

Diane Edgecomb

Bringing Ancient Tales to Modern Audiences

STORYTELLING AND HARP PERFORMANCES:

Bring something truly unique to your Garden Club with Diane and Margot's entertaining storytelling and song performances. Centered around the deep meaning world cultures have found in the plants they loved these legends and songs range from the delightfully humorous to the heartfelt. Choose from seasonal events like *The Winter Solstice in Legend and Song* or the flower-centric performance *Fantastical Folktales of Flowers*.

Choose from the following performances:

Fantastical Folktales of Flowers!

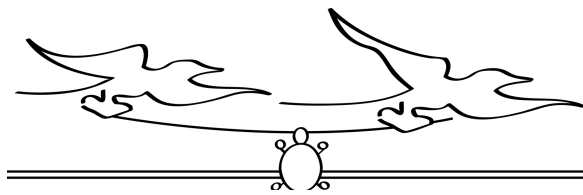
A delightful weave of story, music and song



The dramatic myths that surround favorite garden flowers come alive in this delightful weave of story, music and song. The centerpiece of the performance is Diane's original adaptation of the exotic Persian tale: ***Nightingale and Rose***, an evocative and truly fanciful story about the rose and its origins. Other flower and garden stories include the entertaining Greek myth of Narcissus, a sweet Native American story about the Dandelion and her lover the South Wind, as well as a beautiful duet about the mysterious "Language of Flowers," celebrated in Victorian times. A master storyteller, Diane entertains and enchants transforming into the characters in her tales bringing each story to vibrant life. The performance is accompanied by Celtic harp and song performed by long time collaborator harper/singer Margot Chamberlain. Celebrate flowers and the stories that have been told about them through the ages with this enchanting performance.

"Your music and storytelling were beautifully done and everyone enjoyed your presentation. I loved the storytelling and was happy to know that everyone responded in a similar way. Thanks and we all hope to see you again. Judith Dalmas, President, Wellfleet Gardeners.

"You brought my garden alive to me in the most unusual and delightful way. I will never see a rose in the same way again!" Audience member- Pomperaug Woods, CT



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Fantastical Folktales of Trees

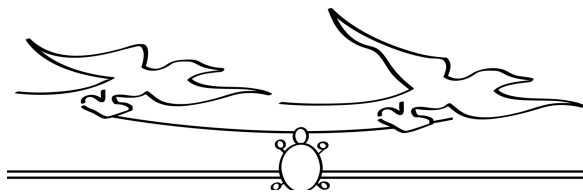


Storytelling, music and song form an enchanting weave in this story and harp performance celebrating the deep spirit of trees. Clothed in the rich metaphors of myth, these humorous and heartfelt traditional tales reawaken our imagination to the deep wonder and beauty of the forest. This exquisitely crafted collection ranges from the humorous to the heartfelt and includes the beautiful story of *Kansakura*, a delicate tale of love featuring the honored cherry trees of Japan, *The Dancing Spirit of the Birch* from Czechoslovakia and *Three Green Ladies*, a poignant legend about the ancient tree spirits of Cornwall, England. Refreshing and lyrical each piece is surrounded by evocative music from the culture, Celtic harp and song.

"It was one of the most moving storytelling nights I've experienced. It reawakened in me, and perhaps all of us there, a sense of the spirit in things." Storyteller, Jay O'Callahan

"I've heard this performance twice and can't recommend it highly enough. It is magical, it is musical, it is beautiful, it is soulful, it is perfection." Bambi Good, Brookline, MA

Master storyteller Diane Edgecomb and Celtic harper Margot Chamberlain have been featured on NPR and at storytelling festivals, coffeehouses and theaters throughout the country. Diane is known for her unique style of storytelling, where she embodies the various characters and scenes in a tale, bringing each moment alive. For this she has won the National Oracle Award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast as well as five Storytelling World Awards.



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The Winter Solstice in Story and Song (available in December)

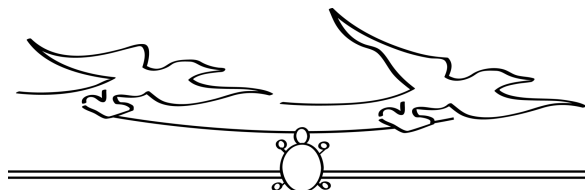


Fascinating look at the nature stories behind our winter holiday traditions.

Why is the Mistletoe so important to Yuletide customs and how is kissing under the mistletoe related to an old Solstice tradition? Diane's dramatic re-telling of the ***Legend of the Mistletoe*** from Scandinavia takes us to the very heart of the story. Many other seasonal plants and traditions reveal their meaning from the story of the origin of the first ***Christmas Rose (Hellebores Niger)*** to humorous Wassail traditions the audience can take part in. Songs and sing-along moments evocative of the season and lovely instrumental melodies round out the event.

"Your holiday program received rave reviews from our members. The unique blend of storytelling and music was very well-received by all. We would be pleased to be added to your list of references."
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Channeling Rachel Carson



A solo performance followed by a workshop where we craft our own inspiring nature stories

Diane's newest performance tells of her own journey to bring Rachel's dedication and ethic forward for a new generation. This inspiring story is complemented with a workshop in creating our own tales.

The workshop begins with Diane's humorous and evocative personal tale about how she became an "insect rehabilitator" and follower of the great Rachel Carson. After the initial storytelling, Diane shares 'Story Prompts' that help us discover the story nuggets in our own lives. This is followed by interactions in dyads (pairs) and triads (three people together) that allow us to share our beginning tales with fellow club members. It's no surprise that we develop new friendships and new insights along the way. In five simple steps we'll develop our own personal anecdotes about gardens, gardening and a life close to nature just right for sharing.

We all have stories to tell and Diane's simple steps help us uncover those story-seeds and then develop them into little gems! From tales that teach a simple lesson to humorous anecdotes to those powerful stories that tell of our own deeper connection to nature- Diane takes members on a journey to uncover the story riches from years of gardening experience.

Inquire about rates and availability at Diane@LivingMyth.com