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THE REGISTER

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



February 2020. A new year for MO-TELL. MO-TELL celebrates 33 years of storytelling. That's a lot of stories. January 25 th , MO-TELL held it's Annual Membership Meeting. Many thanks to River and Prairie Storyweavers and the Chicken Festival for the opportunity to meet with our members during their event. Twenty people were in attendance for the meeting. Reports were given by Joyce Slater, President, on the 2019 in review, Jim Two Crows Wallen, Secretary, on our presence in the Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites and on his workshop with the Missouri Interpreter's Association. Gary Kuntz, Board Member at Large, discussed the Liar's Contest and announced the upcoming Liar's Contest. Sue Hinkel, Treasurer, gave the financial report for 2019. Perrin Stifel, Emeritus, was unable to attend. We introduced a new board member for the 2020 fiscal year. Linda Kuntz will come on board as Secretary. Jim Two Crows Wallen will move to Board Member at Large. We announced that we would like to add 2-3 more board members with skills in accounting, grant writing and computer skills. We thanked Ken Wolfe for the fantastic job he has done on the newsletter. We also thanked Hilary Kuntz for her wonderful work on the website (check it out, www.mo-tell.org). We reminded everyone that Ron Turner was made a Life-time member at the last Liar's Contest in thanks for all he has done for storytelling in the state of Missouri.

We added new members and we sold books. Watch for the reports in your email.

**"IF HISTORY
WERE TAUGHT IN
THE FORM OF
STORIES, IT
WOULD NEVER
BE FORGOTTEN."**

— RUDYARD KIPLING

THE 2020 CHICKEN FESTIVAL

River and Prairie Storyweavers held their 27th annual Chicken Festival in Paola, Kansas on January 24-26, 2020. Thirty-one storytellers from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma attended. Weather canceled the Friday performances in the schools and library also caused a number of people to be unable to attend this year. RAPS was able to send tellers to the Paola Senior Center and two nursing homes on Friday since they were open. We stayed at the Paola Inn and Suites and held the festival in the Paola Community Center. Carol Kariotis emceed the community storytelling concert featuring Christine Henderson, Rich White, Gary Kuntz and Joyce Slater.

Overall, 19 tellers told 49 stories with 4 musical sessions by four vocal/instrument performers. Thank you to all who attended, told stories, provided music, generously donated to the auction and bought auction items. You made this Chicken Festival something to crow about. We will return to Paola, Kansas on January 15-17, 2021. (So says Linda Kuntz. Thanks, Linda!)

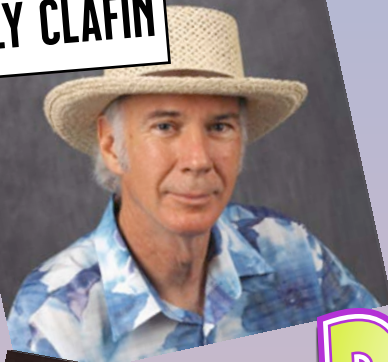


ST. LOUIS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

April 23 - May 2, 2020

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/st-louis-storytelling-festival>

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DON'T MISS IT!

CAROLINA QUIROGA-STULTZ



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(OUR OWN) JOYCE SLATER



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The SIXTH ANNUAL Missouri State Liar's Contest



The 2020 Missouri State Liar's Contest, sponsored by MO-Tell (Missouri Storytelling) will take place at the Spencer Road Library in St. Peters, MO, on July 11th, 2020.



Regional judges of honor and renown (at least in the hearts of their mothers) will rank worthy contestants and you, too, in two arenas on that day: **Oral Storytelling** (up to a ten minute story) and **Written Storytelling** (up to 3,000 words).



Tellers from far & wide, from all corners of Missouri (and then some), will clash in a cloud of contrivances to fight in a field of fabrications, wielding whoppers! Join them in sanctioned deceit! Compete for the kind of notoriety that flirts with the notorious! Plus, earlier in the day veteran storytellers will offer **FREE** workshops, open to ALL who love telling stories!



For details, submission regulations & contest rules visit MO-TELL.org



Whether or not you intend to personally compete in either or both of the contests, please be sure to attend on July 11th, 2020!



It's one of the most creative storytelling events in our fair state and, most importantly of all, we need witnesses.



STATE PARK STORYTELLING

Funded and sponsored by the good folks at the Missouri Arts Council and the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, MO-TELL is pleased to provide musical, educational, and storytelling performances in parks facilities across our fair state.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Scott Joplin House State Historic Site
2658 Delmar St. Louis, Missouri 63103 (314)340-5790

April 18, 2020 2 o'clock



Artillery of Freedom: The Story of Lt. Patrick H. Minor.

