

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



"Facts, opinions, and value statements push people apart, stories bring people together."

- Chuck Matthei

Hello my friends,

This is going to be a wonderful year for MO-TELL. The Liars Contest is in person for the first time in three years. Zoom has brought us through the pandemic but what we've really needed is to see each other face to face and laugh and hug and share stories. I hope to see you in Pacific, MO in July for the Liars Contest whether you are a teller, a listener or a dancer.

There will be a silent auction, t-shirts, buttons, food, a chance to meet up with friends and tell a story. We'll have Ragtime and World's Fair 1904 history. There will be a workshop, a story swap, and time to enjoy each other and our stories.

The deadline for your Liars Contest entries is June 1.

I wouldn't lie to you.

You have less than a month to create a whopper that will win you the prestigious title of Liar of the Year. The rules are on our website, www.mo-tell.org and in this newsletter, but if you have questions, send me an email. (joyceslater20@gmail.com)

The MO-TELL board will pre-entertain you with a few lies in our June 10 show on Zoom.

Keep your stories alive,

Joyce Slater

President of MO-TELL



# THE 8TH ANNUAL MISSOURI TARS ONTEST

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A MARVELOUS ARRAY OF HAPPENINGS TO THRILL THE HEART, ENTRANCE THE MIND, AND DELIGHT THE SENSES!



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OPERA FOUSE OF PACIFIC, MISSOURI

220 S. 1ST ST, PACIFIC, MO 63069

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022

8:30AM-9PM - COME FOR THE STORIES! STAY TO MAKE SOME MORE!



### MISSOURI JIARS ONTEST & MO-TELL-A-PALOOZA 2022

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(See our website at www.mo-tell.org for more details on storytelling, the contest, and newsletters.)

Saturday, July 9th, 2022 at the 1908 Pacific Opera House, 220 S. First Street, Pacific, MO, 63069 Enter Opera House on East Orleans (elevator or stairs) to Third Floor ballroom.

8:30 am Registration, coffee, and heartily warm greetings.

9:00 - 1-:45 am Storytelling Workshop for Beginners and Everyone Else!

"Story Shapes" with Anthony Clark - Designed by Anthony to help participants "shape up" their tales and explore the basic shapes stories tend to take, regardless of genre! Anthony Clark is the founder of the Missouri Liars Contest . He has been crafting, writing, and telling stories for years. He has published written work, both fiction and nonfiction, for Simon & Schuster, Adams Media, Rourke Media, and others. He has ghostwritten stories for numerous publishers. He has led story-crafting workshops across the state, most notably at The Story Center in Kansas City.

11:00am - ??? Story Swap — 5 minute time limit on stories; likely overlapping lunch.

11:30 am - 12:45pm Lunch, \$10 — 1904 World's Fair Lunch — Mercantile Room, Second Floor & Ballroom

1:00 - 3:30 pm 2022 Missouri Liars Contest - Prestige! Renown! CA\$H PRIZES!

Emcee T. J. Müller, host of 88.1 KDHX Radio's "Riverboat Shuffle" Tuesdays from 10am-12pm

3:30 - 4:00pm Silent Auction ends. — Winners pay for and claim items.

4:00 - 5:45pm Dinner, \$10 — Mercantile Room Second Floor & Ballroom

6:00 - 9:00pm Ragtime, Jazz, Blues music and Dancing featuring T.J. Müller and The Gaslight Squares

\$10 entry

Costumes encouraged (c. 1904 - 1929)

#### All events of the day are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

MO-TELL merchandise (shirts, caps, books, CD's, etc.) will be available. A silent auction benefiting MO-TELL will last all day and end just before dinner. 1904 St. Louis World's Fair collection and souvenirs will be on display. All attendees should be prepared to show proof COVID vaccination.

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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

# AN AUCTION WITH NO ITEMS RAISES NOTHING BUT EYEBROWS.

#### MO-TELL AUCTION IN JULY

MO-TELL is having a silent auction during the Liars Contest to support storytelling in Missouri. Can you help with a donation of an item of \$20 or more value? Here are some examples of what you can donate:

- \*Gift cards from your favorite restaurant, grocery store, drugstore or department store
- \*Gift membership to one of your favorite organizations like museums, zoos (St. Louis Zoo) (Nelson Atkins Art Museum) (Missouri History Museum)
- \*Be creative: Donate brand new items, valuable collectibles, baskets of your favorite things like books, CDs and specialty foods or drinks, etc.
- \*Questions Call Perrin Stifel, (314)413-2858

No white elephants, no mason jars or Beanie Babies or used clothing. Well, vintage Elvis Presley suits may be allowed!

