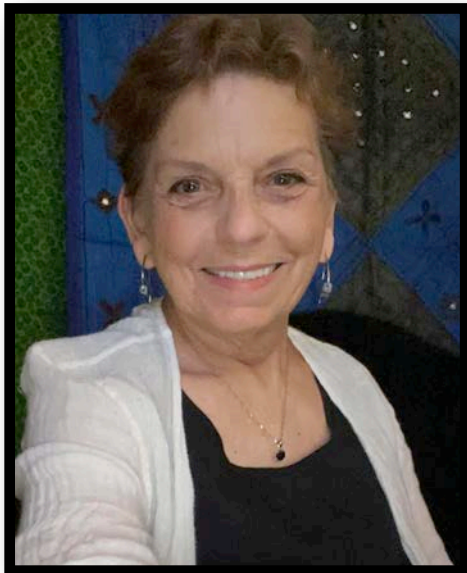




DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



“People are hungry for stories. It’s part of our very being.

Storytelling is a form of history, of immortality too. It goes from one generation to another.”

- Studs Terkel

Hello my friends,

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with good food and wonderful stories.

As we enter the holiday season, I wish all of you the very best. Holidays are a time for family and community. They bring us together to share joy, love, food and of course stories. Remember to share your stories this season and always.

Love and happiness to all of you. Please keep telling your tales and stay in touch.

Joyce Slater

President of MO-TELL



2023 CHICKEN FESTIVAL IS COMING RIGHT UP!

RIVER & PRAIRIE STORYWEAVERS

2023 River and Prairie Storyweavers 30th Annual Chicken Festival at Nevada, MO Schedule

Friday January 13, 2023

1:00 to 2:45 pm Workshop "Creating a Spoken Word Event" at Cottey College Theatre

3:00 to 4:45 pm Workshop "Creating Tall Tales" at Cottey College Theatre

7:00 to 9:00 pm Community Storytelling Concert "Ghosts and Ghoulies" at the Cottey College Theatre, 1000 W. Austin Blvd, Nevada, MO 64772.

Saturday January 14, 2023 (at the hotel)

8:00 to 9:00 am Registration/Membership/Donations
\$30 for RAPS members, \$55 for non-RAPS members, \$15 Student

9:00 to 10:30 am Chicken News and Chicken Stories
Chicken Socks Give-away
15-minute Music
15-minute Break

10:30 to 12 noon Horsing Around and Other Animal Stories
15-minute Music
15-minute Break

12 noon to 12:40 pm Lunch Catered by Domino's Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, and Salad

12:40 to 2:30 pm Auction
3 Minute Humorous Stories
15-minute Music/Chicken Dance
15-minute Break

2:30 to 4:00 pm Folk Tales and Fairytales
15-minute Music
15-minute Break

4:00 to 5:00 pm MO-TELL Annual Membership Meeting

5:00 to 7:00 pm Dinner on Your Own

7:00 to 8:30 pm Stories Under Construction/Teller's Choice
15-minute Break (PIES from Janet Manson)

8:30 to 10:00 pm Ghosts and Ghoulies/Longer Stories (up to 20 minutes)

30th Annual Chicken Festival will be held at the Americas Best Value Inn and Suites
2345 E. Marvel Road, Nevada, MO 64772 417-667-6777

Call and make your room reservation by December 31, 2022.

Email RAPS.events@gmail.com to give us a head count for food by December 15, 2022

PAY registration at the event

Sunday January 15, 2023 (at the hotel)

9:00 to 11:45 am Teller's Choice
15-minute Music
15-minute Break
Inspirational Stories
Let the Circle Be Unbroken

River and Prairie Storyweavers

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MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Linda Kram

Linda Kram was born and reared in St. Louis and currently lives in University City. She attended Ladue Schools and married at the young age of 19. She said that was too young, but she is still happily married (to the same man) and has two wonderful children, Karin and Daniel, both living in California.

Karin is married and has a 6-month-old son. Karin has her doctorate in microbiology and teaches at California State. Daniel, a computer software engineer, is married with a 2-year-old son. Because his wife is from China, their son is being raised to be bilingual. Grandma Linda is learning Mandarin, too!

Linda works with Springboard, as well as with schools in the city of St. Louis and some districts in St. Louis County. She fits perfectly into teaching children in Pre-K through first grade, using storytelling in the program “We Are the World.” The children love this multi-cultural project. Recently they “went to Sweden” as Linda brought in trolls, told stories from that culture and brought a special Swedish snack. Sounds fun! She also teaches preschool science and outdoor education and uses stories as jumping points for STEAM projects.

