling with supplemental materials on Desert Storytelling & Spirituality. It will be limited to 6 persons, co-led by Dr Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm and Dr. Robert Bela Wilhelm. We will have a passenger van seating 8 persons for transfers between the Tucson airport and the **Redemptorist Retreat Center**. We will also combine our sessions at the retreat center with trips in our passenger van to various desert environments that will deepen our appreciation of desert stories and spirituality.

Credit for the Seminar This event is also an Elective Seminar for persons in the [Apprenticeship](#) or [Fellows](#) program of the School of Sacred Storytelling. [Click Here](#) for details on both of these certificate programs.

Our Lodgings We will be staying at the [Redemptorist Retreat Center](#), set in the Sonora desert at the edge of the vast expanse of [Saguaro National Monument](#). [Click on this two links for more details.](#)

Registration

We can only enroll six storytellers. Your early enrollment is important. If you come with a spouse or a friend who is not a master storyteller, we can still accommodate you. They can be present at all the events. However, you will need a rental car (or a shared rental car with someone else) if your companion/spouse/friend wishes to join us on our daily excursions. Our van will only hold 8 persons. We hope that you can come with someone so that they may share this desert experience with you.

Costs: includes seminar, room, and meals -- breakfast and dinner at the Center and boxed lunches for our daily excursions into the Sonora desert.

\$1120 double occupancy standard room (4 nights) per person.

\$1180 double occupancy upgraded room (4 nights) per person.

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\$1260 single occupancy upgraded room (4 nights) per person.

Storylistening Spouse/Companion deduct \$300.

Payment Schedule

\$400 non-refundable deposit due with registration to guarantee a place for you.

(Because of the refund policy of the Redemptorist Center, we lose our deposits -- already made with them -- on October 15 if we need to cancel. Therefore, if we do not have at least 5 master tellers registered by October 15, we will need to cancel this program. We will keep you posted as registrations arrive, so that you know the prospects for holding the seminar. All deposits will be returned by October 15, if we do not hold the Master Class in Arizona.)

\$300 non-refundable second payment due December 1

Balance due February 1, 2012 However, your full payments will be refunded if there is someone to take your reserved place. If there is not, there will be no refund of any amount. **Trip insurance is strongly recommended, in case you need to cancel.**