

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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Beth Wakelee opened the evening with an indigenous creation folktale. Hawk searches the watery world for a place to land, and finally the lowly coot is able to dive deep enough under the water to bring up enough mud to start the world.

Vicky Ness told the story of Alma Tidybones, a sturdy woman who resisted the plans of Elias Grubb to turn her five-acre wood into a retail development.

Rose Owens shared the tale of a princess who would give her hand to the man who could bring her a blue rose.

Sharon Elwell shared one of her stories about Mary Ellen Pleasant, a 19th century abolitionist.

Renu Narayan called in from India to tell us about a wife who was jealous of her husband's love for his puppy – until a dramatic event changed her mind.

Laura McHale Holland shared a tale from her new book, Shinbone Lane. The scary story advises listeners not to go near Stowe Lake in Golden Gate Park at night.

Sree Karuna told us about a popular professor who prepared an elaborate lecture, only to find that there was just one student to listen. What should he do?

Katy Mangan ended the evening with a visit to the magical world of Eduardo, who taught his friend Alice how to honor her mother, her mother's mother, and her mother's mother's mother.