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Story telling as a way of learning has ancient roots but is rapidly gaining acceptance in these modern times. The Past Is Prologue: a Way of Learning, an organization committed to this methodology, is offering two major programs on the Schreiner University Campus this year.

“Who are the Human Beings” is the theme of a two-day conference July 23 and 24 on campus. The theme is taken from one of the stories in *The Walking People*, a vast oral history by Paula Underwood, which takes her ancestors from Asia, across the Bering Strait and on across this continent, gathering wisdom as they walked. This gathered wisdom will provide inspiration and food for thought for participants who choose to enroll for the conference. Presenters will be those who have studied under Ms. Underwood before her death at the end of 2000 and those who have continued to study her works.

The annual one-day workshop on October 16, also based on Ms. Underwood’s published materials, will be the second major event on campus. This event is used for training in the use of Native American Learning stories by educators in their classrooms, by health care givers with their clients, by leaders with their organizations, by parents with their children, or by children with their parents. This country-wide educational program began with Ms. Underwood’s first published book, *Who Speaks for Wolf*. This book won the Thomas Jefferson Cup award, and the educational program was termed exemplary by the U.S. Department of Education. For those who have already received the basic training in this Learning Stories, a session or two will be offered based on other Learning Stories.

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