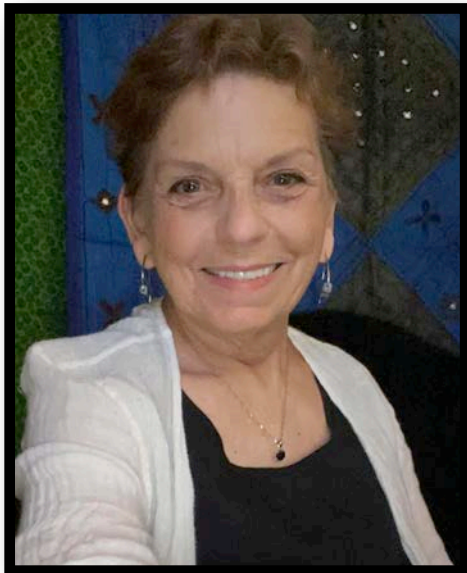




AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello my friends,

What a summer it has been! It heated up and stayed that way most of the time. Hot temps and hot lies brought us together this year in person for the first time in a long time. Seeing each other, sharing hugs and smiles and listening to stories in person rejuvenated our souls. How grateful I am for my friendships in storytelling. Thank you. Thank you for telling your stories, whether on the stage or at a table or in the hall at the Liars Contest. Thank you for making life wonderful again.

Our next in person events are Tellabration! and our annual membership meeting in January. Once again, River and Prairie Storyweavers will host our meeting at the annual Chicken Festival. (A big thank you to RAPS) This year it will be held in Nevada, MO. Watch for more information on that and Tellabration.

Please keep telling your tales and stay in touch.

Joyce Slater

President of MO-TELL

“The way we experience story will evolve, but as storytelling animals, we will no more give it up than start walking on all fours.”

-- Jonathan Gottschall,
author

WINNERS! WINNERS! CHICKEN DINNERS!

THE 8TH ANNUAL MISSOURI LIARS CONTEST RESULTS

SPOKEN CATEGORY

FIRST PLACE - ROGER ROSE - "IT'S ABOUT TIME 2022"

SECOND PLACE - ALICE NATHAN - "FERAL HOGS"

THIRD PLACE - RIC VICE - "MARCHING ON MEMORIAL DAY"

WRITTEN CATEGORY

FIRST PLACE - ALICE NATHAN - "FERAL HOGS"

SECOND PLACE - SUSAN BRAVO - "THE LONESOME LITTLE TOE"

THIRD PLACE - CAROL KARIOTIS - "THE DRIVEWAY"

2022 MISSOURI'S BEST LIARS

IN A RARE, CASUAL MOMENT



ROGER ROSE, ALICE NATHAN, RIC VICE



Tejas Storytelling Association

fostering an appreciation of storytelling as an oral tradition, performing art, and educational tool

August 28 - Virtual

Elizabeth Ellis - Learning and Forgetfulness

6:00 pm - Central Time...Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Donation accepted.

[Click here](#) for the link on the day of the event.

Meeting ID: 891 5830 2511

Passcode: 199578

September 18 - Virtual

Elizabeth Ellis - Reaping and Sowing

6:00 pm - Central Time...Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Donation accepted.

[Click here](#) for the link on the day of the event.

Meeting ID: 811 8805 4681

Passcode: 942696

MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Alice Nathan

Alice Nathan is the first-place winner in the 2022 MO-TELL Missouri Liars Contest Written Category. Alice was raised in Missouri and has lived in West Plains MO, Springfield IL, and now retired to Blue Springs MO. Alice and her husband Rich White were introduced to storytelling when they attended a day of storytelling at the Woodneath branch of Mid-Continent Public Library.

They later learned it was part of the annual KC Storytelling Celebration. Joyce Slater and Sue Hinkle taught a workshop that day. They had never heard of storytelling as an art form, but immensely enjoyed that day. Alice became certified in written and in oral storytelling through the library's Story Center program. Alice tells mostly personal stories, but occasionally adds in a folktale or tall tale. She has a gentle way of telling a story.