Bro. John' Anderson, *storyteller*

Join motivational storyteller and cultural historian-Bro. John as he portrays and shares the story of Lt. Patrick Henry Minor- one of the 1st, African American, Civil War officers to lead for joining the U.S. Army-as a freeman. Come hear his firsthand experiences as commanding officer of the U.S. Independent Colored Light Artillery, helping to defeat Confederate forces. As, well as a black troop leader with the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Corps - 9 months before the famed 54th

Massachusetts engaged in their first battle.

Buffalo Soldiers: From Slave to Soldier

John Bruce, *President 9th & 10th Cavalry Association*

Two decorated army veterans and Buffalo Soldiers cofounded what is today the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association on July 28, 1966. This national organization was formed in the historic 18th and Vine Jazz District in Kansas City. Today, after 52 years, it is the oldest such chapter in the nation and is headed by its second President, John Bruce, a veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor. Bruce is joined by two other presenters, one a veteran and great-grandson of an original Buffalo Soldier and one the daughter of the cofounder of the national organization.



ALWAYS REMEMBER, NEVER FORGET

“When someone is mean to me, I just make them a victim in my next book.”

— Mary Higgins Clark

MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Kathy Schottel

Our featured member of Mo-Tell this month is Kathy Schottel. Kathy comes to us as a Librarian-Musician-Storyteller. Her love of books and libraries led her to her work in the St. Louis City Public Library system. There she encountered her wonderful mentor, Irene Eveland. Kathy credits Irene with “twisting her arm into becoming a storyteller.” Her hobby is her music and her guitar, and if anyone of you have heard her captivate audiences, you are very fortunate. The audiences of young listeners in the libraries would often ask Kathy, “Do you have kids?” Immediately she would answer, “Why would I, when I’ve got 3,000 of you guys?” In fact, she told and sang and played to about 3,000 kids a month. Whew!

Interest in Storytelling

Irene also told Kathy that she should join all the storytelling organizations, and Kathy remembers the wonderful Cuivre River and Lake of the Ozarks workshop weekends and all the FUN! She just recently rejoined Mo-Tell. When asked why, she replied, “Sue Hinkel twisted my arm and said I needed to join and give her \$25 membership fee.” (Seems to be a theme of arm-twisting here).

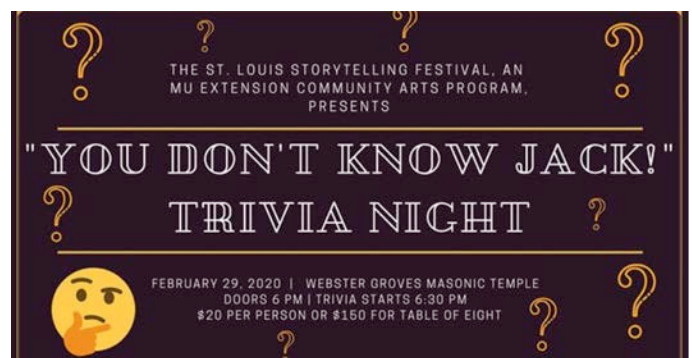
What tellers?

Tellers who influenced her in addition to Irene are Lynn Ford, Marilyn Hill, and Ron Adams.

Other stuff you ought to know:

Kathy really loves music. She has directed and acted on stage in everything from musicals to dramas; even been known to tap dance. Her favorite movie is “Coco,” the Disney movie. She loves the generations all getting together and telling and singing and remembering. If she lived anywhere else besides St. Louis, she would pick Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is looking forward to discovering Poland and her Polish heritage in a future trip to Europe. Kathy is a great friend to the St. Louis Storytelling Festival and all the kids, both young and old, that she inspires and entertains!

LOOK!



AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR..



SPOILER: TECHNICALLY, YOU'RE OUR SPONSOR.

STORYTELLERS & STORY LISTENERS!

Missouri Storytelling, Inc. celebrates storytelling and Missouri history around the entire state of Missouri, with members from all over the region. Our membership includes storytellers, listeners, and enthusiasts alike.

We are proud of the benefits we offer our members: Missouri State Parks Storytelling, the Missouri Liars' Contest, website presence for storytellers, National Storytelling Network affiliation, and a world class newsletter replete with snazziness.

Our fiscal year runs from February 1st through January 31st. We're glad to offer flexibility in memberships as single or dual, the dues of which we collect annually or biennially by January 31st.

Once again, (ahem) members are to submit dues by January 31st.

Whether you're a...

- New member
- Current member whose 2019 dues are expiring
- Current member with dues expiring in 2020
- Former member with an eye to re-enlist

...we want to keep you as a member. We want to hear from you.

