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THE REGISTER

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

It is time for an annual report for the year 2018. This will also be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting on January 26 th in Sedalia, MO.

At the end of 2017, Larry Brown stepped down as President of MO-TELL. We thank him for his exemplary service to Missouri Storytelling, INC. He kept it alive and worked hard to maintain our relationship with the Missouri State Parks.

I was elected President to continue the work of Larry Brown, and former Presidents, Sue Hinkel and Perrin Stifel. We continued with the following board members, Sue Hinkel, Treasurer, Jim Two Crows Wallen, Secretary, Gary Kuntz, At Large, in charge of the web site and Perrin Stifel, Emeritus. Becky Walstrom joined the board later in the year as an At Large board member in charge of grant writing.

During 2018, MO-TELL sponsored 12 storytellers for Missouri State Parks with the help of an anonymous donor and the State Parks Office. Thank you to our donor and John Cunning in the State Parks office. We were also able to obtain a Missouri Arts Council Grant for \$1724.00 to help out with the sponsorship.

Becky Walstrom and Sue Hinkel were responsible for the writing and obtaining of the MAC grant. They deserve a big round of applause for all their time and effort working on this grant. Thank you, Becky and Sue. Thom Howard continues to help us out with our financial reporting and record keeping. Thank you, Thom.

Once again Missouri had a Liar's Contest. We want to thank Gary Kuntz for the wonderful planning and executing of this year's event. Let's also give a big thanks to Mid-Continent Public Library and Kimberly Howard for their help with it. It was held at the Mid-Continent Public Library, Woodneath Library Center. They not only helped with space for the storytelling and provided judges for the event but they also advertised the it. The day included two workshops and an open mic.

Winners in the Oral Storytelling category were, Ken Wolfe, Christine Henderson and Jim Two Crows Wallen. In the Written Storytelling category the winners were Jim Two Crows Wallen and Carole Shelton.

We started a newsletter this year to better reach our membership. I started it and produced three newsletters. Ken Wolfe took it over last month and is doing a fantastic job. Thank you, Ken.



COMING UP SOON



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Storytellers

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION/
APPLICATION

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT
OF APPLICATIONS

FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Email applications to Deb Roe
at nestorytelling@gmail.com
For more information about
the conference, visit
www.nestorytelling.org



You Are the Featured Teller at the
2019 Chicken Festival

Sedalia, MO

January 25-27, 2019

Best Western, 3120 S. Limit Ave,

Sedalia, MO 65301

(For the special Chicken Festival rate, call 660-826-6100)

Registration \$25 for RAPS members
Bring auction items.

MO-TELL Annual Membership Meeting

6pm, January 26, 2019,

Golden Corral,

2004 W Broadway Blvd, Sedalia, MO 65301

RIVER AND PRAIRIE STORYWEAVERS

Calendar for January 2019

January 3rd

Trailside RAPS Meeting
The Trailside Center
9901 Holmes, KC, MO from 7-9 pm.
Story Theme: "Snow!"

January 5th

RAPS Board Planning Meeting
Time & location TBD

January 12th

Woodneath RAPS Meeting; 2:00pm
Woodneath Story Barn
8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64157
Story Theme: Winter Tails

January 26th

NO Meeting - John Knox RAPS meeting
The Trailside Center
9901 Holmes, KC, MO from 7-9 pm

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GATEWAY STORYTELLERS

January 22, 6:00 pm, Meeting and Swap
Crown Center
8350 Delcrest Drive
St. Louis, MO 63124
Potluck at 6:00, Stories begin at 7:00

STORYTELLERS OF THE OZARKS

January 2019

Jan. 13, 2:00 pm

Stella will host a swap with light refreshments, visiting and sharing stories.

Location: Coryell Commons Community Room, 248 E. Monastery Rd.
Springfield, MO

417-848-5859 for directions. **REMINDER:** contact the host/hostess if you plan to attend a swap.

Thanks to Bobbi for hosting Dec. 8 and to Stella for January 13!

Note from Nancy: 2018 was a great tell year with swaps and tells every month and a Halloween event at the Library Center. Four new tellers joined our group this year. In addition to our monthly schedule: Judith did frequent tells at her church.