She has a degree in Psychology and Counseling, but says her career took an unexpected turn.

When an opportunity arose to advance to management, her career became serving as Executive Director of non-profit social service agencies. Alice's specialty was stabilizing funding and erecting new buildings. The client populations being served were primarily alcoholics with criminal records and victims of domestic violence.

Alice's goals are simply to have fun sharing stories that are entertaining and that hopefully have a meaningful message to a listener.

She likes telling on Zoom and in person. Zoom allows us to reach listeners that cannot be with us physically. She thinks that has been good for storytelling. Live performances do have the definite advantage of direct connection with the listeners. That reminds her of her years of public speaking and entertaining.

She appreciates the workshops MO-TELL offers at the in-person Missouri Liars Contest. As a novice and as a storyteller who has no ambition to become professional, Alice likes the contact and training by the members who have a wealth of expertise to share.

Alice has lived through some stressful chapters of life, but she is now living in the best chapter (in no small part due to her husband, Rich White). All experiences can come out in story.

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STORIES, GATHERINGS, AND STORY GATHERINGS
AROUND OUR FAIR STATE.

RAPS AUGUST 2022

Thursday August 4, 2022, 7:00 pm First Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
Officer Elections for Director, Events Coordinator and Secretary
Story Theme: "A Conversation between your sock and shoe"

Saturday August 20, 2022, 10:30 am
Hybrid* meeting at Woodneath AND on Zoom

Thursday September 1, 2022, 7:00 pm First Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
Story Theme: "Take a classic fairytale and change it so that the villain is the hero"

*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person at:
Trailside Center Woodneath Library Center
99th & Holmes Rd. 8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64131 Kansas City, MO 64157

If not on RAPS Mailing List,
Contact: RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com for additional info and Zoom links.

SURPRISE PUZZLE!

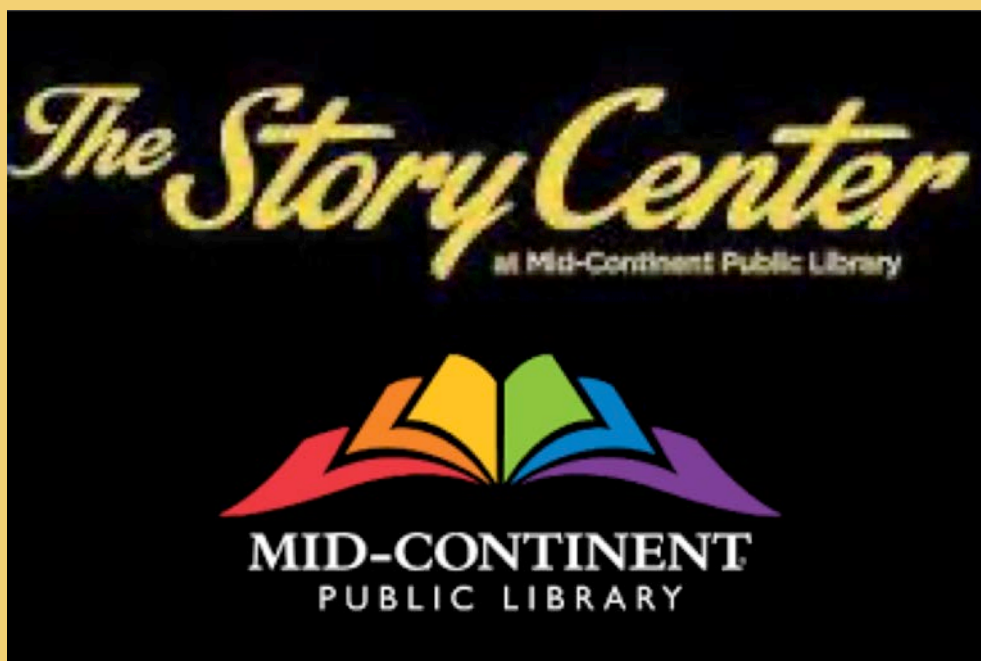
PIECE NUMBER ONE OF OUR CURRENT SERIES: ANDY WARHOL'S TOMATO SOUP. COLLECT ALL 1,324 FROM SUBSEQUENT MO-TELL NEWSLETTERS AND WITHIN SEVERAL DECADES YOU'LL HAVE A COMPLETE WORK OF POP CULTURE ART!



