



Stone Soup

The Official Storytelling Festival

of South Carolina



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The Stone Soup Storytelling Festival ***April 23-24, 2010, Woodruff, SC***

Woodruff, S.C. – The Stone Soup Storytelling Festival will be held in Woodruff, SC on April 23 and 24 at the Woodruff City Hall Auditorium and surrounding sites. Stone Soup is family entertainment at its finest in celebration of the oral tradition of storytelling. Karyn Page-Davies, Chairwoman of the Stone Soup Storytelling Institute, explains that "Storytelling is not just for children. Stone Soup takes equal parts of tradition, history, and education; then adds a pinch of imagination and fun to create a special experience for the entire family."

Page-Davies went on to say, "The Stone Soup Tale is a story about necessity, vision, creativity, and cooperation. We hope that 'all who enter' will share in this adventure with us."

The adventure begins Friday, April 23, at noon, as storyteller, **Dr. Kirk Neely**, shares stories at the **Senior Luncheon** at the First Presbyterian Church. Tickets for this event are \$10 dollars and pre-registration is required. At 2:00pm, Project Fun will present an encore performance of the "Great Chili Rebellion" in the Woodruff City Hall Auditorium.

Friday evening there will be **Soup and Stories** in the Woodruff Library Reading Garden Park at 5:30. Dinner consists of "Stone Soup" and corn bread (of course!), and the Ghost Stories begin at 6:30pm. The soup supper is \$5 and the Ghost Stories are free! All guests are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Early Saturday morning on April 24th, an entire day of tales and entertainment begins with a **Storybook Parade**. All children are invited to dress as their favorite storybook character and parade through downtown Woodruff showing off their costumes and acting in character. The parade will stage at Patton Square and end at the Timrod Building. Check the Stone Soup Storytelling Institute's website for registration and events mapping at www.stonesoupsc.com.

Stone Soup applauds the **100th year of the historic “Timrod Library”**, Woodruff’s original “Public Reading Room”. Join us with some coffee and sweets in the historic Timrod Building starting at 9 am. After the opening celebration, professional puppeteer Yostie Ashley will perform a puppet show in the Timrod! -- 9:45am – no charge for this event.

The first of two **Storytelling Sessions** will begin at 10:00am at the Woodruff City Hall Auditorium headlining three acclaimed ‘tellers who will present some of their most entertaining tales :

- Individual tickets will be available for \$3 per session or just **\$10 for ALL of the storytelling sessions (including the Grand Finale)**.
- **Family Pricing** for storytelling is \$5.00 per session or **\$20.00 for all storytelling**.

At 12:30pm don’t miss the amateur “**Story Swap**” which will delight the audience in the Woodruff Community Center -- prizes will be awarded – no charge for this event.

Be ready for the second **Storytelling Session** at 2:00pm in the Woodruff City Hall Auditorium:

- Individual single-session tickets are \$3
- Family single-session tickets are \$5

The festival culminates in a **Grand Finale Concert** -- featured storytellers will engage us with their most-loved stories starting at **6 pm** in the Woodruff City Hall Auditorium.

For an entire schedule of events, registration, ticket information, list of performers, and more, visit the Stone Soup Storytelling Institute website at: www.stonesoupsc.com or call the Woodruff Library at 864-476-8770. For more information on lodging and other area events and attractions contact the Spartanburg Convention and Tourism Bureau at: www.visitspartanburg.com

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