

FARMHOUSE TRAINING
FALL 2017
"THE MAGIC OF STORY"

At the Farmhouse at High Reach Farm, Danville, Vermont

Two exciting one-day workshops with

John Schraven

to introduce aspiring storytellers and communicators to the
Magic of Story

Tuesday, September 19 and Wednesday 20, 2017



The **Magic of Story** is a two part workshop for the storyteller to claim their voice and explore the process that helps us understand ourselves and others. In this supportive environment, participants will be welcomed into the process of seeing and understanding themselves as storytellers.

The workshop is in two parts; participants may take either or both days.

This interactive/participatory experience is for anyone who has ever had a wish to be comfortable sharing a story with others. Many categories of professionals including teachers, medical personnel, mediators, attorneys, social workers and others will find that this workshop will assist them in learning to hear the message conveyed by others as opposed to simply registering the words that are spoken. This workshop would be particularly beneficial for those in occupations where practitioners become exhausted from being bombarded by the needs of others.

Day 1: Finding Our Voice

is designed for novice storytellers who want to explore story for personal or professional reasons. Each participant will find that the Magic of Story also helps us tap into the richness of our own story and that of our families in order to communicate deeper meaning and connect with others. On this day we will gain confidence in claiming our own stories: funny, sad, touching, meaningful, descriptive and surprising. We support one another in this process and listen to one another deeply to understand the richness of each story.

Who should take this workshop?

Anyone:

- who finds it hard to speak up for themselves
- who is challenged by conflict
- that wishes they had better ways of illustrating a point
- that loves story but doesn't think of themselves as a storyteller
- who wants to expand their leadership capacity and inspire others

Day 2: Shaping and Polishing the Story

is working with the rhythms and flows of the refined story that helps the listener fully engage with the experience. John will demonstrate and share some of his best tips for crafting our story. On this day, even the least experienced storytellers will begin to feel more secure in reaching out to the listeners and drawing them into the experience of the story.

Who should take this workshop?

Anyone:

- who would like to craft a story in a way that maximizes its ability to communicate
- that wants to be more comfortable telling stories of their life or tradition
- who wants to illustrate concepts in a way that carries a "punch"
- that believes that imagination is a powerful tool in creating understanding

Workshop information:

Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday Sept. 20

Time: 9am - 4:30pm each day

Included: welcoming coffee, snacks, light lunch

Cost: \$125 for Day 1; \$125 for Day 2, \$199 for both days - limited scholarships available

Location: High Reach Farm Farmhouse, Danville VT

Accommodations for two-day attendees: some low cost dinner and sleeping arrangements on the farm and a list of nearby motels and B&Bs will be provided.

Workshop leader John Schraven believes that conflict is dis-ease and story is the antidote. He has used storytelling in programs on negotiation and mediation for the Vermont Trial Lawyers for Justice, the New England Crisis Negotiators Association and Vermont Law School. As a story teller, he has told stories at festivals, for business groups and in local libraries. He is employed as a negotiator by Shoup, Evers & Green, a law firm in Burlington and maintains a mediation practice for civil dispute resolution.

High Reach Farm

is a diversified tree farm, in continuous operation by one family since 1953. The 700 acres of the farm is a working landscape that includes endeavors of forestry and Christmas tree production, landscaping and landscaping plant collection, wildlife protection, reclamation of old structures, recreation and education.
