

In honor of TELLABRATION™ - a night of storytelling celebrated world-wide in November,
the Seattle Storytelling Guild and the Nordic Museum present an Epic Event:

NORSE MYTHS

Nov. 10, 10:30 AM – 4 pm
The Nordic Museum
2655 NW Market Street, Seattle, WA 98107

“Long ago the world was made of ice and mist and flame. Out of these vapors swirled an evil frost-giant and a great ice cow. The cow licked the snow until she licked a god into being. The god’s grandsons murdered the frost giant and then made the nine worlds from his huge body.”

From Tales of the Norse Gods and Heroes by Barbara Leonie Picard

And so, according to the Vikings of Norway, Denmark and Sweden, the universe began. These nine worlds were filled with gods, giants and dwarves, elves and magical creatures. When Vikings from Norway sailed to Iceland in 840 CE, they brought their sacred stories with them. By 1000 CE, Iceland converted to Christianity but before the old stories faded away, they were recorded in poetic form by several unknown authors - these are the Poetic Edda or Elder Edda. Later in the third century, Snorri Sturlusson, an Icelandic chieftain, recorded more of the old myths in the Prose Edda or Younger Edda.



The Edda are filled with the humor, wisdom and heroism of Scandinavia. They explain how order was brought to chaos and often illustrate that both good and evil can exist in all things. This mythology has grown in renown and loved around the world, for people of all times have experienced the fears, sorrows and longings of these gods and goddesses and can rejoice in their courage, strength and humor.

Fifteen storytellers will gather to share their favorites of the Eddas, stories that are as compelling and magical as when they were first told over 1000 years ago. Come hear Mary Gavan, Jennifer Ferris and Philomena Jordan from British Columbia, Barbara Fankhauser, Leslie Slape and Holly Robison of Oregon, and Bergith Kayyali, Barry McWilliams, Sandra Niman, Naomi Baltuck, Allison Cox, Judith Alexander, D. J. Hodgson, Eli Janka Garrard and Katherine Gee Perrone of Washington bring these myths to life again.



Admission: \$25 for the day, \$20 for members of the Seattle Storytelling Guild and the Nordic Heritage Museum.

**This fee also allows entry to the new exhibit – THE VIKINGS BEGIN!
So come early and stay late to see it all in this beautiful new museum
by the Ballard waterfront and visit the Freya Cafe for food and drink
from Nordic cuisine, which is open during museum hours: 10 am – 5 pm.**



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