GATEWAY

JULY 2022

Time: Sep 13, 2022
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84865030814?pwd=U05UMlUySTU3eFhzVkhlcDBXZDZlcz09>
Meeting ID: 848 6503 0814
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[Story Swap \(ZOOM\)](#)

Thu, Aug 18 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

An open-mic storytelling event that's open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come to enjoy the show.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Storycrafting Fundamentals Part One \(ZOOM\)](#)

Wed, Aug 24 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

Writer and storyteller Laura Packer explores character development, story structure, point of view, understanding your audience, and other story crafting techniques.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Storycrafting Fundamentals Part Two \(ZOOM\)](#)

Thu, Aug 25 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

Writer and storyteller Laura Packer explores character development, story structure, point of view, understanding your audience, and other story crafting techniques.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Storytelling as a Successful Business \(ZOOM\)](#)

Wed, Sep 7 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

Learn the fundamentals of creating and running a successful storytelling business from award-winning storyteller Tracey Segarra.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Story Swap](#)

Thu, Sep 15 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Story Center Programming Room Story Center Event Registration Required

An open-mic storytelling event that's open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come to enjoy the show.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Introduction to Storytelling Varieties: \(ZOOM\)](#)

Mon, Sep 26 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

Learn from nationally known storyteller and Grammy-nominated recording artist, Milbre Burch, about storytelling varieties.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF OF THE 2022 LIARS CONTEST

IT REALLY DID HAPPEN





OUR ESTEEMED JUDGES
LISA OVERHOLSER, ANTHONY CLARK, RON TURNER



WHEN FACED WITH A LIARS CONTEST, ROGER ROSE TO THE OCCASION!

WE KNOW THE MYTH AND THE LEGEND. WHAT ABOUT THE MAN?

Anthony Clark encouraged me to enter the Liars Contest and coached me in creating "Jack and the Magic Beans," which took third place in 2018. My story "High in the Ozarks" took first place as a written story in 2020.

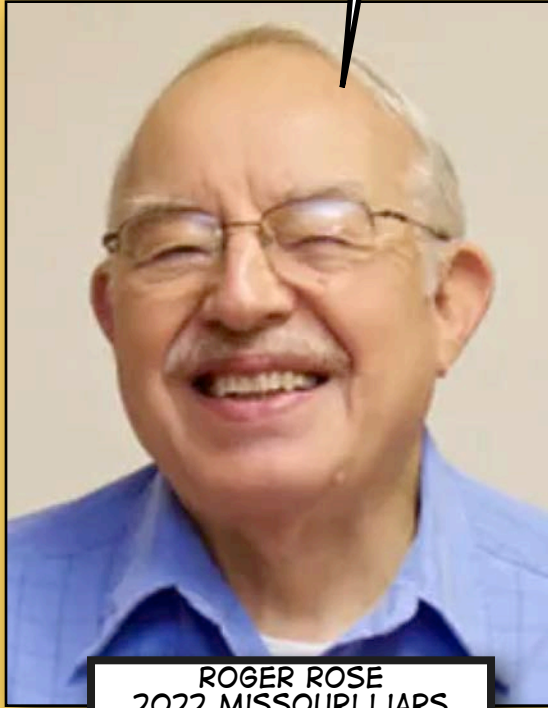
I know that Zoom has opened up a lot of new possibilities for storytelling and am glad for that. But I personally do not like to tell on Zoom, because I miss being able to interact with the live audience. And I do not participate much as a listener on Zoom. It's like working from home -- I am home with all the activities and distractions of being home and find it hard to break away from that for storytelling.

