

We Remember

More than Remembrance Day

True Stories about Real People
Doreen and Mary share their family stories to
touch the heart and illuminate history, 1916 to present day.

Mary Hays', mom and dad both served overseas in the army medical corps during WWII. She grew up hearing their stories. Mary also collected war stories from her home town and from other veterans of WWII.

Doreen Vanderstoop's, parents grew up in The Netherlands during WWII. She tells their stories. Doreen also performs music that was popular during wartime.

Working together on Remembrance Day programs, Mary and Doreen were struck by how the stories of each of their mother's experiences during WWII could be told in tandem; one story of an Alberta country girl who trained as a nurse and served overseas mingled with the narrative of a young girl during the 'Hunger Winter' in war-torn The Netherlands. Their touching and unique collaborative story spans the world with the universal human desire not only to survive but to collaborate in making life worth living.

It is an honor for them to tell some of their family stories for more than Remembrance Day. Also for Canada Day, Woman's Day, History Month, Family Day, World Storytelling Day, Canadian Storytelling Night, Alberta Culture Days. . .

CURRICULUM LINKS:

Storytelling develops key competencies: creativity and innovative thinking, critical thinking, collaboration of shared images, communication, managing information, problem solving, personal growth and wellbeing and cultural and global citizenship (Competencies Chart for Alberta School Consortiums)

BIOGRAPHIES:

Mary Hays and Doreen Vanderstoop, both of Calgary, are active members of TALES (The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling) and Storytellers of Canada. They have often partnered together for storytelling at concerts, festivals and conferences. They

love to tell all kinds of stories – traditional tales, historical tales, family stories and even ghost stories. www.storymary.com/ www.doreenvanderstopp.ca

MARY and DOREEN OFFER:

One hour program for all ages

Two hour storytelling concert with music for adult audiences

45 minute interactive program for grades 2 – 4

Storytelling Workshops, 1 – 3 hours, all ages

INFORMATION and RATES:

Contact Doreen for a fee schedule and to plan a storytelling presentation for your group.

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