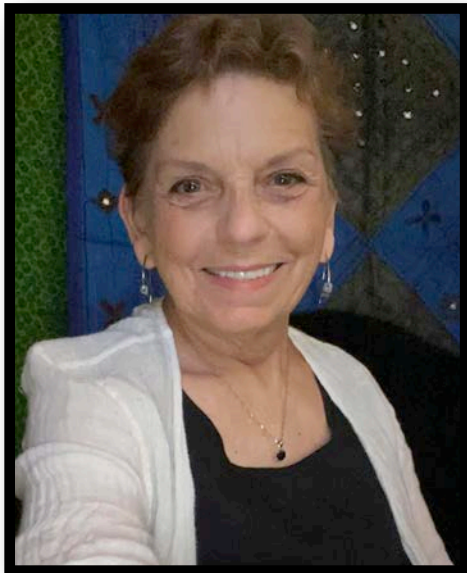




OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello my friends,

October brings so many wonderful changes. The leaves turn beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow. The air becomes crisp. The harvest moon hangs heavy in the night sky and Halloween makes everything magical. There is a wonder about it all. I love October.

It is also time to tell the old stories of pumpkins, ghosts, and witches and more. Tell your ghostly tales and have fun with it all. MO-TELL presents a program of Bewitching Tales on October 16 th with Bobby Norfolk, Sherry Norfolk and Ken Wolfe. Do not miss it. Register today. I will see you there.

There have been great societies that did not use the wheel, but there have been no societies that did not tell stories.

– Ursula K. Le Guin

Joyce Slater
President, MO-TELL

FALL IS FALLING

CATCH THE LEAVES IN YOUR
FINE MO-TELL GARMENTS!

MERCH!
GEAR!

SWAG!
Loot!



CAPS - \$20

BAGS - \$5

LONG-SLEEVED
T-SHIRTS - \$20

MUG - \$20

MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Dianne Cox

Diane is a retired school librarian from Omaha, Nebraska. According to her mom she has always told stories. Her parents supported her creativity and there were always books available to read. While she enjoys telling all types of stories her favorite type is folktales. That is because those stories have withstood the test of time, that there is a reason certain stories survived when others were lost.

When asked what her ideal storytelling program would look like she said "telling folktales to a group of upper elementary (3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grade) students. At that age they can understand the humor or sorrow of a situation without it having to be explained to them."

Also, at that age they haven't much of the attitude that you may get in middle or high school. One of her favorite memories of being a school librarian is every year, for a week in October, she would tell stories to the students. She said she enjoyed the reactions of students that were new to the school as well as those had been involved the previous year.

Diane is what I would term as a serial joiner of storytelling organizations.

In addition to **MO- TELL** she is a member of:

OOPS (Omaha Organization for the Purpose of Storytelling)

LIPS (Lincolmites Interested in the Perpetuation of Storytelling)

Nebraska Story Arts

RAPS (River and Prairie Storyweavers)

NSN (National Storytelling Network)

World Storytelling Guild

Teacher Storytellers

and **FEAST** (Federation of East Asian Storytellers).

Something about Diane that you may not know is: Don't mess with frogs around her!

2021 KANSAS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL DOWNS, KANSAS

A REPORT BY LINDA KUNTZ, EVENTS CORRESPONDENT

Gary and Linda Kuntz, Diane Cox, Lorraine and Jerry Darnell, Ron Stewart, Jean Hatfield, Joyce Slater, Alice Nathan, Tim and Janet Manson, and Rich White attended the Kansas Storytelling Festival to cheer on Rich White as he competed in the Tall Tales Contest.

Rich White WON!

Rich will proudly display the Golden Shovel until the April 22 and 23, 2022 Kansas Storytelling Festival. The semi-finals for the Kansas Storytelling Festival Tall Tales Contest are Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Downs, Kansas opens its heart and arms to storytellers and story lovers.

For a small fee (\$20 for a 2-day pass) we listened to Tim Lowry, Dan Keding, Anne Rutherford and Adam Booth and other local tellers. Downs, Kansas arranged for food trucks and local organizations to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner plus fabulous desserts.

