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Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire – A great time for all!

The Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown is a hoot ... a fun-filled day and evening of laughter when lying through your teeth is an art form. No one likes to see themselves as a prevaricator ... except when you register to compete in the Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown sponsored by the Storytelling Arts Center of the Southeast on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Any of you with a tall tale to share has time to dust off your whoppers, or pen a new prevarication, and practice telling your tale. Then you come to the Showdown and vie for one of three trophies and cash prizes. Everyone who enters receives a certificate and a great time. This is the perfect venue to begin sharing some wonderful, fun, outlandish story you have been holding on to, and now have a venue in which to tell it.

The chief judge is the nationally acclaimed storyteller and humorist, Ed Stivender. He will also give an evening comedy performance for the public, as well as presenting the trophies. The other two judges, one from Tennessee and the other from North Carolina, are professors who teach performance arts. In assessing contestants, the judges will look at technique, delivery, confidence, story development, effectiveness and abidance to the contest rules.

The contest rules are simple:

- You must be at least 16 to compete.
- All boasts, lies, and tall tales can be original, or told with permission from source.
- Stories should last 3-7 minutes and you must stick to that time frame!
- Please dress appropriately for a family audience.
- Prepare for a family audience. Vulgar or off-color language will result in immediate disqualification.
- Completion of the application form which can be found at www.StoryArts.info

The Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown competition is from 2 – 5 pm and the evening performance begins at 7 pm. Tim Morrissey, SACS Executive Director, said “Pre-registrants will tell their tales first and in order of registration. Walk-ins will be accepted as time allows. Several tellers have already registered for the contest so if someone is interested they should register soon to make sure there is time for them to tell their tale. As a special treat the first 15 people to register for the Showdown are invited to have lunch with Ed Stivender and the other judges.”

For those of you who prefer to listen, you'll enjoy seeing how stories can be embellished to outlandish lengths. To register to compete or to reserve ticket, go to the website: www.storyarts.info or call 910-277-3599.