



Call for Storytellers: “*Meet Me at The Loaf*”

A Celebration of Sugar Loaf in Stories

The *Leelanau Historical Society* and *Here:Say Storytelling* are coming together to stage an evening of *live, true, first-person storytelling* that celebrates the wild, weird, warm, and wonderful legacy of **Sugar Loaf Mountain**.

This show, **November date and location TBA**, will feature 6 storytellers sharing stories that speak to the hill’s impact over time: stories of adventure, hilarity, heartache, transformation, and the unmistakable spirit of “*The Loaf*”.

Submissions are OPEN!

We’re looking for *real stories from real people*. Do you have a story that *only* could have happened at, or because of Sugar Loaf?

This call is open to:

- Former Sugar Loafers, lodge lovers, staffers, ski bums, and community members!
- Locals and travelers from *any era*—1940s to present day.
- Those whose stories intersect with Sugar Loaf, even in small but meaningful ways.
- Regional skiers or snow lovers with stories that have a clear thread to “*The Loaf*.”

What We're Looking For

The most memorable stories on stage pull the audience in and get them to feel invested in what happened to you – feeling the joy of your triumphs or the sting of your disappointments. We are looking for....

- **True, first-person stories** of lived experience, that you can say, “This happened to me.”
- **Tone:** Funny, emotional, inspiring, bittersweet—we're open to all flavors.
- **Length:** 8-10 minutes
- **Scope:** Each story should have an arc with a beginning, middle, and end and tell what happened rather than a speech, a memoir of a journey,, or an evaluation of how you feel about it. Focus on one story rather than a series of anecdotes.
- **Content:** Stories don't need to be about skiing! We want a variety—romances, mishaps, reunions, ghosts, bar stories, lodge moments, regional ski memories—anything with heart and connection to Sugar Loaf.

What's the Process Like?

No experience necessary. All storytellers will receive **one-on-one coaching** from **Kabie Stein**, founder and creative director of *Here:Say Storytelling*.

If selected, here's what to expect:

1. Meeting with Kabie to brainstorm your story (In Person or video chat)
2. Submit a draft.
3. Receive feedback from Kabie.
4. Revise and refine with Kabie's support.
5. Rehearse for a live audience.
6. Take the stage and share your story!

Note: The event will be **recorded for archival purposes** for the Leelanau Historical Society and Here:Say Storytelling.

Ready to Pitch Your Story Ideas?

Only pitches submitted through the Here:Say pitch page will be considered.

<https://www.heresaystorytelling.com/pitch-your-story>

Submission deadline: August 31st, 2025.

Questions?

Have questions or unsure if you have a story to tell? Email Kabie Stein:

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To get a feel for the *Here:Say* vibe, check out their podcast on [Podbean](#), [iTunes](#), or [Stitcher](#).
Or attend an [upcoming show](#) on August 4th, 2025