

Grapevine



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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.

Next St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

The Crowne Center

8350 Delcrest Drive

St. Louis, MO 63124

7:00 pm Storytelling

Tellers Scheduled:

Roger Rose, Kathy Schottel, Perrin Stifel

Do YOU want to tell? Call Warren Wyman 206.786.3377



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY

25 GATEWAY MEETING—see page 1

27-30 KC Fringe Festival (Second Annual)
Kansas City, MO Info 816.516.4750

SEPTEMBER

26 GATEWAY MEETING-Officer Nominations

OCTOBER

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

20-21 MO River Storytelling Festival
St. Charles, MO
Featured: Eliz Ellis & Loren Niemi
Info 636.271.7914

NOVEMBER

18 Tellebration Union Ave Christian Church

28 GATEWAY MEETING-Election of Officers

JULY 12-15, 2007 NSN National Storytelling Conference St. Louis

Thinking of attending the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN in October?

Visit Jonesborough Visitors Center online
www.jonesboroughtn.org

STORYTELLING GUILDS/ORGS. OF NOTE:

Joplin Area	Info	godsey@hotmail.com
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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ST Events Nationwide	www.	storynet.org
Springfield Area	Info	mdgryphons@yahoo.com

OTHER:
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NSN website www.storynet.org

MEMBER CORNER
MEMBERS=69 7/06

- BUSINESS SIDE OF STORYTELLING**
- .Storytelling Professionally: The Nuts & Bolts of a Working Performer By Harlynn Geisler
- Available on Amazon.com
- \$28 New; \$21 Used

NETWORKING TIPS

- Listen more than talk
- Ask more than tell
- Give more than ask
- Good eye contact
- Don't come on too strong
- Ask if this is a good time to chat
- Have a good handshake

TAKE THESE THINGS PERSONALLY.....

- RE NSC STL 2007
- .Consider putting your proposal in to do a workshop at the conference
- .Consider putting your proposal in to be a Regional Teller at the conference
- .Consider putting your proposal in the Lottery to be a Fringe performer
- .Consider yourself on the one-to-one Marketing Team to promote the conference (clip & handout business card-size flyers attached to whomever & whenever you can)



GRANT MAKING TRENDS & STRATEGIES IN STL ARTS CULTURE

Wed Aug 2, 2006 8am-10 am
Emerson, 8000 W. Florissant
\$30 Deadline RSVP 7/27/06
Sponsor: Metropolitan Assoc. for Philanthropy

STORYTELLING TRIVIA NIGHT
FUND RAISER FOR NSC STL 2007
POSTSCRIPT:
The event scheduled for Sat, June 24 was cancelled as we lost the church parking lot to the Ballwin Days Festival. No plans at this time to reschedule the event.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE
CHAIRS thru 12/31/2006

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Meeting May 23, 2006

Attendance: 22 members

The Crowne Center

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY :

Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

- There were 16 Crowne Center residents attending the story swap tonight.
- Thank you note sent to Sidney Wolff, Treasurer, by Univ MO St Louis for the \$500 Gateway donation to the St. Louis Storytelling Festival
- Sue Hinkel reported that \$2500 was raised towards the St. Louis Storytelling Festival on the basket raffles from tickets sold during the Festival
- Rosemary Wilson gave an update on the work to date on the 2007 National Storytelling Festival St. Louis (watch Gateway website for updates also)
- Sidney Wolff, Treasurer, reports balance today of \$599.69
- Mary Garrett reported that Papa Wright was awarded The World of Children Honor by the Progressive Youth Connection
- Lucy Grondahl reported on plans for the Storytelling Trivia Night June 24—volunteers are needed as are the selling of raffle tickets in advance

STORY SWAP

Master of Ceremonies Warren Wyman

SHARON THOMPSON told a story from the Issac Asimov book **Treasury Of Humor** about a senior citizen lady who testified to an inquiring male senior checking out references for a new dentist that the first time she had been without a toothache was when she was swimming in the surf in the nude and encountered another nude bather—a man walking on the beach.

SUE HINKEL told a personal story of a “magical green pickup truck” which she witnessed being come kind of catalyst to making ordinary events in her childhood something very special. In closing, Sue indicated that the truck was just waiting (attached as an oil well pumper) for a new adventure and to be of service again if someone would just fill up its gas tank.

MARY GARRETT told a traditional riddle tale “The Innkeeper’s Daughter.” Through a series of riddles successfully answered by the innkeeper’s daughter, we see this woman succeed in understanding and claiming what was truly the most valuable thing in her marriage—her husband.