(Like it'd kill you to call every once in a while...)

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OR REJOINING MO-TELL TODAY.

WHAT HAVE YOU TO LOSE BUT YOUR ANONYMITY AND THAT VAGUE, HAUNTING SENSE OF NOT BELONGING?

STORYTELLERS OF THE OZARKS

STORYTELLERS OF THE OZARKS, FEBRUARY SCHEDULE UPDATE

LOCATION CHANGE - Feb. 8, 2:00, swap, snacks - We will be at Gina's, not Judith's. Please let Gina know if you plan to attend and/or need directions. February tells at assisted living and independent living - Feb. 12 (afternoon), Feb. 13 (morning) Valentine/love story theme - contact Nancy if you need more information or have not verified.

March 15 swap (Sunday) is still at Stella's community room - 2:00 p.m. snacks. Email or text me if you have questions. Thanks Nancy, 417-848-5859

RIVERWINDS STORYTELLERS

Riverwind Storytellers will meet and eat at 6 P.M. on February 10 at Golden Corral, 1079 Collinsville Crossing, Collinsville, Illinois.

GATEWAY STORYTELLERS

No events listed so far.

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7:00 pm, Thursday, February 6, 2020

Trailside Center

99th & Holmes Rd.

Kansas City, MO 64131

Workshop: **Back to Basics: Stories vs. Reminiscences/Personal Stories vs. Traditional Stories**

(Gary Kuntz)

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Woodneath RAPS Meeting

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Woodneath Library Center / Storytime Barn

8900 NE Flintlock Road

Kansas City, MO 64157

Story Theme: **First Love**



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CLASSES FOR STORYTELLING CERTIFICATION!

FEBRUARY & MARCH, 2020 CALENDAR

- 2/1 WINTERY TALES FOR FAMILY
- 2/8 RIVER AND PRAIRIE
- 2/19 STORYTELLING AS SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS
- 2/20 STORY SWAP
- 2/24 WOODNEATH WRITERS: POETRY OPEN MIC
- 3/4: TELLING FOR TELLERS
- 3/14: RAPS
- 3/19: STORY SWAP
- 3/23: JUST THE FACTS MA'AM
- 3/30: SHE WORE WHAT?

YELLOW ONES COUNT TOWARD THE ORAL STORYTELLING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

Well, I don't know about THAT . . .
But I heard that she read this far into
the newsletter and still hasn't become a
member of MO-TELL!
Can you IMAGINE?
I mean to say . . .

You don't say!
Well, I NEVER!

Better become a
member today.
Mildred's just awful!





**ONE
CAN'T.**

No matter how mythic.

**MANY
CAN.**

No matter how human.

**MO-TELL NEEDS YOU TO PULL.
WHICH COMFY HARNESS FITS YOU?**

Serve on the Board of Directors?
Represent MO-TELL from other Missouri areas?
Coordinate, plan, and manage events?
Write grants? Help with accounting?
Contact any existing Board Member with your ideas.
Really. You've seen this page for months now.

A LOVE STORY

Daniel Boone was out on a “fire hunt” one night with a friend. His friend had a torch and he a gun. They watched for eyes to shine and be reflected in a deer or elk. They were in a heavily timbered woods near a stream on land belonging to Mr. Morgan Bryan, a local pioneer.

Suddenly he saw a deer’s eyes shine. Daniel raised his rifle and then suddenly hesitated. His trigger finger trembled, something that never happened to him. Without warning, the deer ran off through the brush and ran like the wind. Daniel lit after the deer. He took logs and bushes at a leap, the quarry just ahead.

Very quickly he found himself at Mr. Bryan’s cabin with a pack of growling, barking dogs surrounding him. Mr Bryan came to the door, calling off the dogs. He asked Daniel why he was so winded and before he could answer a little boy came out of the cabin.

“Pa! Pa! Sister was down at the creek to check fishing lines and she was chased by a panther or something and she’s scared,” said the boy.

Daniel turned to see the same bright beautiful eyes he had “shined” a moment before. In front of him stood Rebecca Bryan and not long after this meeting that “deer” became Rebecca Boone, the wife and love of Daniel Boone.

Storyteller note: It’s fun to Google stories like this and see not only another version of the story but what people say about it as truth or?

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Missouri Storytelling, Inc (MO-TELL) is an organization of storytellers and other interested person 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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Treasurer: Sue Hinkel, shinkel@mail.win.org (Membership)

Secretary: Linda Kuntz

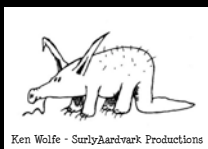
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Emeritus: Perrin Stifel, pstifelstl@earthlink.net

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