



Telling the Stories We Need

Tapping into the power of story for healthy kids, healthy communities, healthy lands.

A Workshop for Parents, Teachers, Group Leaders and others interested in the power of storytelling.

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Stories and storytelling are central to all cultures and are integral to almost everything we do . . . whether we know it or not! Teachers, leaders, and parents have always told stories, and so do advertisers, businesses and governments! Some stories are identifiable as such, while others guide and motivate us from a subconscious level.

But, all stories are not created equal! What kinds of stories help nurture healthy kids and adults as part of a healthy world? How and in what context can we tell them? This workshop explores these questions and develops the skills and perspectives for healthy storytelling!

Skills and perspectives you'll learn:

- Easy and effective tricks and tips for storytelling.
- How to make storytelling – for all ages – a link between ancient tradition and the modern world we live in.
- How to tap into the power, fun, and timelessness of stories.
- Sources for stories that connect us to our living planet and each other!
- At least three stories for immediate use.
- Recent understandings from Earth system science and psychology that give storytelling new, added power and relevance.

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Testimonials, bio and information for arranging a workshop

"I had Martin come for my 8-year old son's Birthday Party. Martin showed a remarkable amount of patience and was able to bring the kids into his stories. As an adult I found his presentation fascinating . . . He brings a sense of wonder to how our world works and how the circles of our world are interconnected." **Parent of Birthday Boy at a "Circles of Life" Birthday Party, Louisville, CO**

"Martin has a deep and beautiful thought process that is a joy to be near. While well-read and well versed on other's theories and thoughts, he most definitely has his own unique spin on the world. He has a way of seeing patterns from his experience of being alive and awake in the world which allows him to make sense of many of life's complexities. This is a rare and wonderful gift ... What really works for Martin is his gentle ability to communicate with others. He is a seasoned teacher and excellent lecturer . . . always fully present to his audience." **Ken Leinbach Executive Director, Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI**

"Martin Ogle presented a one man show entitled "A Dream of Gaia" at the Artisphere, Arlington County's new Art Space for Everyone. In this wonderful performance about the relationship between humanity and Earth, Ogle magnificently transformed scientific theory into enchanting stories and artistic rendition that expanded our understanding of the physical world. He employed narrative, storytelling, imagery, and music to create a fascinating presentation that engaged, entertained and challenged the audience." **Lisa Marie Thalhammer, Education Programs Director, Arlington Artisphere, Arlington, VA**



Martin Ogle was **Chief Naturalist for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, 1985-2012**. Storytelling played a large role in the interpretive programs he developed there. In 2010, Martin received the Washington Academy of Sciences' **Kruppsaw Award for Non-Traditional Teaching** for outstanding teaching in informal and non-academic settings. He continues to blend the arts and the sciences in ways that are fun, meaningful and relevant for teachers, students, parents and others.

Workshops are 2-4 hours. Fees range from \$250 - 400 for non-profits (slightly higher for businesses). Expenses (travel and/or lodging) are extra for workshops outside of Boulder County, Colorado.

To arrange or inquire about a workshop, **contact Martin Ogle at 720-612-0506 or martinogle@EntrepreneurialEarth.com**