Always interested in folk tales and stories, Linda wanted to tell family stories when her kids were born. She was lucky to learn the art from Annette Harrison and January Kiefer. Marian Cohen influenced her to tell stories through Springboard.

Two of Linda’s favorite tellers gave her some important pointers that have influenced her storytelling. Pleasant De Spain told her to keep the focus of the story on the beginning, middle, and end. He told her the flow of the story was crucial. Jackie Torrence told her how caffeine was bad for the throat and that if you are a storyteller—even if you’re just a beginner-- say you’re a STORYTELLER!

Linda has served as president of Gateway Storytellers, and has followed the virtual storytelling events lately. Her connection to MO-TELL began as co-founders David Schlamb and Perrin Stifel taught and worked in the school that her children attended. Linda likes MO-TELL because it is statewide, and she appreciates the history and stories of Mark Twain and Hannibal, tales from the Ozarks, and the varied culture of Missouri.

ST. LOUIS STORYLOVING PEOPLE!

AS A STORY-PERSON, ARE YOU CONCERNED?

IT SEEMS TO SOME THAT STORYTELLING IN THE POPULAR ARENA IS HEADED TOWARD CLEVER(ISH) PERSONAL ANECDOTES THAT SOMETIMES LEAN HARD INTO SHOCK VALUE, UNPOLISHED SKILL, FOUL LANGUAGE, SHALLOW MEANING, AND PUNCH LINES. SOME FEAR THE ART IS BEING SWALLOWED BY CONVERSATIONAL STYLE THAT MIGHT FORGET WHOLE GENRES, CATALOGS, AND CULTURES OF STORY.

IF YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THIS CONCERN, THEN STAND UP FOR A PERFORMANCE OF COLLEGE-AGED STORYTELLERS WITH CRAFTED STORIES, TAKING THE PUBLIC STAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME!

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DECEMBER 13, 2022

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30, SHOW AT 7PM

LIVE PERFORMANCE!

SEE GREAT TELLERS! HEAR GREAT STORIES!
BE ABLE TO SAY YOU SAW THEM FIRST!

Come Out and Support New Tellers!



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

RAPS DECEMBER 2022

RAPS Meetings for December 2022 for MO-TELL Newsletter.

Thursday December 1, 2022, 7:00 pm First Thursday Meeting

Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
Dessert Bar (for in-person attendees ONLY)
Story Theme: **“The Best Present EVER!!!!”**

Saturday December 17, 2022, 10:30 am

Hybrid* meeting at Woodneath AND on Zoom

Thursday January 5, 2023, 7:00 pm First Thursday Meeting

Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
Teller Spotlight: **Jean Hatfield**
Story Theme: **“New Beginnings”**

SAVE THE DATE: **RAPS CHICKEN FESTIVAL**

In-Person ONLY - January 13-15, 2023
Americas Best Value Inn & Suites
Nevada, MO

*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person at:

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| Trailside Center | Woodneath Library Center |
| 99 th & Holmes Rd. | 8900 NE Flintlock Road |
| Kansas City, MO 64131 | Kansas City, MO 64157 |

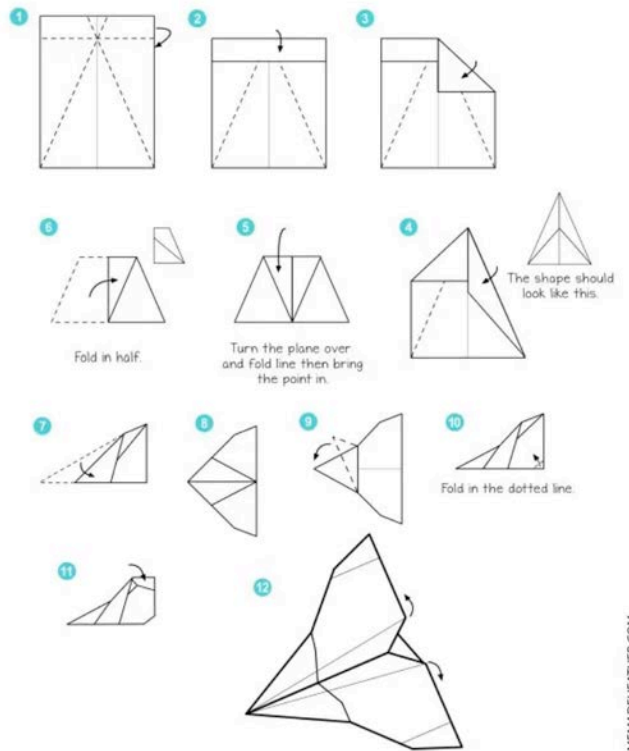
If not on RAPS Mailing List,

Contact: RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com for additional info and Zoom links.

