

Inland Valley Storytellers Tales told on 7/9/19

We were 16 storytellers and listeners gathered to hear and tell stories on July 9, 2019: John and Chris St. Clair, Elisabeth Anghel, Marlene Carter, Adrien Lowery, Jayne Sjodin, Lillian and Louis Sergio, Ron Evans, Ron Chick, Tom and Aynn Freeman, Alison and Joe, Karina McLeod, and Suzanne Douglas.

John and Chris hosted the meeting with Tom Freeman and Jayne Sjodin adding to the refreshments that Chris brought.

Elisabeth Anghel volunteered to bring refreshments for the August meeting.

There were 6 storytellers:

Louie Sergio told a story about an unusual sailor named JJJ Smith whose special skill was being a Ssss glut maker. The story was quite mysterious and had two surprise endings.

Ron Chick told “The Proud Princess” by Richard Kennedy, who specialized in writing fractured fairy tales. A proud and spoiled princess set up impossible tasks for her suitors. When a poor prince successfully completed the tasks with the help of a beautiful witch, he decided he liked the witch better than the proud princess. The proud princess was told by her father, the king, that she had to leave his kingdom in search of a prince who would marry her. She found a proud prince who was setting up impossible tasks for

the princesses to do and needed to find help to complete the tasks. The story continued on.....

Aynn Freeman used a blank piece of paper to help her tell a story. She folded the paper while telling the story and for each part of the story she tore off pieces of the paper to make it into a shape that went with the story.

Ron Evans had us act out fireworks. Then he told a story about a young couple who went to a farm auction and ended up leaving with 3 empty boxes with special meaning.

Adrien Lowery told “The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky” by Stephen Crane. A newly married couple were riding a train from San Antonio to Yellow Sky, where the groom was the sheriff. Scratchy Wilson was itching to have a duel with the sheriff but was confused by the fact that the sheriff was with his new bride coming home from their wedding in San Antonio.

John St. Clair told a true story about Mars Bonfire, a famous Sierra Club hiker and rock musician.