Downs, Kansas is approximately four hours from Kansas City, Missouri. Lodging accommodations go fast so reserve your room immediately in Downs, Osbourne, Cawker City or Beloit.

More details at www.Kansasstorytellingfestival.com.



Alice Nathan & Rich White



Linda Kuntz, & Jean Hatfield



Joyce Slater



Ron Stewart



Rich White, 2021 Champion
Who Can Pile It Fast, Hot, & High!

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FOR YOUR FRIDGE

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

GATEWAY OCTOBER 2021

Ric Vice is inviting you to a scheduled
Zoom meeting.

Topic: Gateway Storytelling

Time: Oct 19, 2021 07:00-8:30 PM Central
Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84663887472?
pwd=VHY2aWNBWTZoTTF4Q01ROHF
WWUN5Zz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84663887472?pwd=VHY2aWNBWTZoTTF4Q01ROHFWWUN5Zz09)

Meeting ID: 846 6388 7472

Passcode: Gateway

RAPS

OCTOBER 2021

RAPS Meetings for October 2021 for MO-TELL Newsletter.

Thursday October 7, 2021 7:00 pm –
First Thursday Meeting

Workshop: “Making Grimm Fairy Tale
Not So Grim” by Fran Stallings

Story Theme: The Door Creaked Open
with a Burst of Wind

Saturday October 9, 2021, 2:00 pm –
Second Saturday Meeting

Featured Teller: Lorraine Darnell
Story Theme: Dressing Up for
Halloween.

Saturday October 23, 2021, 10:00 am –
Fourth Saturday Meeting

Thursday November 4, 2021 7:00 pm –
First Thursday Meeting

*(May be changed depending on KC
Storytelling Celebration)*

Workshop: “Connecting with Potential
Clients”

Story Theme: Gobble, Gobble Went the
Turkey

If not on RAPS Mailing List,

Contact: RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com for
Zoom links.

WHAT THE WOODNEATH IS OFFERING...

Woodneath Library Center
8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64157
816.883.4780

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

Thu, Oct 21 2021 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

SOON... TWO NIGHTS OF TELLING

THE FIRST FROM THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME,
AND FROM BEHIND THE PROTECTIVE GLASS OF YOUR TECHNOLOGY



IS PROUD TO EXHUME

BEWITCHING TALES

BOBBY NORFOLK

SHERRY NORFOLK

KEN WOLFE

OCT. 16, 2021

7PM - 8:15PM

haunting stories for adult ears

FRIGHTS FOR FREE!

BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0rdOCppzouHNI3yE455YbuiUcRv1eEil_f

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

BUT - DO YOU REALLY WANT TO INVITE THEM IN?

THE NEXT - LIVE, IN PERSON, NO LONGER SHACKLED BY DISTANCE.
ON STAGE BEFORE YOU, JUST A FRENZIED, SCREAMING RUSH AWAY.

Terrifying Tales

A Storytelling Festival for Halloween

Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 • 7:30 PM

Featuring:



Bobby Norfolk

Sherry Norfolk

Ken Wolfe



Emcee: Beverly Brennan



\$15 at TerrifyingTales.brownpapertickets.com, \$20 at door

Limited seats available • Ticket includes two free drink coupons



THE CHAPEL

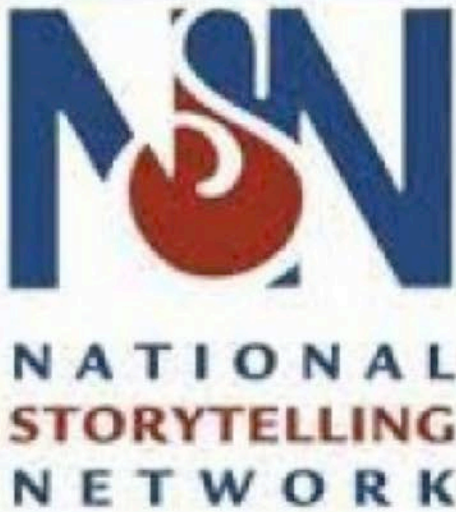
A Sanctuary for the Arts

6238 Alexander Dr, St. Louis, MO 63105

- Ages 12 and up • Doors open at 6:30pm
- Must show proof of vaccination or recent negative Covid-19 test. Masks are required.

