

## Custom Workshops from

Spontaneous Combustion!

## Tom and Sandy Farley

Tandem Storytellers  
New Games Referees  
Improvistional Theatre Actors  
Alternatives to Violence Project Facilitators



Tom and Sandy Farley draw upon a wealth of experience in putting together meeting, retreat, and conference programs which invite people into participation and community building. Workshops are structured to meet the specific needs of each group.

### Examples of recent workshops:

#### **Sharing Stories that Help** – 75 min.

For Senior Health Chats held at local churches.

Participants told personal stories to each other and then chose children's books and read them aloud. Tom and Sandy told a story in closing.

#### **Using Stories With Art** – 90 min.

For elementary school district art docents.

One docent told a story related to a painting. Tom and Sandy led a positive feedback session. Docents then worked in threes practicing telling and giving and receiving feedback.

#### **Telling our Transforming Power Stories** – 90 min.

For Alternatives to Violence Project International Gathering in New Zealand/Aotearoa.

Storytelling is part of facilitating AVP workshops. One facilitator told her story, and Tom and Sandy set up a group feedback process. Participants applied this process in small groups.

#### **Classroom Friendship** – 2 hours

For a "difficult" 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom.

Tom and Sandy taught games, led exercises, and told stories that helped the children explore the meaning of friendship and cooperation and to see their classmates as friends.

#### **School Residency -- Peace Camp** – 15 hours

For a small private school during a week between terms.

Each morning, students from grades K to 5 played games, listened to stories, and engaged in communication and cooperation activities selected to help build a sense of community.

#### **Becoming a Storyteller** – 18 hours [limit 24 participants]

For Quakers as part of week-long gatherings and at a conference center retreat.

Participants [teens to seniors] explored various styles of storytelling and learned ways of giving useful feedback to each other. Each person prepared a story for presentation to an audience.

**Honorarium is negotiable. farley@spont.com 650-366-1818 <http://www.spont.com>**