

Preliminary Schedule At-A-Glance  
(Subject to Change)

**WEDNESDAY, October 23, 2024**

<b>11 AM – 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>TOUR REGISTRATION</b>
12:00 noon – 5:00 PM	<b>BUFFALO BLACK HERITAGE TOUR</b>
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION - Membership
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>PRE-FESTIVAL EVENT</b> <b><i>Tradition Keepers: Black Storytellers of Western New York Welcomes NABS to Buffalo!</i></b>

**THURSDAY, October 24, 2024**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration – Membership
11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	<b>VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!</b>
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	<b>AKWABAA GATHERING!</b>
	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>Roaring Tales – Telling The Story Of The Lion</b> <i>Presenter – Dr. Linda Humes</i>
	<b>Getting Started In The Storytelling Business</b> <i>Presenter – Dylan Pritchett</i>
11:00 AM – 12 NOON	<b>Roaring Tales – Telling The Story Of The Lion</b> <i>Presenter – Dr. Linda Humes</i>
	<b>Getting Started In The Storytelling Business</b> <i>Presenter – Dylan Pritchett</i>
12 NOON – 1 PM	<b>VILLAGE TELLIN'!</b> <i>Featuring Affiliates from: New York, NY, Minneapolis, Rhode Island, Raleigh &amp; Chicago!</i>
	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Stories In The House</b> <i>Presenter – Paul D. Best</i>
	<b>We Wear The Mask</b> <i>Presenter – Willa Brigham</i>
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Stories In The House</b> <i>Presenter – Paul D. Best</i>
	<b>We Wear The Mask</b> <i>Presenter – Willa Brigham</i>

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**What ya think?**

*Feedback by Oba William King & Mitch Capel*

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*Feedback by Janice Curtis Greene & D'Lores Simmons*

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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**VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!**

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**DRUMMING & DANCING**

7:00 PM – 7:15 PM

**OPENING GALA!!  
AFFILIATE MARCH**

7:15 PM -7:20 PM

**LIBATION**

7:20 PM – 9:00 PM

**“NABS HONORS...” CONCERT**

**Honoring:**

**Jackie Torrence**

**Ruth & Hugh Morgan (Brother Blue) Hill**

**Mother Mary Carter Smith**

*Featuring Beverly Burnette, Mitch Capel & Janice Curtis Greene*

9:00 PM – 9:15 PM

**MOTHER MARY CARTER SMITH LOVE CIRCLE**

**FRIDAY, October 25, 2024**

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**REGISTRATION – Membership**

9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

**VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!**

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

**BLACK APPALACHIN STORYTELLER FELLOWS  
AWARDS CEREMONY**

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Creating A Need For “ME”**

*Presenter – Sue Roseberry*

**Steps To Self-Publishing**

*Presenter – Djeli Celestia*

11:00 AM – 12 NOON

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12 NOON – 1 PM

**VILLAGE TELLIN’!**

*Featuring Affiliates from: Detroit, Cleveland, Utah & BSSD  
Atlanta!*

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCHEON &amp; AWARDS</b>  <i>Presentation of Awardees for: Charlie &amp; Linda Jenkins Brown Service Award, Ruth &amp; Brother Blue Circle of Elders Award, Baba Jamal Koram Harambe Youth Award and Life Award.</i></p> <p><b>Congratulations Story!</b>  <i>Featuring Janice Curtis Greene</i></p>
4:00 PM – 5 PM	<b>STORY SWAP</b>
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN
	<b>VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!</b>
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>NABS ENSEMBLE – DRUMMING &amp; DANCING</b>
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<p><b>“IN THE TRADITION...” CONCERT</b>  <i>Featuring D’lores Simmons, Oba William King &amp; Kemi Egunyemi</i></p>
9:00 PM – 10 PM	<b>STORY SWAP</b>

**SATURDAY, October 26, 2024**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>REGISTRATION – Membership</b>
9:00 AM – 10:00 PM	<b>VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!</b>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<p><b>NABS MEMBERSHIP MEETING &amp; PASSING OF THE COW TAIL SWITCH!!!</b></p>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	<p><b>VILLAGE TELLIN’</b>  <i>Featuring Affiliates from: Rochester, Baltimore, Philadelphia &amp; Buffalo!</i></p>
11:00 AM – 12 NOON	<b>CONVERSATION WITH THE ELDERS</b>
12 NOON – 1:00 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN - <b>VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!</b>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>YOUTH PROGRAM</b>
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>JACKIE TORRENCE TALL TALES CONTEST</b>
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>VISIT THE MARKETPLACE!!!</b>
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>COW TAIL SWITCH BANQUET</b>
7:10 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>ZORA NEALE HURSTON AWARDS</b>
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	<p><b>STORYTELLING CONCERT</b>  <i>Featuring Sue Roseberry, Bobby Norfolk &amp; Dr. Linda Humes</i></p>
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	<b>VISIT THE MARKETPLACE</b>

**SUNDAY, October 27, 2024**

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

**NABS CHURCH**

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

**SPIRITUAL CONCERT**

*Featuring Kemi Egunyemi & Bobby Norfolk*

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

**MAMA LINDA GOSS CLOSING UNITY CIRCLE**

## **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION**

### ***Roaring Tales – Telling The Story Of The Lion – Dr. Linda Humes***

Unlock the power of storytelling with "Roaring Tales," a dynamic workshop designed for teenagers and adults. Dive into the art of culturally responsive storytelling to impart social-emotional intelligence and illuminate accurate African American and world history through black storytelling pedagogies. Participants will craft their narratives while honing storytelling and research skills to develop comprehensive, age-appropriate stories suitable for diverse venues.

### ***Getting Started In The Storytelling Business – Dylan Pritchett***

Storytelling as a business needs to be well planned and well thought out in order to be successful and fulfilling. This workshop will help guide you through many of the myriad of decisions you should consider for a successful career in storytelling.

### ***Stories In The House – Paul D. Best***

This workshop is designed to be an engaging workshop on the importance of the Oral Tradition in Black families and how it speaks to American history. Attendees will learn and practice strategies through a take-home template to inspire them to find and craft the stories within their own family.

### ***We Wear The Mask – Willa Brigham***

We Wear the Mask is based on the poem, We Wear the Mask, by Paul Laurence Dunbar. We will have a discussion on the poem; how facial expressions (the mask) has been used, can be used and will be used. Many of us have been taught in our early years to not let our feelings show or to not let people see us cry. This interactive discussion will allow participants to share their thoughts. Each participant will then create an original mask made of cloth or paper.

### ***What ya think? - Feedback by Mitch Capel, Janice Curtis Greene, Oba William King & D'Lores Simmons***

Share that story you've been working on, want to get out of your head and put on paper, or share that one story that you would like some feedback on. This session is for you! Just tell it and one of the Featured Tellers will give you some encouragement and tips...if that's what you want.

### ***Creating A Need For "ME" – Sue Roseberry***

Sue will share insight about "backyard" opportunities that exist for artists who are willing to think outside of the proverbial box. She has been successful in creating opportunities for herself as a teller and independent artist in the area of West Texas with an African American demographic of 7.1%. She will share ideas for practical marketing/branding strategies, developing a client base and discussion on getting paid!

### ***Steps To Self-Publishing – Djeli Celestia***

This Self-publishing workshop is designed to give participants useful information on steps to publish your own work. It can be simple when you are equipped with useful information and useful resources. Djeli goes over the steps and practices he has used to publish authentic, written works. If you have access to a computer you have the ability to manage every aspect of the process from writing to self-publishing. This workshop will help you navigate your own path to self-publishing.