# St. Simons Island Storytelling Festival

Epworth By The Sea Friday, February 14 - Sunday, February 16, 2020



### Sheila Arnold:

With a signature voice and interactive presentation style, Ms. Sheila, as she is commonly known, is a storyteller, historic character presenter, Christian monologist and actress among other talents. She has been a Manager and Theatrical Interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg and a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival. She has recently received the prestigious honor of being named a Research Fellow at Mount Vernon, the historic home of George and Martha Washington.



#### Andy Offutt Irwin:

A perennial favorite of the Teller-In-Residence Program at the International Storytelling Center Andy has been the Featured Teller 9 times. As a storyteller/song writer he has received numerous awards, a Special Congressional Recognition from Rep. John Lewis and all 5 of his storytelling CDs have won Storytelling Word Awards. Andy is a humorist, musician, whistler and a walking menagerie of sound effects and dialects.



## **Anne Rutherford:**

As a 2018 "New Voice" at the National Storytelling Festival Anne continues to make her mark in the storytelling world. Anne now calls the Pacific Northwest home where she has been the 4 time first place winner of the Liars Contest at the Northwest Folklife Festival and the grand prize winner in the Northwest Tall Tale Challenge in 2016. She has been the Teller in Residence at the International Storytelling Center.



#### **Donald Davis:**

American storyteller, author and minister, Donald had a 20 year career as a minister before becoming a professional storyteller. He has recorded over 25 storytelling albums and written several books based on those stories. He has been a guest host of NPR's "Good Evening", a featured teller at the Smithsonian Institution and the World's Fair. His promotion of the cultural importance of storytelling has led to Donald being dubbed "the dean of storytelling".



## Emcee, Bil Lepp:

Recipient of the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence Award. Bil been featured 15 times at the National Storytelling Festival and also a featured performer at Comedy Central's Stage on Hudson in Los Angeles. He is a writer, author of 3 books, ten audio collections, and a novel.

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