***Manzanita Writers Press Presents a Free Family Event***

**Event: *Twirling Snowflake Stories for the Holidays with Cynthia Restivo***

**Location: 1211 South Main Street, Suite 110 in Historic Angels Camp**

**Date & Time: Saturday, December 19- 2:00 pm**

**Contact: Manzanita Arts Emporium (209) 728-6171 or Monika Rose (209) 754-0577**

**Captions:**

**A Holiday Treat for the Entire Family**

Return for a little while to the time when grandparents, brothers and sisters, the whole family enjoyed the special tradition of spinning tales on a cold winter’s night. Professional storyteller and author Cynthia Restivo invites the community to be enchanted as she presents stories for the holidays that will delight both youngsters and more grown-up folk alike. Cynthia will bring together an assortment of treats from both times past and present, so be prepared for this captivating storyweaver to draw her audience into a world of sparkling frosty magic.

Trained as a professional actor who toured the international stages, Restivo’s unique theater skills led to her enormously successful calling. For fourteen years, she and fellow storyteller B.Z. Smith partnered as the Story Quilters to enthrall and fascinate their audiences.

In her solo career, Restivo has acted on her deep passion for strengthening storytelling traditions within families.  In addition to her inspired telling, she also helps others collect and preserve family and personal stories as a legacy to future generations. From her home in Sonora, Restivo has traveled widely through the Sierra Foothills area to be part of school, library and festival programs. She is a member of National Storytelling Network, The California Arts Project, Society for Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators and Association of Personal Historians.

Put on your woolen hat, zip the little ones into their jackets and join friends and family for a delightful afternoon of winter wonder with Cynthia Restivo.

Be sure to visit Manzanita Arts Emporium, the new home of Manzanita Writers Press located at 1211 South Main Street in historic Angels Camp. Peruse the eclectic contemporary collection of books, fine art, prints, cards, jewelry, woodworking, botanical art, hard-edge design wall sculpture, puppets and more. Check out the November/December line up of workshops by visiting [manzapress.com](http://manzapress.com/). Hours are Wednesday through Monday from 10 am to 5 pm (open 6 days a week, closed on Tuesdays).