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Once Upon a time-
A Charming Treat that Can't be Beat ... The Ladies Christmas Tea

The Storytelling Art Center of the Southeast is sponsoring The Ladies Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 14 from 2:30 – 5 pm at 131 South Main Street in Laurinburg.

The Ladies Christmas Tea will be a wonderful mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, and best friend afternoon. Share warm and welcoming holiday storytelling that offers wit and humor, reminiscence and poignancy, emphasizing the giving nature of the human heart performed by two very talented storytellers. It will be a perfect afternoon to start the holiday season.

Carol Whitehead and Annette Rowson co-chair the hospitality for this ladies only event. Whithead said, "Annette and I are planning to make this much like an English tea, with small sandwiches, scrumptious desserts, and choice of many different teas." Rowson added, "The Ladies Christmas Tea is a wonderful gift to give to show our love to the women in our lives we care about the most. We encourage everyone to make their reservations early so we can make sure to accommodate table arrangements."

Quinn Hawkesworth, professional actress and storyteller from western Virginia, will perform "The Giving Season", which includes "An Old-Fashioned Christmas", an Appalachian winter memory, a timeless folktale, a fresh bit of Charles Dickens, and a surprise that will send you home with a well-exercised funny bone. And of course there will be snow...

Laurinburg's own Gwen Rainer, professional storyteller and educator will share Christmas stories and poems. She will delight all with her rendition of the story of the

"Little Pine Tree." It is a moving Christmas story about a little tree that wants leaves instead of needles. She will also surprise us with a poem or two as only Gwen can tell them.

Tickets are \$5 which includes teas and light refreshments. Space is limited so call 910-277-3599 or drop by the Storytelling Arts Center any time Tuesday through Friday between 12 and 5 pm.

The Storytelling Arts Center will also be open on Dec. 11 until 8 pm for Ladies Downtown Shopping Night sponsored by the Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC). Ladies who come down that evening will have a chance to win a gift basket filled with great gifts donated by downtown merchants. The Storytelling Arts Center will be open so that you can purchase last minute tickets for the Ladies Christmas Tea and for shopping at the SACS Book Shop. You can also bring canned goods which will be donated to needy families in Scotland County.