AERODYNAMICS FOR FUN!

WANNA SEE THE PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT IN ACTION?
SIMPLY PRINT OUT THIS NEWSLETTER, CUT OUT THIS
RECTANGLE AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS! FIND A BREEZY,
HIGH PLACE AND LET 'ER FLY!

Let's make an England Flyer



GATEWAY

DECEMBER 2022

Time: Jan 10, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time
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[Bringing History to Life](#)

Thu, Dec 1 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Story Center Programming Room Story Center Event **Full (waiting list)**

Storyteller, educator, and interpreter Mary L. Schmidt will discuss ways to interpret our past.

[EVENT DETAILS](#) REGISTER NOW

[Storytelling Certificate Celebration: Oral Storytelling](#)

Sat, Dec 3 2022 10:30am - 12:00pm Woodneath Community Room 2 Story Center Event Registration Required

Join The Story Center as we recognize the participants that have earned their certificate from The Oral Storytelling Certificate Program.

[EVENT DETAILS](#) REGISTER NOW

[Story Swap \(Zoom\)](#)

Thu, Dec 15 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

This open-mic storytelling event is 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

NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND MO-TELL
DON'T LET GO!



NORMALLY, WE'D SAY "DON'T LOOK DOWN" BUT, IN THIS
INSTANCE, THE DETAILS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE BELOW.

**LOOK DOWN &
JOIN UP!**

THE MO-TELL BILL OF FARE

OFTEN IMITATED, NEVER DUPLICATED

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FISCAL YEAR, FEBRUARY 1-JANUARY 31

RENEW TODAY!

| <i>MEMBERSHIP</i> | <i>ANNUAL DUES</i> | <i>COMES WITH</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR | \$25 | MO-TELL PRESTIGE |
| SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS | \$40 | MO-TELL PRESTIGE |
| 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) |

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MO-TELL
C/O
SUE HINKEL
2236 HIGHWAY N
PACIFIC, MO 63069

OR PAY VIA MO-TELL'S PAYPAL ACCOUNT: SUEHINKEL1@GMAIL.COM



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

RENEW TODAY!

WINTER JOKE MATCHING GAME

MATCH 'EM UP AND LAUGH!

1. WHERE DOES JACK FROST KEEP HIS MONEY?

HOT. YOU CAN CATCH COLD.

2. WHAT DO YOU CALL A SNOWMAN IN SUMMER?

WANT TO GO FOR A SPIN?

3. WHAT DO YOU CALL A SNOWMAN'S DOG?

A BROKEN DRUM, YOU CAN'T BEAT IT!

4. WHY CAN'T YOU TRUST A SNOWMAN?

A PUDDLE.

A MELTDOWN.

5. WHAT IS FASTER: HOT OR COLD?

THEY PUT ON A SNOWCAP.

6. WHAT DID THE ICY ROAD SAY TO THE CAR?

IN A SNOWBANK.

7. WHAT DOES A GINGERBREAD MAN PUT ON HIS BED?

THEY'RE FLAKEY.

8. HOW DO MOUNTAINS STAY WARM?

A SLUSH PUPPY

9. WHAT DO YOU CALL A SNOWMAN'S TEMPER TANTRUM?

A COOKIE SHEET

10. WHAT'S THE BEST HOLIDAY GIFT?

Happy Birthday to one of
Missouri's Master Storytellers!
Gladys Coggswell!
December 8th



Story of the Month

PAINTED GOLD

There once was a miser who sold all his possessions and bought a large piece of gold.

He buried the treasure in the earth near a large wooden fence. Each day he dug up the gold and admired it.

A stranger observed the miser's daily routine and wondered what the man was doing. One night the stranger crept to the exact spot where he saw the miser and discovered the magnificent gold piece. He put it in his pocket and left the country.

When the miser discovered the empty hole the next day, he let out a cry of anguish. A neighbor heard the scream and came running to the aid of the miser. Full of grief, the miser told her the story.

“Stop your crying,” the neighbor advised. “Find a simple stone of equal size. Paint it gold and put it in the hole. Each day you can come and dig it up and look at it. The stone will serve the same purpose as the gold since you never meant to use it anyway.”

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

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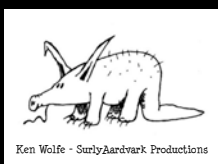
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