

## **GATEWAY GRAPEVINE -- September**

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers [www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org](http://www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org)

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

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### **Coming Soon**

**National Storytelling Festival October 3-5 Jonesborough, Tennessee**

**Missouri River Festival October 10-11 St. Charles, MO**

**Kansas City Storytelling Celebration October 15-19**

**Tellabration November 22 (see below)**

### **Business Meeting 9/23/08**

#### **Nominating Committee Slate for 2009 Officers Approved**

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### **Tellabration 2-4 p.m. November 22 Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Tellers will be Lynn Rubright, Ron Adams, Jeff Miller, and Karen Young.

MO-TELL will sell tickets for \$5 and advertise more widely to try to increase attendance. Half of net proceeds will be given to Backstoppers. Gateway was asked if we wished to contribute up to \$1000 toward expenses and participate in potential rewards, but members voted that it was too much for our budget. There was agreement to help with the organization of the auction and ticket sales, and of course attend and support the event. Auction volunteers may call Karen Potts 636-928-7982.

### **Missouri River Festival October 10-11 Katy Depot Frontier Park, St. Charles**

Friday, Oct. 10, '08 7 pm to 9 pm

(Saturday Workshop 10 a.m. to noon -- see below \*\*)

Saturday, Oct. 11, '08 7 pm to 9 pm

(note: Saturday's performance is for ages 10 and over)

Saturday, 1:30 to 4 New Event! Come and and participate or sit and relax and be entertained at the Missouri Mule Storytelling Marathon!

ALL three performances are FREE w/ canned goods for the local food pantry!

Storytellers will be Sue Hinkel, Perrin Stifel, Kathy Schottel, Marilyn Kinsella, along with Ron Adams, the Grand Master Ghost Story Teller!

\*\* Ron Adams will present a workshop "How to Tell Ghost Stories for Adults!" for both beginning and the more experienced teller and will give you great hints on enhancing your

performances! \$25. Call Karen or Mike Potts, 636-928-7984.

### **Oasis Mentoring Program -- Deadline for All Applications October 1**

Sue Hinkel 636-271-7914 presented information about this partnership.

**Web Page** contact service has been restored, with a letter recognition program to discourage mechanical spamming and a warning to recipients to report any problems directly to Roger Rose.

STORY SWAP -- Joy Nack M.C.

Attendance was small, but the stories were good!

Elizabeth Ellis says to start with a "HaHa" story, which was true for us when Marilyn Lane told of the "perfect horse" for the preacher, one that would start appropriately on "Praise the Lord" and stop on "Amen."

Chris Sutton shared a St. Louis World's Fair era story of two neighbors deciding to clean up the neglected yard between their two lovely garden spots -- and the suspense mounted as the mayor chose the winner of the best garden contest.

Carol Watkins and Joy Nack, dressed in fetching old-fashioned garb, told a story from Two Sisters and Some Hornets, with each sister giving her own version of the incident of the hornets in the outhouse, "And that's the truth!"

Sylvia Bailey-Small told her grandmother's story of a school in Texas, a scary boy named George, and the magic red snowball. Be on the lookout!

Sidney Wolff told of Danny's mother's birthday, and gift suggestions from cow, goat, chicken, sheep, and finally BEAR!! (with the perfect gift)

Students from Sue Hinkel's class at St. Charles Community College attended and told stories: Miles Dodd told his own version of the three little pigs, Ham, Bacon, and Pork Chop. (Reminded me of Bob's pet pig, Barbecue).

Rachel Price told "The Dance of the Butterfly" who was scared, board and weary of being a caterpillar. She made a deal with Mother Nature for help getting out of her cocoon. Rachel was so animated that she almost became a dancing butterfly as she told.

Karen Potts told of the Dorchester Dragon, a queen who only wanted to associate with royalty, her daughter who loved a commoner, and a witch who had never seen a mirror, from a book by Burr Tillstrom of Kukla, Fran, and Ollie. (Go to youtube if you don't remember them).

Marion Cohen told a wonderful tale of the Rabbi of Nemerov who disappeared before Rosh Hashanah and through acts of charity went "to heaven or a little bit higher."

This would have been our "Amen" ending, but the father of a student, Mike Langhoffer, was inspired to share the story of his father hiding in the outhouse to avoid getting a shot, which brought us back to outhouses and getting "stung."

(In future all tellers will be given cards to fill out -- these spellings may be approximate).

Other News

Big Read Festival, Oct. 11 in Clayton

Internet radio -- Showmetalkradio.com to hear an interview with Lynn Rubright.

Last month's picnic: At our picnic meeting Aug. 26 at Stacy Park in Olivette, we shared wonderful food, and Rosie Lee Willis told us a wonderful and funny story of why Fox and Dog are no longer friends. (Mary Garrett informally shared some Hawaii lore).

NEXT GATEWAY MEETING Gateway meets the Fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months. The next regular meeting of Gateway will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at the Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124. Story Swap at 7 p.m.

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