

Grapevine



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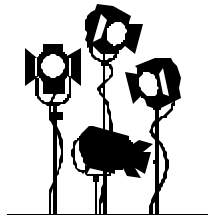


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(NOTE: Donations to this group NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

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

Mail Dues check to: Treasurer Sidney Wolff, 8932 Chickasaw Dr, St Louis, MO 63132-2311

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 July 26, 2005 6-9 pm
Salad Bowl Cafeteria 3949 Lindell, 63108
Both Youth & Adult Tellers & Listeners Welcome!**



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

AUGUST

5-6—New Salem, IL ST Festival
Featuring Dan Keding, Eliz, Ellis + more
Info www.dulcimerguy.com

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

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

OCTOBER

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

21-22—MO River Storytelling Festival
St. Charles, MO
Saturday AM Workshop
Joseph Woo
Concerts Fri evening, Sat PM and evening
Info 636 928 7984

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

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Riverwind Meetings Info%618 234 9698
ST Events Nationwide www.storynet.org
Springfield Area Info mdgryphons@yahoo.com

OTHER:

NSN Liaison MO Steve Otto 1-888-29 I TELL
NSN website www.storynet.org

RIVERWIND NEWSLETTER REPORTS ON STL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL 2005

Overall attendance 24, 210 people
Students/teachers 12,623
Venues 53
Individual Sessions 157
Touhill Sat Eve Concert 670-700 people

ST LOUIS WRITERS' GUILD OPEN MIKE

Beginning in August, second Tues evenings at Kaldi's Coffeehouse in Kirkwood 7-9 pm there will be an open mike for 5 minutes for the reading of family friendly works of any genre. A STORYTELLER MAY TELL A STORY AT THIS OPEN MIKE.
RSVP necessary in advance %
programs@stlwritersguild.org

MO HISTORICAL SOCIETY ASKS

Suggestions on finding stories and incorporating stories in tours are being sought by the Historical Society's Education Department. Contact Intern Sarah Jones at sjones7715@yahoo.com

LYNN RUBRIGHT'S NEW BOOK

Mama's Window is a historical fiction children's chapter book for grades 4-8 inspired by some incidents in the life of Rev. Owen Whitfield, African American leader of the sharecropper protest in 1939 in SE Missouri. It includes accounts of his childhood in NW Mississippi around 1910. Published by Lee and Low Books. Can be ordered from Amazon.com or any bookstore.

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MEMBER CORNER (68 MEMBERS)

The smiling faces of ALL our members are welcome at our monthly Salad Bowl Meetings.

Remember to put the 4th Tues evenings (except Dec & April) on your calendar.

Member Address Updates

Fran Anstett
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St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting May 24, 2005

Attendance: 14

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY :

Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

- .Salad Bowl Cafeteria will be moving sometime in 2006 or 2007 as land has been sold to developer; there will be banquet rooms at new site as at current site
- .Attendance at Gateway meetings decreased—members to call their Gateway member friends and encourage them to attend meetings
- .April, 2006 Gateway meeting to be cancelled as too much going on with St Louis Storytelling Festival for volunteers the last week in April annually
- .St Louis Storytelling Festival 2005 discussed—suggestions were more interactive stories, help line available during festival while staff out of Univ. MO STL office at the Festival so that tellers and volunteers can call if emergent arrival problems for their assignment that Festival day
- .Next 3 weeks MO-TELL asking storytellers to donate their gig fee or its equivalent as fund raising for Gladys Coggsell—checks payable to MO-TELL and send to Donna Spaulding
- .Univ MO STL Storytelling Course has 14 registrants for June, 2005
- .Tellabration 2005 in STL Sat Nov 19 Union Ave Christian Church in afternoon—event co-sponsored by MO-TELL & Gateway (Sharon Thompson, Gateway Rep)
- .Treasurer report \$740.37 Sidney Wolff, Treasurer
- .NSN Oklahoma July, 2005 Natl. Storytelling Conference discussed

STORY SWAP

- .MARY GARRETT told a sarcastic story of the importance of establishing the husband as the boss in order to have a happy marriage and it raised the question of “How many times have you beaten your wife?”The wife had the last word in the story.
- .CATHY GREGORY told a story about a confrontation over a simple mud puddle with the outcome metamorphosis of mud to clear water in the puddle and puddle adversaries to friends.
- .SUE HINKEL told several vignettes of her family as told to her by her aunt in TX.
- .MARY GARRETT told the story “The Lute Player” by Heather Forest in which a warring king was captured & the heroic efforts of his queen that rescued him.
- .ROSE ___? told a parody adaptation of the three pigs.

