

## Submit Your Creative Writing Entry by September 12

Andover artists inspire, judge the contest

for the Arts Web site and follow the directions for submission. Be sure to mail your entry prior to the deadline date.

**Press release**

Center for the Arts invites area writers of prose and poetry to participate in a creative writing contest. The deadline for submission is Friday, September 12.

To participate in this contest, respond in poetry or in prose to a series of 12 photographs created by Larry Chase of Andover. Each entry is limited to one page.

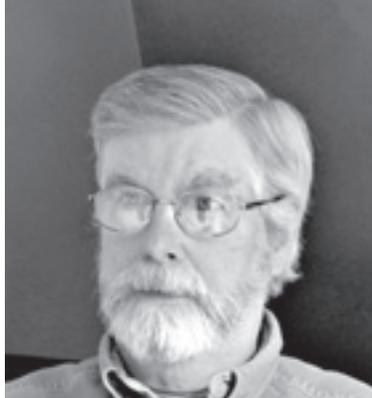
Larry is a talented photographer who challenges himself to create inspiring photos. Working for the National Park Service and the Nature Conservancy gave Larry an opportunity to practice wildlife photography. His curiosity led to less conventional images. Thus Circles and Spheres was created.

It began when Larry created pocket calendars with photos that he gave to family and friends. The photos were so inspiring that he was encouraged to share his work with others; thus, this writing contest.

View Larry's 12 photos posted at CenterForTheArtsNH.org, then ask yourself, "What do these photos say to me?" You may choose to select one photograph to write about, or you may focus on the entire collection of Circles and Spheres to speak to your inspiration.

There is no fee to enter. Download the rules for submission from the Center

Contest judge is Laurie Zimmerman, an award-winning poet who lives in



Larry Chase provides the inspiration for the "Circle and Spheres" creative writing contest. Laurie Zimmerman will judge the entries.

Andover. The winning writers will be invited to read their prose or poetry at the Center for the Arts' First Friday reception on Friday, October 3, at the Lake Sunapee Bank, 321 Main Street, New London. The winning selections will be displayed at Lake Sunapee Bank through October, along with Larry's 12 matted and framed Circles and Spheres photographs.

## White Mountain Storytelling Festival Comes to Waterville

Andover's Laretta Phillips to manage the event

**Press release**

Besides being a storyteller, author, and radio and TV host, Laretta Phillips of Andover is also taking on the role of Event Manager for the New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance (NHSA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designed to promote the oral tradition of storytelling throughout New Hampshire. Among other events, NHSA produces the White Mountain Storytelling Festival each year.

"It is an honor to be helping to produce this great event," says Laretta. "There is a terrific line-up of tellers, and Waterville Valley is a fabulous location for this event. This is the go-to event of the season for people of all ages."

This year's White Mountain Storytelling Festival is to be held on Friday through Sunday, September 26 through 28, at Waterville Valley Town Square.

This is the fourth annual White Mountain Storytelling Festival, and the featured teller for this event is Odds Bodkin from Bradford. Since 1982, Odds Bodkin has made his living as a master storyteller, musician, and author. He has been called "a modern-day Orpheus" by Billboard. Self-accompanied with original music on guitars and harp,

he creates vivid characters that animate his wide-ranging collection of epics, folktales, ancient myths, and original stories.

Other storytellers presenting at this festival make the line-up look like a "who's who" in storytelling. Michael Lockett from Normal, Illinois; Geraldine Buckley from Maryland; Lani Peterson from Andover, Massachusetts; and Joey Talbert from Massachusetts are all coming to perform.

The line-up includes some great New Hampshire storytellers as well: Peter Brodeur from Wilnot, Simon Brooks from New London, Mark Chamberlain from Barrington, Cora Ciampi of Gorham, Andy Davis of Conway, Papa Joe Gaudet of Epping, Shelly Hersey of Portsmouth, Angela Klingler of Salem, Mike Lang of Dover, Ruth Niven from Franklin, Laretta Phillips from Andover, and Sharon Wood of Claremont.

There are programs for all ages, beginning on Friday evening at 7:30 in Waterville Valley Town Square with Ghost Stories. Saturday has a full schedule of events for people of all ages, including five storytelling concerts and a Chili Cook-Off. Sunday ends the program with Sacred Stories at 9:30 AM.

For more information, visit NHStorytelling.org or contact Laretta Phillips at LPhillipsTales.com.



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