Information:

Jan Dolan,
Booking Agent
314-968-4303
jdolan9928@aol.com



NEW: Storytelling Opportunities Resource

Find your next storytelling gig with our revitalized opportunities page! Members have exclusive access to view storyteller requests that are sent in to National Storytelling Network. Postings will be updated as they are received.

If you are having difficulties accessing your member benefits or need assistance logging in to the website, please contact info@storynet.org.

Interested in becoming a member to take advantage of exclusive benefits? Learn more at Storynet.org/membership

Looking For: Virtual Campfire Storyteller & Host

Lex Machina is looking for someone to take charge and host their virtual company campfire. They are looking for someone that can tell ghost stories as well as play an instrument and sing some songs and be the lead for the event.

LEARN MORE HERE:

**[HTTPS://STORYNET.ORG/RESOURCES/
STORYTELLING-OPPORTUNITIES/](https://storynet.org/resources/storytelling-opportunities/)**



Amazon Smile Details

You can shop on Amazon Smile, at no additional cost to you, to send some of the proceeds to NSN. Simply go to this [link](#) and select "National Storytelling Membership Association" as the charity you would like. You may have to run a search.

NSN appreciates your support!

NSN's 2021 Calendar – Upcoming Events

- **October 2nd | 12pm: Chair Chat with Katie Knutson**
RSVP Here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuc-2tqzkuGdbLzhBxR5artVLzsVtVCO4i>
- **October 2nd | Connect Through Stories; Connect For Life**
Workshop with Charles Gates
- **October 22nd-23rd: HAUNTED**
Weekend w/ Slam, Fringe, Workshop, and Showcases
- **November 13th: Stuffing**
Slam + Fringe
- **December 11th: Light**
Slam + Fringe

Story of the Month

Dining Out

The well-dressed gentleman sat at the table by the windows. He had just finished a wonderful six-course meal.

Accompanied by the finest wines and an after-dinner aperitif. The waiter had found him to be a diner with specific tastes, assertive but not obnoxious.

As he finished his drink, he motioned for the waiter to come over and made an unexpected request, he asked to speak to the Manager. The waiter asked if something was the matter and the gentleman assured him the meal and the service had been impeccable, but that he needed to speak with the Manager.

When the Manager came over, he asked the same question as the waiter and received the same answer.

The gentleman asked the Manager if he remembered him from the last time he had dined there.

The Manager, searching his memory, said "No sir, I'm sorry, I don't remember you."

The gentleman said, "It was about a year ago that I dined here. After a wonderful dinner there was a problem when I didn't have the funds to pay the bill. Then you had me thrown out of the restaurant into the gutter like a common bum."

The Manager stammered "I'm sorry that that happened Sir, but you can understand my position and why I had to have that done."

With a gentle wave of dismissal, the gentleman said "I fully understand your position then, think no more about it. But, I'm afraid I'll have to trouble you again."

MO-TELL SWAG CAUGHT IN THE WILD!

WANNA BE IN THE NEWSLETTER?
WEAR YOUR MO-TELL GEAR OUT IN THE WORLD!



TAKE A SNAP AND SEND TO:

MOTELLNEWS@GMAIL.COM

AND THE SUBJECT LINE: SWAGTRAVELS

JOIN & THRIVE!



HERE'S HOW...

RAPS

River and Prairie Storyweavers (RAPS)
Dues: \$25 per year for Individual (\$35 per year for Family - any number)

Membership gives you access to a supportive audience for gaining storytelling experience, and makes you part of a group of really nice storytelling supporters. Requests to RAPS for storytellers are only shared with RAPS Members. Membership also gives you the opportunity to serve on the RAPS board and set the direction of future RAPS endeavors.