Come to the auction and buy, buy, buy. The goal is to raise \$2,022.00.

Bring or mail items to any board member (Joyce Slater, Linda & Gary Kuntz in the KC area, Perrin Stifel and Sue Hinkel in the St. Louis area, Nancee Walker Micham in the Springfield area or to Karen and Michael Potts, Chairs of the Silent Auction. Call Karen Potts, (636)485-8024 for information or go to <a href="www.mo-tell.org">www.mo-tell.org</a> for Board contact information.

#### Complete this form to send with your donations.

Thank you for your generous donation to MO-TELL. MO-TELL is a 501C3 organization devoted to spreading the art and joy of storytelling throughout the state of Missouri. Your gift helps to continue this mission. Items to be sold at the LIARS Contest, 2022. Please list the value of your donation here for tax purposes and to help sell it.

Item	Description	Value	
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Donor name	Date		
Again, thanks,			
Missouri Storytelling, Inc.			
Donation(s) accepted by			

# SAYE THESE DATES!

# St. Louis STORYTELLING Festival

Save the Date!

October 13-22

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.





#### **MO-TELL PRESENTS:**

### Would I Lie to You?



FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 AT 7:00 PM ON ZOOM

#### FEATURING:

JOYCE SLATER
SUE HINKEL
PERRIN STIFEL

GARY KUNTZ
NANCEE WALKER-MICHAM

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#### REGISTER IN ADVANCE HERE:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpcu6srj stHNCYFU1wpOfGSNMeDmw6XeAu

LEARN MORE AT MO-TELL.ORG



This year's Liars Contest and Mo-Tell-A-Palooza with be held in a very special place in Sue Hinkel's hometown of Pacific, Missouri.

According to James L. McHugh and Dan Monahan, the Opera House of Pacific has a unique connection with the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, also known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. As the fair closed some train cars were loaded with salvaged materials, and the

McHugh and Daily Mercantile Building was begun. The first floor was a general store, the second floor was apartments for two families, and the third was the famous Opera House of Pacific, Missouri. You may also choose a modern elevator to whisk you up!

The wood floors, tin ceilings, and grand staircase are amazing and a testament to the past when the 1908 opera house was completed. You will see the original curtain as a backdrop for the liars as they spin their tales of "truth." Walk on history as you go up the second step to the stage, which was removable so that bootleggers could hide the booze! Experience the magic of the railroad whistling down the tracks! Vaudeville, opera singers, entertainers, and ragtimers have performed on the stage for 114 years. Harry S. Truman played the full grand piano still being played today. This is the ONLY opera house in the nation still owned by the original family.

Read more

at www.operahouseofpacific.com and click on About and then click on History.

# MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



## Jean Hatfield

Jean has been involved with storytelling since 1985 which is when she took a class in Puppetry and Storytelling for her Masters degree in Library Science. She has had a lifelong love affair with books which explains why after she retired from a library career, which included being a school librarian then working for the public library, she went back to work part-time, in a library. She said that it's the books and the stories they hold that keeps her returning to the library.

Though she characterizes herself as more of a story listener than a storyteller nowadays she continues to be staunch supporter of storytelling. She said she joined MO-TELL because that is one of the ways she could continue to support storytelling today. Her favorite types of stories are the traditional tales: Folktales, Fairytales, Nursery Rhymes, and stories from Classical Literature.

When asked about the future of storytelling she said she was worried about a lack of cultural literacy today. That today's children are not being told those traditional tales by their parents. She said especially lacking are nursery rhymes which are important because they can engage a child's imagination at a very young age.

While storytelling faces many challenges today from a world that oftentimes seems too busy to listen to a story, with continuing supporters such as Jean it will continue to be an important part of our future.



