

MEMBERS' PAGE

HARMONY

Phyllis Bickerstaff

I live in a large community comprised of condos, houses, a high rise...anything a Florida resident could want. We are then divided into small villages which give one that "home town" feeling. My village had its first big social event of the "season." It was fun to see so many people, old friends who returned for the winter. There were many smiles, hugs, and conversations. We had a lovely dinner and played a few fun games followed by a "sing-a-long." The last thing was the singing of "God Bless America" while we all stood and held hands. It was a tender moment indeed. I wondered how many states were represented so I took a survey. We are from Tennessee, New York, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, Michigan, West Virginia, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. Can you imagine how many different religions and professions were represented? How many political views, how many life-styles, how many values were there? Yet we all live together in almost perfect harmony. Why can't the world figure out how to do this? Why can't we all live together in HARMONY universally?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Page Booth
Muriel Hackney
Gerald & Elizabeth Jones
Ann Pettersson
Eileen Simon
Anne P. Smith
Audrey Stehlik
William Tanner

BOOK DONATIONS

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Mary Lou Williams, Storyteller, held her audience spellbound at the January 8 meeting. She presented a storytelling concert where she dramatized five stories, all united by the overall theme of love. Wearing her

storytelling garb of patchwork quilt skirt and peasant blouse, and using simple props, she transported us to a simpler time, before we begin to depend on movies and TV to keep us entertained.

Mary Lou writes her own stories, combining fairy tale and legend with modern idiom. She smoothly blended prince charming and the wicked witch with cell phones and iPods into an enchanting storytelling brew.

If you would like to be part of the reviving art form of storytelling, join the Tamiami Tale Tellers, who meet each month on the third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Court on College Parkway, Ft. Myers.



Mary Lou Williams in her storytelling garb.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- April 13, 2007: Linda Benoit-Bilodeau - author of *Stepping Through Sea Grass*
May 11, 2007: Sheldon Kaye - Director of Lee County Library System
June 8, 2007: Robert V. Brulle - author of *Angels Zero*
September 14, 2007: Linda Meyerholz - author of *Recovery from Childhood in America*
November 9, 2007: Robert Macomber - author of the Peter Wake novels