

# Grapevine



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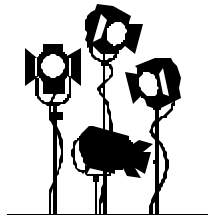


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St. Louis Gateway Storytellers membership is \$20 January-December (dues are NOT pro-rated)

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NOTE: Updated membership roster with current contact info enclosed with newsletters in March.



**SIGN UP IN ADVANCE.....if you want to tell a story at the next Gateway meeting. Don't wait to be asked to tell a story. Time limits for telling can be pre-arranged in advance (i.e. more than 10 minutes possible)  
**CALL LUCY GRONDAHL 314 962 6412****

**Meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2005 6-9 pm  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria 3949 Lindell, 63108  
Both Youth & Adult Tellers & Listeners Welcome!**



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**Calendar of Upcoming Events**



24—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!  
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

**JUNE**

16-17, 20-24—Storytelling Course  
Univ MO St Louis Info 314.516.5948

28—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!  
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

**JULY**

13-17—NSN National Storytelling Conference  
Theme “Movin’ On...Stories of Heart & Hope”  
Oklahoma City, OK Info 800.525.4514  
<http://www.storynet.org/Conf/2005/index.htm>

26—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!  
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

**AUGUST**

23—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!  
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

**SEPTEMBER**

10-NSN Orientation for NSN NSC STL 2007  
Location to be determined All Gateway Members  
ALL DAY Info 314.997.3474

**OCTOBER**

7-9—National Storytelling Festival  
Jonesborough, TN Info 800.952.8392



National Storytelling Network National Storytelling  
Conference Oklahoma City, OK July 13-17, 2005  
See above for website and details.....

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M.I.S.T. Meetings Info%314 867 0489  
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NSN Liaison MO Steve Otto 1-888-29 I TELL  
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**MEMBER CORNER (68 MEMBERS)**

NOTE: Addendum roster of members  
joining/renewing since March, 2005  
attached to this newsletter.



“Storytelling—it’s mouth to ear  
resuscitation.” from Jane Yolen’s workshop  
notes she recently found in a draw &  
reprinted in Harlyne Geisler’s Story Bag.

**BENEFIT CONCERTS FOR GLADYS  
COGGSWELL**

- “She is now partially disabled.”
1. June 4, 2005 in Frankford, MO  
10:00am—?? Info %573.784 2538
  2. MO-TELL is planning a benefit  
concert in St. Louis area. For info/and/or to  
volunteer call Sue Hinkel 636 271 7914

*Storytelling Games* by Doug Lipman 1995  
Q372.623 L764S

This book is available at St. Louis County  
Library. Preface: “It gives you everything  
you need to lead story games in a wide va-  
riety of situations....Story games help  
players to have fun with oral language in a  
structured way. A story game is a game in  
which players tell stories....some include  
move ments, pencil and paper or props but  
most require nothing but a few minutes.”

**OPPORTUNITIES KNOCKING!**

Short stories wanted for new public radio  
series. Need short, well-told audio stories  
up to 5 minutes long about our connections  
with nature and/or animals. %812 333  
8284 or pmessing@indiana.edu

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Northlands ST Network Call for 2006  
Spring Conference Presenters Apr 27-30  
Proposal submission guidelines %  
karen@northlands.net or PO Box 1055  
McHenry IL 60051-1055

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St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting March 22, 2005

Attendance: 23

### **BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY :**

**Cathy Gregory, President Presiding**

- .Gladys Coggsell in Rusk Rehabilitation Center, Columbia, MO-cards welcome
- .Treasurer's report—balance in checking \$1097.72
- .Gateway Storytelling Hotline—motion passed to discontinue immediately
- .Gateway Web Page—request \$ info to setup & update a calendar page
- .NSN NSC Conference STL 2007 marketing materials at NSC 2005 Oklahoma—motion passed to reimburse up to \$100 expenses for table display July, 2005 in OK
- .Gateway 2005 dues of \$20 now payable—60 paid up members for 2005
- .STL Storytelling Festival donation—motion passed to donate \$500 immediately
- .NSN scholarships to attend NSC in Oklahoma July, 2005—deadline to apply 4/15
- .STL Storytelling Festival 2005—see Mary Kay Menees to volunteer
- .Gateway Tsunami Concert March 20—20 people attended and \$164 raised
- .Guests were introduced

### **STORY SWAP**

Fran Anstett-Grindler told a Nigerian folktale entitled “The Hunter and the Ebony Tree” in which the wisdom of all things being possible with a plan and with loyal friends was illustrated by the story problem of a hunter needing to shoot an arrow into an ebony tree in order to win the hand of his beloved.

Mary Kay Menees told a story by Tony Johnston from the book *She Fractures Fairy Tales* about a jealous badger who coveted the goblins' magic fan.

Toni, guest this evening, read her poetic work in progress *Toss & Grow*.

Pamela (pronounced pah mehl' lah), guest, read her poem *Taters*.

Sidney Wolff told a wisdom tale about discovering which animal was King of the Jungle. The morales of the story were that actions speak louder than words and never brag about being #1.

Carol Anne Watkins told a story by Sid Fleishman “A Ghost on Saturday Night.” It was set in a ‘tulle’ fog and characters Aunt Etta and Opie had quite an adventure with a ghost raising in town which involved a coffin which was used by a bank robber to commit his crime.