# For Your Fridge

MAGNET HERE

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

### RAPS

MAY (AND BEYOND) 2022

Thursday May 5, 2022, 7:00 pm – First Thursday Meeting

Hybrid\* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom

Featured Teller: Ric Vice

Story Theme: "Best/Worst Day at School"

Saturday May 21, 2022, 10:30 am Hybrid\* meeting at Woodneath AND on Zoom

Thursday June 2, 2022, 7:00 pm First Thursday Meeting

Hybrid\* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom Story Theme: "Not My Finest Hour"

Free Concert: World Tales – Travel the World Thru Story

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 7:00 pm (*Donations for Tellers Welcomed*) Hybrid\* at Trailside Center and on Zoom

\*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person at:

Trailside Center Woodneath Library Center

99<sup>th</sup> & Holmes Rd. 8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64131 Kansas City, MO 64157

### SURPRISE PUZZLE!

THERE ARE FOURTEEN DIFFERENCES IN BETWEEN THESE TWO PHOTOS. (AN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

MINNESOTA BACKYARD IN NOVEMBER

MINNESOTA BACKYARD IN LATE APRIL

### GATEWAY

APRIL 2022

Topic: Gateway Storytelling featuring Ken Wolfe Time: May 10, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83324046246? pwd=ckdHT09UL0NmdW9KVmtkeDVaQlM0QT09

> Meeting ID: 833 2404 6246 Passcode: gateway



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YOU MAY HAVE HEARD. WE'RE HAVING A CONTEST.

MO-TELL NEEDS AWARD-WINNING, ABOVE PAR
LIARS, FABULISTS, FABRICATORS, PREVARICATORS, RACONTEURS, AND DOWNRIGHT FIBBERS.
AND YOU MAY BE JUST WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. YOU BRING THE LIE, WE PROVIDE THE MIC.
JULY 9TH, 2022, IN THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER. YOUR PANTS WILL ALREADY BY WARM.
READ THE SUBMISSION RULES ON THE NEXT COUPLE OF PAGES, AND SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP THEM
TO BURST INTO ABSOLUTE FLAMES!

#### THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST - 2022 OFFICIAL RULES – ORAL CATEGORY

The following rules pertain to the Oral and Written Categories of the 2022 Missouri State Liars Contest, sponsored by MO-TELL (Missouri Storytelling).

Each entrant in the **Oral Category** of the 2022 Missouri State Liars contest must:

- Submit a video or audio file (or web link to such) of the complete story he/she is entering
- Submit a completed registration form with a \$15 entry fee for MO-TELL members, or a \$30 entry fee for non-MO-TELL members.
- Each entrant may submit up to five (5) stories. Each additional story submitted must be accompanied by a separate registration form and \$15 entry fee. Note that each entrant may submit up to five (5) stories in each category, the Oral Category and the Written Category. The same story *may* be submitted in both categories, i.e., as an entry in the Oral Category *and* the Written Category.
- **Deadline for Entering** Story entries will be accepted until June 1, 2022. A panel of judges will choose 10 finalists from among the entrants in the Oral Category to compete in a live event in July. Finalists will be notified on or around June 14, 2022, of their selection for the final round. Finalists in the Oral Category will be invited to compete in person at the final round on July 09, 2022. A panel of judges will select the winner of the Oral Category and the winner will be announced at the event that day. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in both the oral and written categories.
- Eligible Stories Eligible entries for the Oral Category of the 2022 contest include any story that's not completely true. Entries may be original compositions, or they may be based partially or wholly on folklore or other material from the public domain. Copyrighted stories are not allowed in the contest unless the contest entrant is the copyright holder. Stories must be 10 minutes or less with a 30 second allowance. Stories must also be PG-rated—i.e., appropriate for an all-ages audience. Any story entered in the contest which fails to meet these requirements, as deemed by the judges, will be disqualified.
- **Judging Criteria** Stories will be judged based on three criteria: 1) originality of material, 2) performance quality, and 3) overall entertainment value. Although the performance of each entrant will be evaluated, the technical quality of the video or audio recording will not be a factor in the judging, as long as the story can be clearly heard and/or seen by the judges.
- If an individual wins the Liars Contest (oral) 5 times, then they are no longer eligible to compete (in the oral category) and are elevated to the rank of <u>Most Accomplished Liar in Missouri</u> rank.
- Any individual involved in collecting entries or arranging judges will be deemed a contest director and will be ineligible from entering the 2022 contest. Immediate family members of contest directors or contest judges are also ineligible. Additionally, professional politicians (defined as individuals who earn the majority of their income from elected office) are ineligible from entering the contest while in office.



## THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST – 2022 REGISTRATION FORM (ORAL CATEGORY)

Please return this completed form with the contest entry fee payable to "MO-TELL" the following address by June 1, 2022:

Sue Hinkel, MO-Tell Treasurer, 2236 Highway N, Pacific, MO 63069

NOTE: The contest entry fee is \$30 for non-MO-TELL members, or \$15 for MO-TELL members.