Contact: RAPS.secretary@gmail.com
Mail dues to: RAPS Treasurer
c/o Alice Nathan
840 NW North Ridge Ct.
Blue Springs, MO 64015
Website: <https://www.riverandpraiestoryweavers.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/raps.storyweavers>

Meeting times: 1st Thursday of each month - 7:00 pm
2nd Saturday of each month - 2:00 pm

GATEWAY

Website: gatewaystorytellers.wordpress.com

Membership, February 1- January 31
Annual dues-\$25

Send to:
Robert Jensen,
3413 Rand Ln.,
Belleville, IL 62226

rmjensen1016@gmail.com

Monthly meeting-Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM
Bi-monthly mini workshops and feature teller slots
Membership includes participating in and telling on our monthly Story Slams



NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK LONG-TERM EVENT CALENDAR

- APRIL 10: **EARTH UP** (WEEKEND: WORKSHOPS, PERFORMANCES, SLAM, FRINGE, MASTER CLASS, SOCIAL TIME, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, SHOWCASES & KID SCHOOL PROGRAM) APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 2021
- MAY 15: **CAUGHT IN A BIND** (SLAM + FRINGE)
- JUNE 12: **AMPLIFY** (SLAM + FRINGE)
- **JULY 21-25, 2021 NSN'S 'CONNECTED' VIRTUAL CONFERENCE & FESTIVAL** - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! APPLICATIONS COMING SOON.
- AUGUST 21 - **HOT** (SLAM + FRINGE)
- SEPTEMBER 18 - **SCHOOLED** (SLAM + FRINGE)
- OCTOBER 22-24 - **SPOOKED** (WEEKEND)
- NOVEMBER 13 - **STUFFING** (SLAM + FRINGE)
- DECEMBER 11 - **LIGHT** (SLAM + FRINGE + FAMILY SHOW)



FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



OCTOBER 24TH, 1901

ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR, AN AMERICAN SCHOOLTEACHER, CELEBRATED HER 63RD BIRTHDAY BY HURLING OVER THE NIAGARA FALLS IN A BARREL.

IMAGINE THE LEVEL OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT IT TOOK TO BE PUSHED AWAY FROM THE SAFE SHORES OF THE NIAGARA RIVER TOWARD THE WATERY, SILENT PRECIPICE INTO THE ROARING FALLS.

SHE MADE HER DECISION. SHE STUCK WITH IT IN THE BOBBING, DARK CONFINES OF A SEALED BARREL.

SHE WAS THE VERY FIRST PERSON TO EVER SURVIVE THE EXPERIENCE.

FAME WAS HERS (SADLY, FORTUNE DIDN'T QUITE FOLLOW.)

LET US ALL ADMIRE TAYLOR'S ABILITY TO COMMIT TO A CAUSE IN WHICH SHE BELIEVED.

YES, LET US ALL DWELL WITH ADMIRATION FOR A LONG, DWELLING, ADMIRING MOMENT...

AND NOW, QUITE DELIBERATELY, A SHORT MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT ABOUT A MUCH EASIER COMMITMENT:

WE MISS SEEING YOU IN PERSON. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO GATHER IN PERSON, WE HAVE ENJOYED STORYTELLING OPPORTUNITIES VIRTUALLY. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH US. SOME OF THE BENEFITS OFFERED TO OUR MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS?

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. NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK AFFILIATION
 6. A WORLD CLASS NEWSLETTER
 7. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 8. CONNECTION TO THE OTHER STORYTELLING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION
- THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO OFFERING A MO-TELL BAG FOR ALL NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS. SOON WE WILL HAVE LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS, HATS AND BAGS FOR SALE.

SO, FALL TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS!
(WHICH IS STILL EASIER THAN MS. TAYLOR'S FEAT.)

THE MO-TELL BILL OF FARE

OFTEN IMITATED, NEVER DUPLICATED

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND GIFTS

FISCAL YEAR, FEBRUARY 1-JANUARY 31

<i>MEMBERSHIP</i>	<i>ANNUAL DUES</i>	<i>GIFTS</i>
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$25	LOGO BAG (1)
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$40	LOGO BAG (2)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$35	LOGO BAG (1)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$50	LOGO BAG (2)
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

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

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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Treasurer: Sue Hinkel, suehinkel1@gmail.com, (Membership)

Secretary: Linda Kuntz, iharilag@gmail.com

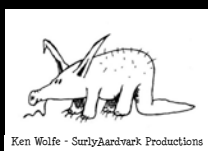
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