Raelene hosted a festival in Mt. Vernon with our help. Judith, Jack and Nancy told at the Gray Campbell site spring and fall. Several of us attended the tells at George Washington Carver in Diamond. Nancy and Tangles went to the January Chicken Festival. Nancy and Mike/Nancee participated in the November Kansas City Storytelling Celebration. Marty, Nancy, and Mike/Nancee attended the summer National Storytelling Summit in Kansas City. Bobbi told to a MOPS group. Marty started a mentorship with Maradith Sisco. Sorry, if I forgot someone and/or something. It's soon be time to start the new year with the January Chicken Festival in Sedalia and a major tell at McBride elementary in Feb. as well as returning schools, senior centers and other venues and, of course, swaps. Happy New Year! Happy Storytelling! Nancy, 417-848-5859.

RIVERWIND STORYTELLERS

January: back to our regular schedule: The second Monday of the month, arriving between 5:30 & 6:00 for dinner first (if you want); Storytelling to begin around 7PM.

Golden Corral
1079 Collinsville Crossing Blvd
Collinsville, IL 62234

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AROUND OUR FAIR STATE.

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MO-TELL

Sat. January 26th, 2019
MO-TELL Annual Meeting
Golden Corral,
2004 Broadway
Sedalia, MO
5:30 pm over dinner

July 13, 2019
5th Annual Missouri State Liars Contest
Columbia Public Library
Columbia, MO
Entry Deadline: May 1, 2019
See website for more details

Watch for the
upcoming Spring and
Summer State Park
event in the next
issue!

MO-TELL'S BOARD MEMBERS

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

BECKY WALSTROM



Becky Walstrom, member at large, was Executive Director and President of the Advisory Council of the St. Louis Storytelling Festival for 15 years. During her working years at UMSL, Becky served as the Elderhostel coordinator/director, held various positions with the Staff Council, served multiple years on the board of the State organization MAACCE (Missouri Association of Adult, Community and Continuing Education) and was the liaison with the national organization, AAACE (American Association of Adult and Continuing Education).

Collaborating with the National Storytelling Network, Becky served on the executive committee for the 2007 National Storytelling Conference. Along with the St. Louis Festival, Becky was the recipient of the 2010 ORACLE award for leadership and service. In addition, Becky received the 2008 MAACCE (Missouri Association of Adult, Community and Continuing Education) Special Achievement Award for leadership and contributions to the St. Louis Festival.

Following retirement in 2014, Becky enjoys various activities including travel and spending winter months in Florida. Favorite hobbies: listening to a really good story, reading, spending time at the lake and an occasional game of golf.

BREAKING NEWSLETTER NEWS!

Our fearless leader, Joyce, managed to give herself a break this winter, but not the pleasant kind. Having fractured some bones in her leg, Joyce underwent surgery and is recuperating nicely in Kansas City. She may give more details in further newsletters but in her honor we're establishing a new page in upcoming newsletters. We're calling it "Break A Leg" and its purpose will be to give praise and veneration to tellers and their recent performances in a bulletin board format.

Over the next month, if you enjoy a performance of some teller somewhere at some venue, please let us know who, where, what they told, and why they charmed you so.

Aside from the tellers name and venue, please keep your comments concise (144 characters or so). For example:

"Bob Wilcox at the Pageant: His story had the audience like putty in his hands, engaged and mesmerized. His vocal tone soothed and charmed us all."

If you have a praise to give, please submit to motellnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month to be included in the following edition.





The St. Louis Storytelling Festival, now in its 40th year and celebrated from Thursday, April 25- Saturday, May 4, 2019, renews and celebrates this ancient art. It is the largest free storytelling festival in the world.

Throughout its history, it has won many awards for its innovative and masterful celebration of storytelling, and for its outreach to the St. Louis metropolitan community. Most recently, in 2015, it was designated as a Regional Spotlight event awardee in the South Central region by the National Storytelling Network.

In its partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Community Arts Program, this multi-day extravaganza, held at multiple venues across St. Louis City and County, has both featured storytellers from across the nation and regional storytellers from our own community. There are many family-friendly programs for all to enjoy, and most are offered **free** to the public.

Contact [Lisa Overholser](#) for inquiries or to obtain more information on the St. Louis Storytelling Festival. Or you might skip on over to the [St. Louis Storytelling Festival website!](#)

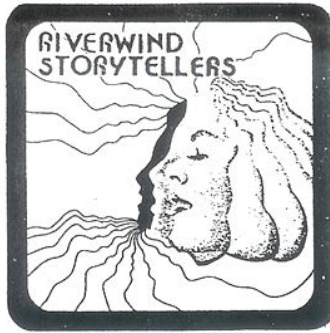
CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS YEAR'S SLSF TELLERS?

Look for answers on the dues reminder page.



WHIRLWIND WEEKEND WORKSHOP!

