



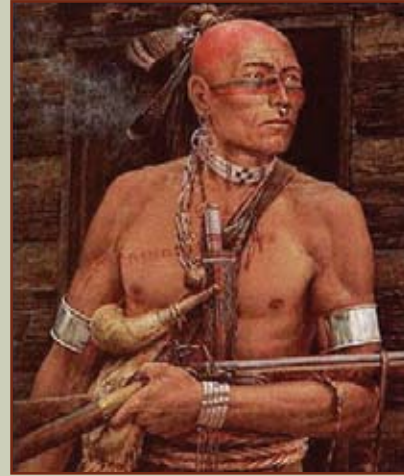
Artist Profile

Bil Lepp

Lepp is five time champion of the West Virginia Liars Contest. He tells original, hilarious tales that will bring a smile to the face of even the most ill-humored person. Bil has been a Featured Teller at the National Storytelling Festival several times, and at The Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Bil is the author of three books of tales, four audio collections, and he has had stories published in several national magazines. Duke Divinity Magazine called Bil's stories, "Awe inspiring cathedrals of flap doddle and bull." Bil has been telling tales for over fifteen years. He tells original tall-tales written by himself and his brother. Bil has been a regular at the West Virginia Liars Contest since 1990.



Profile Chief Logan



Painting of Chief Logan by Robert Griffing (Griffing)

Chief Logan's Speech

"I appeal to any white man to say, if ever he entered Logan's cabin hungry and I gave him not meat; if ever he came cold or naked and I gave him not clothing. During the course of the last long and bloody war Logan remained in his tent, an advocate for peace; nay, such was my love for the whites that those of my own country pointed at me as they passed by, and said, 'Logan is the friend of white men.' I had even thought to live with you, but for the injuries of one man. Colonel Cresap. The last Spring, in cold blood and unprovoked, cut off all the relations of Logan, not sparing even my women and children. There runs not a drop of my blood in the veins of any human creature. This called on me for revenge. I have sought it - I have killed many - I have fully glutted my vengeance. For my country I rejoice at the beams of peace; but do not harbour the thought that mine is the joy of fear. Logan never felt fear. He will not turn on his heel to save his life. Who is there to mourn for Logan? Not one."

(Chief Logan, 1774)