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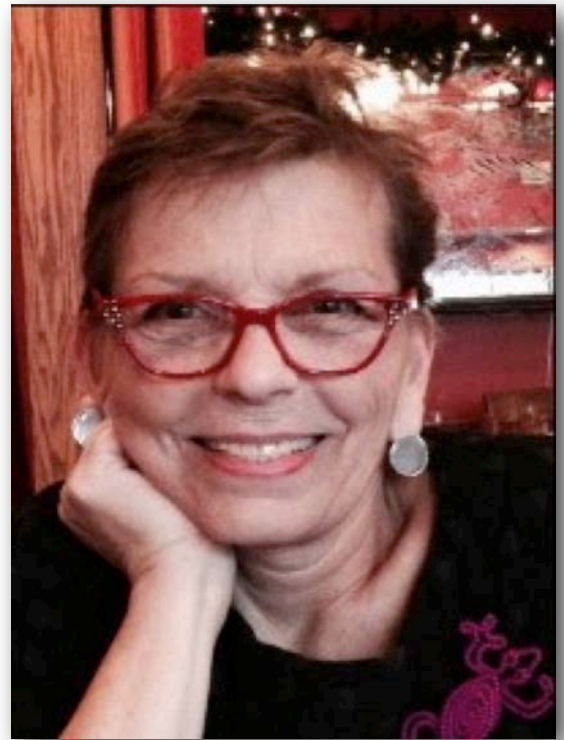
NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have always loved Halloween!

I love dressing up and greeting the trick or treaters! I love seeing all the costumes at the door! I love handing out the treats! I love telling the spooky and not so spooky stories before Halloween! It is also my youngest sister's birthday. Now it is over. This is such a busy time of year for holidays. We have Thanksgiving and Christmas on the way. There is Tellabration! in November. I hope your community has Tellabration! It was started in the 1980s by J. G. Pinkerton and it has continued ever since. It is a night of storytelling for adults. Plan your event now. There will be Tellabration! in the KC area and the St. Louis area. If you aren't having one, find one where you can go. It is a great night of stories for adults. Let us know what you heard. Was there a favorite story or a favorite teller? We'll put your report in the newsletter next month.

Remember, stories are not just for kids!



A THOUGHT FOR PONDERING OVER THE MONTH:

"I'll tell you a secret. Old storytellers never die. They disappear into their own story."

- Vera Nazarian, author

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE!

January 24, 25, 26, 2020

River and Prairie Storyweavers will host its 27th Annual Chicken Festival at the Paola Community Center (905 E. Wea Street, Paola, KS, 66071). The Chicken Festival is a combination of community outreach & storyteller retreat. Attendees are those who love stories, whether you are a storyteller or a story listener, all are welcome. Instead of one or a few featured tellers, YOU are the featured storyteller when you tell your story.

As part of the community outreach, we will tell stories in the local schools, libraries, and senior centers on Friday, January 24, and present a community storytelling concert on Saturday, January 25. Those interested in volunteering their talents to tell in the community should contact Gary Kuntz as 816-896-8611.

Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning storyteller will share their favorite stories and music. Yes, there is a time slot for chicken stories. Keep checking www.riverandprairiestoryweavers.org for updates on The Chicken Festival.

The Nitty Gritty: Chicken Festival registration is \$30 for RAPS members or \$60 for non-RAPS members. RAPS annual member is \$25, \$35 for a family. Contact the Paola Inn and Suites (1600 E. Hedges Ln. Ct., Paola, KS, 66071) At (913) 294-3700 by 12/24/19 for the fabulous RAPS room discount rate of \$70 (plus taxes). Don't delay! Don't call too late for reservations to the Chicken Festival only to find yourself completely plucked.



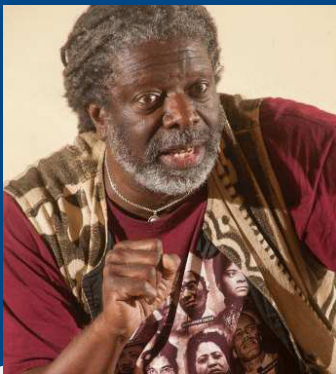
**THREE GREAT ORGANIZATIONS
BRINGING STORYTELLING
TO OUR GREAT STATE!**



SAVE THE DATE!

November 13-16, 2019

THIS YEAR'S FEATURED TELLERS



Michael D. McCarty



Laura Packer



Dovie Thomason



Andy Offutt Irwin



Musical Storytelling
Performance by
Mike and Nancee Micham

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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.

IT'S ARCHEOLOGY DAY



STORIES BY
MARILYN KINSELLA



GRAHAM CAVE STATE PARK

MO-TELL'S MEMBER PROFILE

GREAT PEOPLE COMPOSE THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION!
EACH MONTH'S MO-TELL REGISTER FEATURES ANOTHER TO THE MEMBERS.



NANCY SHELTON

Tell a little about yourself and your family? What is your vocation and your hobby?