GALE PORTMAN AND KAREN YOUNG gave a lively tandem telling of the traditional tale “Truth and Story.” The villagers were all fearful of the naked truth but welcome truth when clothed in story.

GALE PORTMAN told the story “Emily’s Forest” in which an urban girl dreams about a real, live forest and succeeds in finding one after walking away from the last stop on the metropolitan bus line. Our heroine brought back pieces of several trees and the greening (with accompanying insects and birds) of the city was accomplished with the planting efforts of she and her urban friends.

FLAVIA EVERMAN told the humorous traditional tale “Soap! Soap! Do Not Forget The Soap!” Through a series of adventures on the way to the country store, our forgetful hero does finally get it right by remembering what he errand for his was all about when he received a serendipitous miscue on finally entering the store.

FACT SHEET IN SOUND BYTES ABOUT NSN NSC STL 2007

Rosemary Wilson, Editor, St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Newsletter
& Chair, Local Executive Committee (aka LEXC) for NSC STL 2007

July 18, 2006

BATTER UP!

- .Today and tomorrow hundreds of storytellers are heading to the 2006 NSN Natl. Storytelling Conference in Pittsburgh
- .When it ends on July 23, the NSC STL 2007 is "at the plate"

PUTTING IT IN CONTEXT

- .St Louis is the ONLY city to host a NSN NSC twice—first in 1987
- .NSN South Central Region (which includes us)= 7 NSC's to date
- .St. Louis area has the most US storytelling organizations geographically
- .LEXC will sign a contract with NSN to produce the NSC STL Sept, 2006
- .NSN will hire a new Executive Director between now and July, 2007

BY THE NUMBERS

- .NSC STL will be Thursday, July 12-Sunday, July 15, 2007-daytime & eves
- .NSC STL needs 417 full conference attendees @\$295 each to break even on the conference budget of \$141,885.00
- .LEXC has had 28 face-to-face meetings 1/2003 thru present
- .LEXC has had 3 telephone conference calls of its own to date
- .LEXC has had 7 telephone conference calls with NSN 11/05 thru present
- .LEXC and NSN monthly conference calls go to weekly calls in 2007
- .LEXC rep audited 37 NSN/Pittsburgh NSC calls since 10/05 thru present
- .LEXC and NSN have exchanged hundreds of e mails—almost daily
- .LEXC rep has had 2 calls with NSN South Central State Liaisons to date
- .LEXC rep has had 1 call with NSN SIGs (Special Interest Group) to date

WHAT IS NOT A PART OF NSC BUDGET?

- .Sunday Concert on Sunday, July 15 2-4:30 pm (open to public also)
- .Produced by the host committee & traditionally held post NSC on Sunday
- .Budget for profit or loss is the entire responsibility of STL host committee

MONEY TALKS

- .NSC STL 2007 is the first self-financed conference with no contractual fund raising in the contract between local host (LEXC) and NSN
- .LEXC will have to do its own fund raising for the Sunday Concert July 15
- .NSN realizes about 25% of its annual operating budget from the proceeds of annual NSC's (common practice natl. organizations)
- .LEXC will receive \$5000 upon filing of post-NSC report—monies to be divided amongst the STL storytelling organizations
- .LEXC has \$2000 petty cash in the NSC budget for miscellaneous expenses

VOLUNTEERS

- .LEXC (Local host executive committee)
Comprised of Mary Lu Bretsch (Riverwinds), Sue Hinkel (MO-TELL), Bobby Norfolk (Member-at-Large), Becky Walstrom (Univ MO), & Rosemary Wilson (St. Louis Gateway Storytellers)
- .Volunteers for Registration & Badges will be asked to serve on the Hospitality Committee as NSN staff does former Reg. & Badges
- *.YOU are needed for other committee assignments Sept, 2006-end of NSC July, 2007



YOU have not been forgotten. Expect a call this fall!

MARKETING—begins NOW and is CONTINUOUS and requires ALL OF US

- .Give friends, family, customers, librarians, teachers, etc. etc. attached conference business card—TALK IT UP!! (Note our great graphic)

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

- .LEXC has its own conference call bridge vendor for interim calls
- .LEXC has designated its individual replacements if ever necessary
- .Committees are Co-Chaired

WEBSITE FOR NSC STL 2007 (check it out at least every two weeks till 7/12/07)

www.storynet.org/Events/Conference/2007/