

Grapevine



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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.

**The Salad Bowl is now closed.....but
Gateway Storytellers
will continue to meet!**

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

The Crown Center

8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124

(one block east of intersection of I 170 and Delmar)

Tellers: Lynn Rubright & Ron Adams

(Enter door by circular drive—room on left)

No food or drink allowed.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events
JANUARY

24- Gateway Meeting & Story Swap
Featured Tellers: Ron Adam & Lynn Rubright
The Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, 63124
Directions Page 1 Info 314.997.3474

MARCH

4 Riverwind Whirlwind Weekend
Workshop on the business side of storytelling
Flyer page 4 Info 618.397.1377

28- Gateway Meeting & Story Swap 7-9 pm
Kirkwood Library Auditorium
Info 314.997.3474

APRIL

28-30 Northlands Storytelling Conference
Info PO Box 1055, McHenry IL 60051

MAY

3-6 St Louis 27th Annual Storytelling Festival
Info www.umsl.edu/storytelling

23- Gateway Meeting & Story Swap 7-9 pm
Kirkwood Library Auditorium

JUNE

22-23 & 26-30 Storytelling Course
Univ. MO St. Louis Info 314.516.5948

JULY

20-23 NSN National Storytelling Conference
Pittsburgh, PA Info 1.800.525.4574

OCTOBER

6-8 National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, TN Info 1 800 525 4574

**NSN NATIONAL STORYTELLING
CONFERENCE ST LOUIS 2007**

The Local Executive Committee (called LEXC) of Mary Lu Bretsch, Sue Hinkel, Bobby Norfolk, Becky Walstrom, and Rosemary Wilson continue to meet monthly for 2-3 hours at a time. There are contract, budget, and timeline issues we are dealing with at this time. The various committees will be doing their work at different times in the interim to July 12-15, 2007. If you signed up at the September, 2005 volunteer rally, you will be contacted by your Chair in 2006. Expect that call!

**READ THIS CAREFULLY ABOUT
GATEWAY MEETINGS IN 2006**

Gateway will be meeting every other month beginning with January, 2006. The Jan. 24 meeting is at Crown Center.

Beginning with the March 28 meeting, Gateway will be meeting in the auditorium at the Kirkwood Library 7-9 pm. The rest of the 2006 meetings at the Kirkwood Library are May 23, July 25, Sept. 26, Nov. 28 all 7:00-9:00 pm.

STORYTELLING GUILDS/ORGS. OF NOTE:

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MAST (Mineral area) Info % (needed)
MO-TELL Meetings Info %636 271 7914
M.I.S.T. Meetings Info%314 867 0489
MOST (Columbia area) Info%573 449 1822
RAPS (KC area) www.StoryRAPS.org
Riverwind Meetings Info%618 234 9698
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NSN website www.storynet.org

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PITCH! A Story (\$29.95)**

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For details e-mail: info@pitchastory.com

Storytelling questions? Contact Storytelling
Guru Rishi at NSN rishi@storynet.org
Tel 1.800.525.4574

MEMBER CORNER

IMPORTANT!!!!

Please send newsletter editor any of your contact information changes as they occur (e.g. address, telephone, or e-mail) throughout the year.

We need volunteer chairs for Membership & Publicity Committees. Contact Gateway President.

Gateway Dues \$20/yr Payable Jan 1-Feb 28 Treasurer, Sidney Wolff



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St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting Nov 22, 2005

Attendance: 13

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY :

Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

.Election of Officers: Unanimous vote for

Pres—Cathy Gregory; Vice-Pres—Lucy Grondahl; Sec—Sharon Thompson;

Treas—Sidney Wolff

.Committee Appointments: Editor—Rosemary Wilson; Program—Warren Wyman; Publicity—Irene Dodson; Membership _____

.Report on NSN NSC STL 2007: Rosemary reported that Local Executive Committee (LEXC) continues to meet monthly—MUCH MORE to come!

.Treasurer report: Sidney reports Gateway Balance \$356.49; NSC STL \$74.80

.Gateway dues for 2006: Consensus decision that it continue at \$20 non-prorated for the upcoming year

.”Tellers Helping Tellers”: Mary Garrett published article in Nov-Dec, 2005

.Chicken Festival in Jan., Clinton, MO: Call Mary Garrett for emerging info

Storytelling Magazine about Gateway’s program of another teller helping the original teller when he/she is incapacitated & unable to fulfill program date/s

.Tellabration 2005: Jackie Wright thanked Gateway for co-sponsoring event

.Discussion of declining meeting attendance—suggested to add featured teller or a theme to a meeting program & publish in newsletter preceding meeting.

Youth tellers and listeners to be encouraged.

STORY SWAP

MARY GARRETT told “The Lost Purse” (a Jewish/Arabic/Chinese folk tale). It is the story of poor but honest people. A destitute man found a bag of gold coins worth \$100 which the villagers said belonged to the rich man who had just posted a reward for such a loss. When the poor man returned the coins the rich man sued him claiming the original contents of the bag were equal to \$200. A wise judge ruled that the bag could not possibly be the rich man’s as he claimed a loss of \$200 and awarded the poor man the bag as finder’s keeper.

CATHY GREGORY told “Bob’s Thanksgiving Potato” in which two third graders artfully convinced their teacher that their ‘vegetarian lifestyle’ mandated their using a potato rather than a turkey in the artwork assignment.

Little did the children expect that their personal Thanksgiving menu choice would electively turn out to be a potato rather than turkey.

WARREN WYMAN told two Nasrudin tales—one about searching for a lost key and the other about the relationship between some coins and actual work.

ROGER ROSE told an Arthurian work in progress—”The Loathly Damsel”.

It was the story of the courtship of Sir Gawain and Dame Raynel. The much less than winsome Dame and the handsome knight did actually fall in love through the elaborate courtship Sir Gawain embarked upon to pay the favor King Arthur owed Dame Raynel.

IRENE EVELAND told the Bohemian folktale “Gone is Gone” in which a husband learned the hard way how multi-tasked and difficult his wife’s “homework” really was in caring for the cottage, barnyard animals, and Children.

JAN. GATEWAY MEETING.....

Tuesday, January 24, 2006 7-9 pm The Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, 63124

Enter by the door at the circular driveway and the meeting room is to the left.

WARREN WYMAN, 2006 Gateway Program Chair, writes: “Hello, as most of you know, I lived in Seattle for 10 years. When I returned, I found that Gateway was a shadow of its former self. And that happens. Personally, I miss seeing you at the irregular intervals we used to enjoy. (The only time we are all together is the Friday night STL Storytelling Festival volunteer dinner.) So we (your officers) thought that maybe if we could make the meetings again a place where we could count on one or two adult pieces every meeting, we might get a few more in the audience. This, in addition, to the stories enjoy normally.

“Here’s the problem. If 10-20% of our attendees who have a story they want to share and we get 12 in the audience, that is maybe two stories. And the rest is, ‘Well, I’m working on this one.....’ We decided that every meeting we would ask of the people who haven’t been around for awhile to come back and share with us. This month (Jan) Ron Adams has agreed to tell + Lynn Rubright will be telling us what we don’t know about starting the STL Storytelling Festival 27 years ago. Lynn may be the only one who knows this story. I hope the promise of a story fix each meeting and seeing old friends regularly will boost meeting attendance back to old levels. I hope to see you.”