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2019



**RIVERWIND STORYTELLERS CO.
PRESENTS
The 35th Annual
Whirlwind Weekend Workshop
for Storytellers**

***Stepping into Character:
How you can perform
First Person Interpretations***

Contact Information:

Lynne Beetner 618-978-4219
or
Jan Jensen jmjensen51@gmail.com

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REGISTRATION FORM:
Riverwind Whirlwind Weekend
February 22-24, 2019

TUITION:
\$150.00 per person \$ _____
\$125.00 Paid Riverwind Member \$ _____

ROOM & BOARD
\$185.00 per person \$ _____

BOARD ONLY (six meals, no overnight)
\$112.00 per person \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____

Full Address _____

Phone(s) _____

E-Mail _____

I have special dietary needs
 Vegetarian Other _____
 I need a handicapped room
 I need a room with a shower safety bar

Mail Form to:
Riverwind Storytellers
Mary Lu Bretsch, Treasurer
3322 West A St.
Belleville, IL 62226

Make check out to Riverwind Storytellers
No refunds unless you have a really good story



Brian "Fox" Ellis

Brian "Fox" Ellis is an internationally acclaimed author, storyteller, historian, and naturalist. He has worked with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the Field Museum and dozens of other museums across the country.

Fox is a highly sought keynote speaker at regional and international conferences including the International Wetlands Conservation Conference, National Science Teachers Association Conference and the North American Prairie Conservation Conference.

Fox is also the Artistic Director for Prairie Folklore Theatre, a unique theatre company that celebrates ecology and history through original musical theatre productions.

He is the author of 16 books including the critically acclaimed Learning from the Land: Teaching Ecology Through Stories and Activities, the award-winning children's picture book, The Web at Dragonfly Pond, and Content Area Reading, Writing and Storytelling. Many of his stories are also available on one of 12 CDs. He will have a selection of his works for sale at the workshop. He and his wife run a bed and breakfast in Bishop Hill, Illinois, "The Twinflower Inn".

LOCATION:
King's House Retreat Center
700 N 66th Street
Belleville, IL 62223-3949

Our workshop will be held at the relaxing King's House Retreat Center.



All rooms are private single rooms that are attractive and clean, with their own bath, shower and thermostat. Personal essentials, such as towels & soap, are provided but you will need to provide extras such as hair dryer and shampoo.

The center is fully handicapped accessible. If you need a handicap room or a room with a shower safety bar, indicate that need on your registration form.

NOTE: There is one price that includes both room and board. "Board only" (Meals with no room rented) may be purchased. The Board includes Friday night dinner, three meals on Saturday and two on Sunday. See Registration Form.

The goal of this workshop is to help you bring to life the characters you connect with and tell their stories in a powerful performance. As a large group we will discuss finding characters that fit, what draws us to a historical or religious figure, and the psychological act of stepping into character. We will work with a few theatre techniques that will allow us to physically step into character. We will discuss primary versus secondary source material and the process of turning research into performance material. With a journal excerpt in hand each will discuss with a partner how they might interpret the sample material. In small groups of four they will discuss their target audience and brainstorm marketing strategies. Fox will demonstrate several clothing choices and give each the opportunity to design their costume and make-up. We will end with a discussion of accuracy and aesthetics in historical interpretation.



Workshop Schedule

Friday Feb. 22: Arrive in time for check-in and group dinner at 6:00 P.M. followed by workshop introductions and story-sharing.

Saturday morning & afternoon workshop
Objectives: Participants will learn tips and tricks for creating believable characters thru costuming, physical characteristics and body language. We will discuss research and script development and how to turn letters and diaries into storytelling material.

Saturday evening story concert
We will have a private story concert presented by and for the attendees. This is a time to share and to experience newly gained skills in a nonjudgmental environment. If more time is needed to complete the afternoon workshop, it will be done in lieu of a concert.

Sunday morning
Spiritual Telling: 10:00 a.m.
Time for walking the labyrinth, sharing stories of a spiritual nature, or free time for you to explore other pursuits.

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 p.m.
Workshop participants will present a Free Story Concert for family & friends:
This will be a free concert of storytelling by Brian Fox Ellis and workshop participants. Your family and friends are invited to come enjoy the show.



We invite you to the new Virtual Storytelling Guild sponsored and hosted by Northeast Storytelling. The entire guild is online and we hope that it will include participants from all over the US and the World. We can all learn from each other! We are storytellers who are interested in sharing stories, learning about storytelling, and enjoying peer feedback. We welcome tellers of traditional tales, historical stories, personal stories, stories with music, stories with puppets, rhymed stories, improv stories, crankies, and more. We invite you to sign in individually or to invite friends to join you for a storytelling party. Join us to tell a story, to discuss story techniques, etc. or just to listen to some great tales.