After returning your registration, submit your story in a standard audio or video format (or a link to your story) to joyceslater20@gmail.com

Name:		
Address:		
Name of Parent or Guardian fo	or entrants under 18:	
Phone #:	Email:	
Title of Story:Approximate length of story: _	minutes How did you hear abo	out the contest

PLEASE NOTE: Performances at the July 09, 2022, event may be photographed and recorded (audio and video) and used by MO-TELL to promote future contests or Missouri storytelling in general.

For questions about the contest, email joyceslater20@gmail.com

#### THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST – 2022 OFFICIAL RULES – WRITTEN CATEGORY

The following rules pertain to the Written Category of the 2022 Missouri State Liars Contest, sponsored by MO-TELL (Missouri Storytelling).

Each entrant in the **Written Category** of 2022 Missouri State Liars contest must:

- Submit a story in a Word document
- Submit a completed registration form with a \$15 entry fee for MO-TELL members, or a \$30 entry fee for non-MO-TELL members.
- Each entrant may submit up to five (5) stories. Each additional story submitted must be accompanied by a separate registration form and \$15 entry fee. Note that each entrant may submit up to five (5) stories in each category, the Oral Category and the Written Category. The same story *may* be submitted in both categories, i.e., as an entry in the Oral Category *and* the Written Category (separate fee for each).
- **Deadline for Entering** Story entries will be accepted until June 1, 2022. A panel of judges will choose the winners from among the entrants in the Written Category. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Written category will be invited to read their story after the Oral contest on July 09, 2022, in person. There will be a cash prize for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each contest.
- Eligible Stories Eligible entries for the Written Category of the 2022 contest include any story that's *not completely true*. Written entries must be original compositions, but they may be inspired by folklore or other material from the public domain. Written entries must be 2,000 words or less. Stories will be judged on content not length. Stories must also be PG-rated—i.e., appropriate for an all-ages audience. Any story entered in the contest which fails to meet these requirements, as deemed by the judges, will be disqualified. Stories will be judged based on two criteria: 1) originality of material, and 2) overall entertainment value.
- If an individual wins the Liars Contest (written) 5 times, then they are no longer eligible to compete (in the written category) and are elevated to the rank of <u>Most Accomplished Liar in Missouri</u> rank.
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TSA (TEJAS STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION) IS PROUD TO PROMOTE THIS OKLAHOMA TERRITORY TELLERS' EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

STORYTIME FOR STORYTELLERS

COME WATCH A VETERAN STORYTELLER DEMONSTRATE HOW TO ENGAGE THE LITTLES IN YOUR AUDIENCE.

# Storytime for Storytellers A Demonstration\*

Are toddlers your most-feared audience?

Have you ever arrived for a program and discovered the audience contains a bunch of preschoolers?

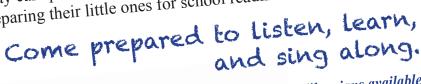
Need stories for children of different ages?

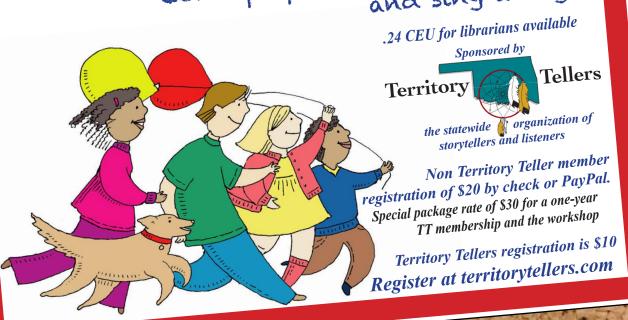
If you can answer yes, then, this program is for you.

Saturday, May 21, 2022 11 am - 1 pm on Zoom

Valerie Kimble, storyteller and retired children's librarian, will use stories, puppets, magnetic boards, picture books, rhymes and songs, games, and props of all kinds so participants can see the potential for expanding their own skills to successfully engage children from babies to age four.

Children's librarians, day care providers, parents and grandparents can pick up tips for entertaining and preparing their little ones for school readiness.





### AEAWILL BACK AT THE STORY CENTER...

#### Resources for Storytellers (ZOOM)

Wed, May 25 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event Virtual Event It takes various tools to become a seasoned storyteller, including books, websites, organizations, and more.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

#### Story Swap

Thu, May 19 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** 



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OF ST. LOUIS
TELLERS
IN THEIR VERY FIRST
SHOW FOR REAL.