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting June 28, 2005

Attendance: 22

(11 guests + 11 members)

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Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

- .Salad Bowl Sale—1-2 years “before everything is finalized”
- .Bobby Norfolk’s Gold Award from August House for an audio recording cited
- .Treasurer Report \$750.37 No expenditures in June per Sidney Wolff, Treasurer
- .Sat Sept 10, 2005 will be NSN orientation in STL of volunteers for the NSC 2007
IMPORTANT THAT GATEWAY MEMBERS ATTEND! Location TBA
- .STL Storytelling Festival 2005 discussed and STL Storytelling Festival 2006 will need even more volunteers as call backs will be made to schools to reconfirm their attendance
- .Tellabration STL 2005 will be Sat Nov 19 3-5 pm at Union Ave Christian Church—co-sponsored by MO-TELL and Gateway
- .MO River Storytelling Festival Oct 21-22, 2005 in St Charles announced—Friday night concert and Saturday AM workshop with Joseph Woo, & Saturday PM and Eve concerts

STORY SWAP

- LUCY GRONDAHL told a story about a BBQ pit built with spare brick.
- SHARON THOMPSON told a story entitled “Henry the Worm.
- WARREN WYMAN recited “Morning Poem” & told the King Solomon story of the ring inscribed with the words “This too shall pass.”
- MARY GARRETT told an origami-type story about a rainy birthday party.
- CATHY GREGORY told a summer, hot weather story of a pond & ice cream.
- DON ___? told a story involving an ice cream truck, caterpillar & weeds.
- LUCY GRONDAHL told a story about a lady traveling on a train with her French poodle. Her discarding of a fellow traveler’s cigar out the window resulted in the same exit for the dog by the cigar owner.

SATURDAY, SEPT 10, 2005

An important date for us!

Dear St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Member and Friends,

In 2007, the National Storytelling Network’s annual National Storytelling Conference will be held in St. Louis July 11-15 at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotels. This conference will be a collaborative effort between National Storytelling Network and local host organizations of MO-TELL, Riverwind, St. Louis Gateway Storytellers, and University of Missouri—St. Louis. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase St. Louis, our storytelling organizations and regional storytellers.

If you have ever participated in or planned a national conference of any kind, you understand the tremendous amount of work ahead as we plan and produce the 2007 conference in St. Louis. We need many volunteers (both storytellers and non-storytellers) to serve as chairs or members on numerous committees. The following committees have been established by National Storytelling Network and additional committees may be formed as we progress through the planning and production stages of the conference:

1. Food/Housing/Hospitality
2. Brochures/Communication/Publicity
3. Grants/sponsors/Finance/Bookstore/Vendor Trade Show
4. Volunteers/Committee and Volunteer Training & Assignment
5. Regional Olio Thursday/Saturday Awards/Sunday Concert
6. Programming/Stage Equipment
7. Registration/Badges

We are asking two things of you at this time:

1. Attend the orientation for conference volunteers on Saturday, September 10 ALL DAY STL Location TBA

National Storytelling Staffers will conduct this FREE orientation and explain all the details and processes.

****Bring a non-storyteller buddy who can also volunteer**

2. Select a committee or committee chairmanship of interest to you and telephone that decision on or before August 1, 2005 to one of the following:

Mary Lu Bretsch 618 234 9698
 Sue Hinkel 636 271 7914
 Becky Walstrom 314 516 5948
 Rosemary Wilson 314 997 3474

MORE DETAILS TO COME.....