Our schedule as we begin this Guild includes slots for five tellers, plus extra places for our “in the wings” tellers. Each teller with a reserved spot will be assigned a 15-minute slot, which will typically look like this:

First teller (15 minutes): Story 10 min - Optional Peer feedback and discussion 5 min

If the teller does not wish feedback, we will move on to the next teller. One 20 minute slot will be available by request and however many five-ten minute slots we have time for.

It will be important for tellers who wish to reserve a slot to email one of the coordinators in advance to let us know to hold you a place. We will sign up the slots in the order in which we receive requests. If you wish to be on the waiting list, we will accept tellers to fill whatever time we have.

For each meeting there will be a challenge subject to use for inspiration in selecting a tale you wish to tell. Stories not related to the challenge topic or works in progress will be welcomed as well.

In the first two meetings, we will be trying out several different time frames. The most popular slot and the agreed procedures will be decided by the group members. We expect the initial meetings to be for two hours via ZOOM video conference. If you wish to be part of one (or both) of the trial groups, please email Hope Lewis and/or Cris Riedel directly by December 1st, 2018. You can join us at the last minute, of course, but it would be helpful for us to have your name and email address.

Please Contact Us:

Hope Lewis: Hope3944@gmail.com

Cris Riedel: crisriedel05@gmail.com

Here are the dates and times of the initial VSG meetings:

Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00PM EST

Challenge topic: Surprise!

Saturday, December 8th, 2:00PM EST

Challenge topic: Enchantment

Looking forward to hearing from you!



THE STORY THE MONTH



The Ant and the Dove

AN ANT went to the bank of a river to quench its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, was on the point of drowning. A Dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The Ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank. Shortly afterwards a birdcatcher came and stood under the tree, and laid his lime-twigs for the Dove, which sat in the branches. The Ant, perceiving his design, stung him in the foot. In pain the birdcatcher threw down the twigs, and the noise made the Dove take wing.

FOR 2019, MO-TELL PROUDLY PRESENTS:

THE 5TH ANNUAL MISSOURI STATE LIAR'S CONTEST

The 2019 Missouri Liar's Contest sponsored by MO-TELL (Missouri Storytelling) will be held at the **Daniel Boone Regional Library** in **Columbia, MO** on **July 13, 2019**.

There will be two categories of stories (Tall Tales) for the Liar's Contest:

Oral Storytelling - up to a 10 minute story

Written Storytelling - up to 3,000 words for the story.

Rules and how to apply to enter each contest will be published later but they should be similar to the ones for previous contests.

Whether or not you intend to compete in either or both contests save the date, July 13, 2019, and plan to attend for one of the most creative storytelling events in the state of Missouri.

Deadline for entries: May 1, 2019. Details on entering to follow.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Mission Statement:

Missouri Storytelling, Inc. ("MO-TELL") is an organization of storytellers and other interested persons dedicated to spreading the joy and the art of storytelling throughout Missouri.

Vision Statement:

We envision that every Missourian will hear and share stories and keep the oral tradition alive.

Yes! You can help MO-TELL fulfill its mission!

There are several ways to help MO-TELL move its mission forward:

1. Become a member
2. Renew your membership each year
3. Encourage others to join
4. Make a donation
5. Make a memorial donation
6. Volunteer your services

You're Enjoying the Benefits of MO-TELL Membership!

1. Newsletter
2. Annual meeting
3. Telling in the State Parks
4. Reduced entry for the Liar's Contest
5. Reduced membership fee for the National Storytelling Network

Board Members

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So, join MO-TELL today! It's so Easy!
MO-TELL memberships:

Single Memberships -
\$25 for one year or \$40 for two years.

Family Memberships -
\$35 for one year or \$50 for two years.

Your membership will not be active
until payment has been received, but
once it is it'll knock your socks off!

Send check* payable to:

* Special consideration in processing given to checks with cute kitten art.

MO-Tell
c/o Sue Hinkel
2236 Highway N
Pacific, MO 63069

DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 31ST, 2019, PLEASE.

The SLSF Tellers this year are:

10. MORTAO
9. DIANNE FERLATTE
8. BILL LEEP
7. LIZ WEIR
6. ROBERT LEWIS

5. BILL HARLEY
4. TRIX BRUCE
3. NOA BAUM
2. ANTONIO SAGEE
1. JAY O'CALLAHAN