KEN WOLFE & THE PIERRE LACIEDE HONORS COLLEGE AT UMSL PRESENT: THE GREAT 2022 TELL-A-THON. SEE DETAILS NEXT PAGE. WE'LL ALL KNOW IF YOU DON'T SHOW.

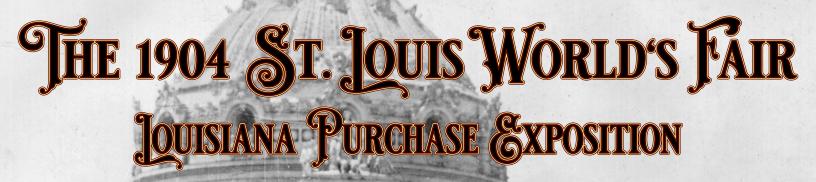


LOCAL ST. LOUIS TELLERS AND STORY ENTHUSIASTS, ALL!

COME & SUPPORT YOUR FAVORED ART!

CELEBRATE IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES!

(ALL THE COOL TELLERS WILL BE THERE, Y'KNOW,





David R. Francis, the president of the fair, was an incredible man who had tremendous vision for the future. He was the youngest mayor of St. Louis and the governor of Missouri. He wanted the United States and the world to come to St. Louis to celebrate the centennial of the 1807 Louisiana Purchase made during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson. The price of \$15 million in 1907 to put on the fair was the same as the original purchase of land from Napoleon. The purchase of "La Louisiane" doubled the size of the USA and states from Louisiana to Montana developed from the acquisition.

The fair was twice as hig acreage-wise as the Chicago fair of 1893 and three times the size of the Paris fair of 1900. Palaces were enormous. The buildings were glorious, and electricity was just beginning to light up the world. Foods such as the hot dog on a bun, iced tea, ice cream cones and peanut butter were popularized.

One restaurant served 2,000 at one sitting! Numerous new inventions were on display.

There were concerns then (like today) about the treatment of people "on display," and Scott Joplin from St. Louis was not allowed to play his ragtime music inside the fairgrounds. Souvenirs could be purchased all over the fairgrounds and on the Pike (the amusement strip beyond imagination).

Come to the Liars Contest and Mo-Tell-A-Palooza for an exhibit of dozens of authentic souvenirs that people bought at the fair! Enjoy a World's Fair lunch, and listen and dance to ragtime music in the evening. Scott Joplin's music will be enjoyed by all. If you want to read all about the fair I would suggest that you Google Louisiana Purchase

Exposition Wikipedia. It's fascinating!

YOUR LONG-AWAITED
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ENGRAVED INVITATION
FROM MO-TELL TO

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OR PAY VIA MO-TELL'S PAYPAL ACCOUNT:
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# THE MO-TELL BILL OF FARE

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

FISCAL YEAR, FEBRUARY 1-JANUARY 31

MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL DUES			COMES WITH
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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR \$25 MO-TELL PRESTIGE SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS \$40 MO-TELL PRESTIGE \$35 FAMILY-WIDE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR MO-TELL PRESTIGE \$50 TWICE AS MUCH OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS THE SAME!! \$250 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP -60

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP 60+ \$200

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#### THE BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE FOR YOUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

- 1. MISSOURI STATE PARKS STORYTELLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE
- 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

#### THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO OFFERING:

A MO-TELL LOGO BAG FOR ALL NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS, YOU LUCKY LUCKSTERS, YOU!

JANUARY-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY-JUNE, AUGUST-DECEMBER- MONTHLY PROGRAMS

JULY-THE ANNUAL MISSOURI STATE LIAR'S CONTEST



## Story of the Month ALIVE OR DEAD, AND AESOP FABLE.

A mischievous young man wanted to mock a wise elder by tricking him. The young man took a small sparrow in his hand and hid it behind his back.

"Old man, if you are so wise, can you tell me if what I have in my hand is alive or dead?"

He knew if the wise old man said, "Alive." He would crush the sparrow and present it dead. If the wise old man said, "Dead." The young man would present the sparrow alive.

The wise old man, recognized the mischievous young man's intentions and replied, "Whether it is alive or dead depends on you."

# 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.

### VISION STATEMENT

President: Joyce Slater, joyceslater20@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sue Hinkel, suehinkeli@gmail.com, (Membership)

Secretary: Linda Kuntz, iharilag@gmail.com

At Large: Gary Kuntz, galirahi@aol.com

Nancee Walker Micham, walkermicham@gmail.com

Emeritus: Perrin Stifel, pstifelstl@earthlink.net

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