Mary Garrett told a southwest story entitled “The Ball Prince” in which a kind comment from one prospective princess bride indicating that she understood other people's feelings won her the throne beside the princely groom.

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting April 26, 2005

Attendance: 15

### **BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY:**

**Cathy Gregory, President Presiding**

- .Upcoming St Louis Storytelling Festival discussed
- .Thank you from Becky Walstrom, Director St Louis Storytelling Festival, for our donation
- .Treasurer's report—balance of \$813.49 in checking account
- .Discussion of request from NSN to share our member mailing list with NSC 2005 Oklahoma
- Local committee to promote their festival with our members—decision was to share the list for a one time use by the Oklahoma NSC committee
- .Visitors (2) introduced
- \*(Postscript: The April, 2006 Gateway meeting will be cancelled as it occurs same week as volunteer orientation for the St Louis Storytelling Festival—per Pres. Cathy Gregory)

### **STORY SWAP**

Warren Wyman told a heroic story from *Lord of the Rings—Return of the King*.

Lucy Grondahl told a “Lucy original” story about Marcia and Warren hunting a dragon.

Marcia Ollinger told a story about her childhood dream of owning a piano.

Don Blake (guest—aka “Speedy” as he is so slow) told a story about a pizza delivery.

Sharon Thompson told the story “The Old King and the New King” from *The Last Tales of Uncle Remus* by Julius Lester.

Cathy Gregory told a personal story from her Sunday School days.

Roger Rose told “Just Good Friends, A Man and His Cat” by Jeffrey Archer.

Jeanne Crews told a senior citizen story about going out for ice cream and returning with a ham sandwich instead.

# READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## 26th Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival Gateway Regional Tellers Comments—in Their Own Words

**MARION COHEN:** “It is always rewarding and good to see how people enjoy hearing stories.”

**IRENE EVELAND:** “The audiences were great at Jefferson Barracks. All the kids showed up and only one group was late. I told with Grandma Coyote (Dolores Tapia Santha) at the Old Courthouse. About 100 children were in the audience and they were very responsive. The only drawback (of the Festival) for me was the long walk from the parking garage at the University of Missouri to access the Touhill Performing Arts Center.”

**CATHY GREGORY:** “Linda Kram and I told at the Jefferson Barracks site. The children were so responsive and really enjoyed the stories. There were some children from the School for the Blind. Their elementary school teacher was using the theme of oral storytelling in their lessons the same week as the Storytelling Festival.”

**LUCY GRONDAHL:** “It (Festival) is always the highlight of my storytelling year. It is wonderful of University of Missouri to celebrate the gift of stories—to tell and hear.”

**LEIGH MCGEE:** “Irene Eveland and I told at Hope House. I told ‘The Animal with Four Furry Feet Who Walked Around the World.’ Jada, one of the youthful members of the audience, adapted the ending of the story to include meeting a princess during the trek and I have now added this ending to my telling of the story.”

**BOBBY NORFOLK:** “This was one of the most successful of all the St. Louis Storytelling Festivals. Shary and I travel nationally and internationally. We have seen that the St. Louis Festival is one of the best and one of the best attended in the USA for a quarter of a century. All three storytelling guilds (e.g. MOTELL, St. Louis Gateway, and Riverwind) should be happy about this. I think the 2007 NSN NSC (National Storytelling Conference) coming up in St. Louis is going to be very important for all three guilds. People in the guilds as well as those attending the Festival dinner at Glen Echo Country Club and the Saturday night performance at the Touhill Center need to start looking at things they can do to be sure that this St. Louis NSC is a ‘diamond in the storytelling world.’ The nation will be watching us. People thought 2007 was a long way off. We need to be ready one year in advance (e.g. 2006). Let’s do all the things we can with our expertise to make this THE MOST SUCCESSFUL NSN NSC outside of Jonesborough. Our NSC 2007 conference will mark the 20th anniversary of the NSC being held outside of Jonesborough, TN.”

**MARCIA OLLINGER:** “I feel great about bringing the message of hope and making your dreams come true through the stories I told. I loved to see the sparkle in the children’s eyes when they spoke of what they were hoping for and dreaming of. It was an extra treat for me to work with the other Regional tellers.”

**LYNN RUBRIGHT:** “Annette Harrison and I really enjoyed emceeding the Festival evening performance in the Touhill Performing Arts Center. About 700 folks attended—tapping a great new market in the north St. Louis area. A beautiful space and very exciting to have Chancellor Dr. George play some jazz piano to ‘set off the evening.’ He had just returned from a trip to South Korea and Hungary. We will be having the Festival finale performance here again next year. It was a GREAT evening of wonderful diversity.”

**KATHY SCHOTTEL:** “Festival is always great and also fun! The performances were held in good spots (locations). The Later Tales at the Souldard Coffee Garden had about 20 adults in attendance. I told stories and sang some songs. The other teller was Gayle Ross.”

**KAREN YOUNG:** “I was scheduled at the Old Courthouse. Both Dianne Moran and I were in costumes. Our audience was from the School for the Blind. It was intuitive and kind that Dianne allowed the children to touch the snakeskin band on her hat and her deerskin shirt. I decided that wearing a costume was irrelevant to this audience and focused on the words of the stories. It was a wonderful experience to be unencumbered by costume and mannerisms (body language).”