I am a retired educator in the state of Missouri. Following retirement, I worked part-time for the Springfield district, then became a pet sitter. I have recently given that up, partly because I adopted the next-door neighbors Lab puppy. Robin, the ten-month old pup, and Fred, my nine-year old cat are now good friends. I also write, on occasion, and have had several meditations as well as a few children's stories published as well as an article in Chicken Soup: Inspiration for Teachers. In my spare time I garden, play bridge, coordinate a local storytelling group, and enjoy time with my family. I have one daughter who has six grandchildren, three girls and two boys, all teen age and older. Two live near me, and I see them often.

What is your interest in storytelling? How did it begin?

I have coordinated telling for Storytellers of the Ozarks for many years. The group I have now usually plans a swap and two or more tells a month. When I was a school counselor I developed an interest in telling and attended some workshops and conferences. Soon after that I had a position as a counselor in an at risk school where I often had to cover classes for various reasons. I began to ask if I could tell stories while the teacher was out of the room. The attention and complete lack of any discipline problems fascinated me. I soon began all my classroom units with a story related to my topic. Been telling ever since, and have two grand daughters who tell on occasion.

Why did you decide it was important to be a member of Missouri Storytelling? How can Mo-Tell improve?

Mainly to share storytelling news with my group. I love the newsletter's information and extras. I feel more in touch with the other groups in Missouri because of the frequent email news.

What tellers have been influential in your life?

One year I went to Nebraska for a coaching workshop with Doug Lippman. That was very helpful for me as a developing storyteller. Steve Otto has always encouraged our local group. He has done free workshops and is a great model. However, I learn something from nearly every teller I meet or hear. I don't make it to other locations often; however, I have participated in the Kansas City Celebration from the beginning and plan to go again this year.

What was your most interesting vacation?

Several years ago I joined a church group for a mission trip to Espaw, a home for displaced children in Haiti. We left right before one of the Haitian elections. The locals demonstrated because of the results which closed all the roads. Also, American Airlines stopped all flights out of the country. A mob came demanding money and weapons came. Our group was shut up in a room and told not to look out or take pictures. We listened to many plans on how to get us back to the states, and finally managed, in spite of several problems, to be flown to the Dominican Republic where we could get a flight back home. Had a few rough days, but it makes a good story.

ALWAYS REMEMBER, NEVER FORGET

**“SOMETIMES REALITY
IS TOO COMPLEX.
STORIES GIVE IT
FORM.”**

**– JEAN LUC GODARD,
FILM DIRECTOR, SCREEN WRITER, FILM CRITIC**

RIVER AND PRAIRIE STORYWEAVERS

November 2019 Calendar

Thursday November 7, 2019, 7:00 pm - RAPS Main Meeting
RAPS Board will meet at 6:00 pm before regular meeting - all are welcome
Trailside Center

Saturday November 9, 2019, 2:00 pm - RAPS North Meeting
Woodneath Library Center / Storytime Barn

Saturday November 23, 2019, 1:30 pm - RAPS Tellabration Concert
John Knox Village, The Meadows Community Center
(Yes, we are a week late, but we will all be at the KC Storytelling Celebration on the 16th. Hope to see you there as well as at RAPS Tellabration Concert.)

If you give a tiger a pickle,
He's going to want a story.

If you offer him a story,
He's going to want it twice.

If you tell it again,
He's going to ask for once more.

If you tell once more,
He's going to ask if you're a professional in Missouri.

If you are a professional in Missouri,
He'll ask if you belong to MO-TELL.

If you say, "Why, no. I'm not a member of MO-TELL."
He'll set down the pickle and stare at you intently, hungrily, and with no mercy.

Leave the tigers to enjoy their pickles.
Contact Sue Hinkel and join MO-TELL, for heaven's sake.

THE TIGER AND THE PICKLE

A BRAND-NEW FABLE FOR YOU
TO CUT OUT AND GIVE TO OTHER STORYTELLERS.



STORYTELLERS OF THE OZARKS

Nov. 2, Swap at Brentwood Library, 9:30 a.m., refreshments & tell practice

Nov. 6, Waterford Independent Living, 2:00 p.m., Inspirational theme

Nov. 19, Field Elementary School, morning, Second grade cultural unit

Nov. 21, Montclair Independent Living, 2:00 p.m., Inspirational stories

Nov. 23, TELLABRATION, Brentwood Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd. (Community Room), 2:00 p.m.

Contact Nancy at 417-848-5859 or storytellersoftheozarks@gmail.com for more information.

RIVERWINDS STORYTELLERS

No events listed

GATEWAY STORYTELLERS

GATEWAY STORYTELLERS WILL BE HOSTING
TELLABRATION

Sunday, November 17th

St Louis County Library Headquarters on Lindbergh Blvd.
Mark your calendars now. This will be an afternoon event.

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MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE WOODNEATH...

CLASSES FOR STORYTELLING CERTIFICATION!

