



Maine Storyteller Turns Author During Pandemic

SHERMAN, Conn. - Nov. 15, 2021 - [PRLog](#) -- Phyllis Blackstone, a storyteller who resides in Brunswick, Maine, used the shelter-in-place pandemic time to write down all the stories, real and imagined, she had ever composed. The book, "My Storied Life," will be released by Emerald Lake Books on November 16, 2021.

"When the shelter-in-place mandate was issued in early 2020, I wondered how I would use this extended time. I knew I wanted to organize all the stories I had been telling for years but never wrote down. I decided that if COVID-19 took my life, my stories would stay! Through a variety of circumstances, I found Emerald Lake Books who helped me transform into an author!"

Blackstone was born in Caribou, Maine, seventy-two years ago, the youngest child of a potato farmer. The family moved to Harpswell and Brunswick in the mid-1950s where Blackstone grew up. After a 43-year career as an educator, she returned to Brunswick in 2018, the town that nourished her and claimed her heart.

Blackstone says she became a storyteller when, as a novice teacher, the first graders became antsy. Whenever she said "Once upon a time...", they all sat down, and she learned the value of storytelling. In fact, storytelling became her preferred teaching tool from first graders to graduate students.

In her retirement, Blackstone tells stories to children, adults, families and senior citizens. From churches and libraries to schools and retirement homes, Blackstone uses folktales, personal stories, and creative fiction to enrapture her listeners. The book is an eclectic collection of humorous, heartwarming stories of wisdom and truth.

Blackstone is the founder and leader of BASS (Brunswick Area Storytelling Society) that meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Curtis Memorial Library and leads storytelling at Grampa's Garden on the third Thursday of each month. She belongs to several national and regional storytelling organizations.

Blackstone can be contacted at <https://emeraldlakebooks.com/blackstone>. Learn more about "My Storied Life" at <https://emeraldlakebooks.com/mystoriedlife>.

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