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"These worlds are likened to the opposing wings of a Butterfly: the dream world is one wing, and the awake world is the other. The wings must connect at the Heart for the butterfly to fly and live. Life is the Butterfly's Heart."

# A Twist of Yarn

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## Dream! Dream! Dream!



The World Storytelling Day logo was designed by Mats Rehnman © of Fabula Storytelling, Stockholm

"Thousands of years ago in China, Chuang Tzu dreamed he was a butterfly. When he woke up he said, 'I don't know whether I am a man who dreamed he was a butterfly, or a butterfly now dreaming that I'm a man.'"

### A SPECIAL WORLD STORYTELLING DAY EDITION

World Storytelling Day falls on the 20th of March each year and this year coincides with Easter Maundy Thursday. The theme for 2008 is 'Dreams'. On the WSD website

<http://www.freewebs.com/worldstorytellingday/>

you can find background to the day and a list of events across the world.

Participating countries include Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland, Indonesia, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden and the United States of America.

Let us travel the road that "Dreams" might take us to see where they lead. Remember any time is a time to dream. I invite all readers to make a conscious effort to share a yarn, tell a joke, whisper a secret, dream a dream wherever they are - at work, at home, over the back fence; and, whenever the opportunity presents itself - during a break with a mate, as you wait for a bus, with your kids over lunch. You might even create a bath-time of stories with suds.

#### Local Planned Events:

Wednesday, 19 March, 2008

**Lunch time Concert:** Dream, Dream, Dream hosted by Mabel Kaplan

Children invited to bring and share a dream 'open mike' style. The programme will be interspersed with Dream stories told by a storyteller from the local storytelling Guild.

Thursday, 20 March, 2008

**Easter Breakfast** with Tails and Tales at Our Lady of Mercy Primary School organised by Year 7's to raise funds for a school camp.

**Wandering Minstrels** at Caversham Primary School organised by Neville Blampey

Throughout the morning, each teacher will move 'round Robin' style from class to class telling a tale of dreams

#### A brief history of WSD

World Storytelling Day has its roots in a national day for storytelling in Sweden, circa 1991-2. At that time, an event was organized for March 20 in Sweden called "Alla berättares dag" (All storytellers day). The Swedish national storytelling network passed out some time after, but the day stayed alive, celebrated around the country by different enthusiasts. This annual day of celebration was also observed in Mexico and various South American Countries. It was brought to us in Western Australia through Mexican-born, Leticia Mattocks - who joined the Guild in 1996. In 1997, storytellers in Perth, Western Australia coordinated a five-week long Celebration of Story, commemorating March 20 as the International Day of Oral Narrators. In 2003, the idea spread to Canada and other countries, and the event has become known internationally as World Storytelling Day.

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PO Box 633 North Perth WA 6906

We're on the Web!  
[www.geocities.com.storyguildwa/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/storyguildwa/index.html)

### Up & Coming Guild Events:

Tuesday, 8 April 2008 at 2.00pm 'Pull up a Chair'  
at Amaretto's cnr Main and Royal Streets Osborne  
Park for afternoon tea and a chat.  
Hostess: Mabel Kaplan



Saturday, 14 June, 2008 The Guild's 30th Birthday  
Celebrations (details TBA)

News from the AGM  
The Guild's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 13 February, 2008. All Office-bearers were re-elected for another year of service to the Guild.

Glistening Waters  
New Zealand's International  
Festival of Storytelling  
The 2008 Festival dates are  
24 - 27 October 2008 Masterton NZ  
Check the website:  
<http://glisteningwaters.co.nz/>

## STORYTELLING FESTIVALS IN 2008

The Festival of seven Dreams  
..... every day a dream  
**The Tasmanian Storytelling Festival**  
Hobart, Tasmania  
**Sun 31 August—Sat 6 Sept , 2008**  
hosted by the Core Organising Group under the auspicious of the *Tasmanian Festival of Voices*.  
For an Information Pack or additional information ask a guild committee member or send an email to the organisers at:  
[tasstoryfest@gmail.com](mailto:tasstoryfest@gmail.com)

**Singapore International Story Telling Festival 2008**  
**25 August – 9 September 2008**  
**"Celebrating Creativity"**  
Singapore International Story telling Festival (SISF) returns with a myriad showcase of world-class acts seamlessly delivered by an impressive line-up of international storytellers and workshop facilitators that will awaken the senses, warm your soul and inspire you in your future endeavours.  
For further information:  
<http://www.bookcouncil.sg/>