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

(And slightly beyond . . .)

Storytelling as a Successful Business

Thu, Nov 7 2019 6:30pm - 8:30pm [Woodneath Computer Lab](#) Story Center Event **Registration Required**

Learn the fundamentals of running a storytelling business from goal setting to essential professional habits such as recordkeeping and setting rates. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certification.

[EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW](#)

Storytelling Certificate Celebration

Sat, Dec 7 2019 1:30pm - 4:30pm [Woodneath Community Hall 1 and 2](#) Story Center Event **Registration Required**

Join The Story Center and Metropolitan Community College as we recognize the participants that have earned their certificate from The Storytelling Certificate Program.

[EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW](#)

Effective Branding Strategies

Tue, Nov 12 2019 6:30pm - 8:30pm [Woodneath Community Hall 2](#) Story Center Event **Registration Required**

Learn to cultivate a brand that speaks to your identity as a writer or storyteller and answers the question, "Does the marketing work for me?" This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certification

[EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW](#)

Storycrafting Fundamentals

Sat, Jan 25 2020 12:00pm - 5:00pm [Woodneath Storytime Barn](#) Story Center Event **Registration Required**

Writer and storyteller Anthony Clark explores character development, point of view, the difference between showing and telling, and other story crafting techniques.

[EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW](#)

Story Swaps!

Thu, Nov 21 2019 6:30pm - 8:30pm [Woodneath Storytime Barn](#) Story Center Event **Registration Required**

Thu, Dec 19 2019 6:30pm - 8:30pm [Woodneath Storytime Barn](#) Story Center Event **Registration Required**

Thu, Jan 16 2020 6:30pm - 8:30pm [Woodneath Storytime Barn](#) 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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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.

THE 2020 NATIONAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The National Storytelling Network is pleased to announce its Call for Proposals for the 2020 National Storytelling Conference. **All those interested are invited to submit a proposal** for presentation. Note: The majority of conference workshops will be presented by NSN members. If you would like to become an NSN member [click here](#).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: NOVEMBER 15, 2019

**THE 2020 NATIONAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE
JULY 23-26 IN DECATUR, GEORGIA.**

**The theme for the 2020 National Storytelling Conference is... Engagement Through Empathy:
An alternative approach to addressing our differences**

The socio-political polarization of America is epidemic. Many have reverted to offensive tactics aimed simply at enlisting others so their viewpoint prevails. Stories enable an alternative approach. By thoughtfully telling our stories and respecting the rights of others to tell their stories, we will demonstrate how empathy can be nurtured and how it can become a force for resolution – even for unexpected outcomes. To acknowledge the humanity of one with whom we disagree is the beginning of a process in which creative, constructive solutions can be surfaced, considered, refined, and agreed upon – all beginning with a willingness to listen respectfully.

A note from the Conference Program Committee: The wording of the theme may change before October 15, but the sentiment will remain the same.

If you are interested in sharing your thought-provoking, innovative and practical presentations with the storytelling community don't hesitate, submit your proposal today! For more information on submitting proposals or to view the submission guidelines please visit the link that follows:

[HTTPS://STORYNET.ORG/NSNEVENTS/CONFERENCE/CFP/](https://storynet.org/nsnevents/conference/cfp/)



Selected applicants will receive notification by January 30th, 2020.

GOLDEN TRANSPORTATION

STORY OF THE MONTH

John Studebaker was 20 when he left South Bend, Indiana, in 1853, heading for the California Trail head at Independence. Of course, he was not planning on staying long in Missouri because his idea was to seek his fortune in the California Gold country.

And succeed he did, though not by panning for gold. He prospered instead by making wheelbarrows for miners. Studebaker had learned carpentry and smithing back in South Bend working for his two brothers in their fledgling wagon building shop. Though short on money, the Studebaker brothers were honest, hard working craftsmen. Receiving word that his brothers could use his help, John hastily returned from California in 1857, with \$8,000 from wheelbarrow sales to invest in the business. His timing was just right.

When the Civil War broke out, the Studebaker Brothers were awarded large government contracts to build wagons, caissons, meat and ammunition carriages, and even beer wagons for the Union troops.

At the wars end in 1865, the firm continued to prosper. Studebaker wagons were favorites among the vehicles of the surging westward migration.

By 1876, Studebakers were selling from coast to coast with a second factory in Kansas City and a dealership on the Independence Square. By the time the automobile came along, the Studebaker Wagon was a million dollar a year industry and it was only natural for them to merge into the new fashion of travel. Their company remained in business for more than 100 years and was the only wagon maker to make a successful transition from horse-drawn wagons to the streamlined Studebaker automobile. Studebaker became the world's biggest wagon-maker. It was only the appearance of Henry Ford's Model T that another American vehicle would enjoy a huge success.

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

President: Joyce Slater, joyceslater2o@gmail.com

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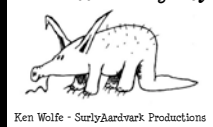
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