Ever since I attended the Third Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival I was hooked! Sylvia Duncan and Irene Eveland drew me into Gateway Storytellers dinners at the old Salad Bowl. I signed up for classes at Meramac Community College. When I was looking for places to practice, Leigh McGee invited me to join her in volunteer telling for the Special School District. Like many St. Louis tellers, I owe a lot to Lynn Rubright, Ron Adams, and Steve Otto. On the national level, I have learned from Chuck Larkin, Michael Parent, Donald Davis, Elizabeth Ellis, and many others, too numerous to list.

I have focused much of my storytelling on literary stories and the balance between staying true to the written story and the craft of adapting the story to the oral medium. This led to my involvement in the issues of copyright and getting permission -- issues which have diverted many tellers away from using literary material. I also work with traditional folklore, usually by adapting, modifying, or "fracturing" the fairy tale. I have written some original stories. My version of "Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady" was published in the NSN Storytelling magazine in 2016.

Storytelling became my passion.

ROGER THAT!



ROGER ROSE
2022 MISSOURI LIARS
CONTEST CHAMPION



THE 43RD ST. LOUIS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE FROM OCTOBER 13-22, 2022. ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY IS THE NEW HOME FOR THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT A WIDE VARIETY OF VENUES THROUGH THE ST. LOUIS REGION, INCLUDING ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY. MORE DETAILS AND THE FESTIVAL LINE-UP WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON AT WWW.SLCL.ORG/STLSTORYTELLINGFESTIVAL.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COLLABORATING PARTNER UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION, WHO HOSTED THE FESTIVAL IN RECENT YEARS.

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October 13-22

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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$25	MO-TELL PRESTIGE
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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$35	FAMILY-WIDE MO-TELL PRESTIGE
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$50	TWICE AS MUCH OF THE SAME!!
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP -60	\$250	LOGO BAG <i>PLUS</i> MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP 60+	\$200	LOGO BAG <i>PLUS</i> MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)

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2. MISSOURI LIAR'S CONTEST
3. WEB SITE PRESENCE FOR STORYTELLERS
4. MONTHLY STORYTELLING PROGRAMS
5. LOADS OF MERCH (HATS, CAPS, CUPS, MUGS, BAGS, AND WHATNOT!)
6. NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK AFFILIATION
7. A WORLD CLASS NEWSLETTER (HUZZAH!)
8. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (AND A VOICE THEREIN!)
9. CONNECTION TO THE OTHER STORYTELLING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION

RENEW TODAY!

Story of the Month

AESOP'S THE LION, THE WOLF, AND THE FOX

A very old lion lay ill in his cave. All of the animals came to pay their respects to their king except the fox. The wolf, sensing an opportunity, accused the fox in front of the lion:

"The fox has no respect for you or your rule. That is why he hasn't even come to visit you."

Just as the wolf was saying this, the fox arrived, and he overheard what the wolf said. Then the lion roared in rage at the fox, but the fox was able to speak in his own defense.

"And who, of all those who have gathered here, has rendered Your Majesty as much service as I have? For I have traveled far and wide asking physicians for a remedy for your illness, and I have found one."

The lion demanded to know at once what cure he had found, and the fox said: "It is necessary for you to flay a wolf alive, and then take his skin and wrap it around you while it is still warm."

The wolf was ordered to be taken immediately and flayed alive. As he was carried away, the fox turned to him with a smile and said, "You should have spoken well of me to His Majesty rather than ill."

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Missouri Storytelling, Inc (MO-TELL) is an organization of storytellers and other interested persons dedicated to spreading the joy and art of storytelling throughout Missouri.

MISSION STATEMENT

We envision that every Missourian will hear and share stories and keep the oral tradition alive.

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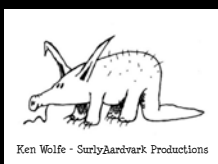
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