

GATEWAY GRAPEVINE -- March 2010

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers

www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org

(put together quickly to get this information out right away
-- please forgive any errors or omissions -- MG)

LOSSES -- They Will Be Missed -----

Our storytelling community has lost two wonderful storytelling musicians, good men. A Native American legend says that death was brought into the world to remind us to always be kind to each other. Sidney and Blake were examples of this kindness, and we are all better for knowing them.

From Blake's wife, Nettie: Blake Travis has joined the angels in the heavenly realm. Please join us in celebration of his life: Visitation, Thurs evening, March 4th 5-8pm
Visitation, Friday morning, March 5th 9:30am-10:45am Funeral, Friday morning 11am
First Baptist Church of Webster Groves, MO 3251 S Brentwood Blvd (formerly 159 E. Kirkham Ave) 314-961-3246

*If you wish to send cards to Blake's family, the address is Mrs. Nettie Travis, 927 N Elm, Webster Groves, MO 63119.

We lost Sidney on February 11. The Post-Dispatch article on 2/14 was lovely. It was suggested that cards can be sent to the family of Sidney Wolff at 8932 Chickasaw Dr., St. Louis, 63132-2311

March 5-7 Riverwinds Whirlwind Weekend -- Bil Lepp at Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows -- **Free Public Performance** Sunday, March 7 1:30 – 3:30 Our Lady of Snows Visitors Center, 442 S. De Mazenod Drive: Belleville, IL 62223 “Getting Folks to Lie Well” (For workshop details contact Mary Lu Bretsch at 618/234-9698).

Next Gateway Meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124. (Some of us eat at 4:30 or so, at Guo Bin (gwo bin) 8600 Delmar

Story Swap 7-8:30 p.m. **Sign up** -- Rosie Lee Willis 314-535-6485
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*Gateway meets the Fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months:

March 23, May 25, July 27, September 28, November 23

For info or to have items on agenda, call Mary (636)447-6760 or Marion (314)997-0250

**Second Tuesday Storytelling 6:00 - 8 p.m. March 9, April 13,
May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14., Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14**
Java G's Coffeeshouse 2031 Old Highway 94 South St. Charles, MO 63303
(Between Muegge and Pralle -- near Sonic) 636-940-2430 www.javags.com
This is a regular event on the second Tuesday of each month.

January Meeting

Story Swap -- Longer Story Provision It was proposed and approved that there be one slot at each swap for a longer story (20 minutes). Our usual ten-minute stories are wonderful, and we have terrific, full evenings, but sometimes a teller has a tale that needs a bit more time. As this also might need more prep by the teller, let Rosie know in advance, and she will reserve that spot for the first teller who requests it.

DUES were due in January -- only \$20! I will be putting together a new membership roster using current lists from Cosy. Membership entitles you to newsletters, listing on the web site, and the good feeling of supporting storytelling in St. Louis. You may mail dues to Coisetta Wright, 8901 Wrenwood Lane, St. Louis, MO 63144-1704. Please include all contact information for membership roster. Please give website information to Roger Rose <rogerros@earthlink.net> or 314-961-6251.

March Meeting Preview and News Notes

Festival Funds

Instead of baskets this year, there will be raffle tickets for \$10 each with a \$1000 prize. Selling 500 would produce a \$4000 profit to the Festival. Jackie Wright will be bringing tickets to the March meeting to consign to members wanting to sell them. Gateway is officially a sponsor of this raffle. Sponsorship was not formally approved at a meeting, but email response from members was mostly in favor. This is in addition to the Gateway donation made in November.

Renaissance Faire May 15 - June 6 Flavia Everman flavia@centurytel.net 636-456-3550

is coordinating tellers. See more at <http://www.renstl.org/main/>

February 22 VOICES OF PEACE: Gateway Tellers Georgie Rock, Chris Sutton, Carole Shelton and Mary Garrett contributed stories to the wonderful Interfaith Storytelling Concert at Our Lady of the Snows! MC and perfect hostess, Sheila Grace Wellspring, organized it.

Lucy Grondahl performed in the musical *The Assorted Short Adventures of Tom, Huck and Becky!*

Story Swap at January Meeting

David Grondahl's "Bug-Eyed Rooster" with masterful use of a musical chicken had us ROFLOL (rolling on the floor laughing out loud). Yes, it was that good!!

Gale Portman shared her personal triumph in "Snow Snakes Strike Again" (at Hidden Valley).

Cathy Gregory took us back to those good ol' days "Vacationing With Mom and Dad."

Karen Young told her original "A Hair of a Tale," a story of true love.

Joy Nack presented Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Match Girl" a story with sadness but also love and hope, well done.

Carol Watkins "strutted her stuff" with her own "Cinderella: She Brooded and Then She Rehatched" -- oh, those chickens!!

Sharon Thompson told a creation tale from India, "The Dog Story."

Liz Lippa (Omi) shared a her own Chelm story, "Sweeter Than Honey."

Jeremy Grondahl reprised his "I Want My Liver" story. . . a true "jump tale."

Mary Garrett told a problem-solving classic, "The Doubling Pot"

Rosie Willis (Felix), our wonderful MC, ended the evening with the story of "Three Farmers: Hudden, Dudden, and Donald O'Neary" adapted by Amy Friedman.

Upcoming Storytelling Events

March 10 Riverwind Meeting at 6, stories at 7 Oregon Roasting Coffee House, 201 W. Main Street, Belleville

Saturday, March 20 7 p.m. John McCutcheon free concert at St. Louis County Library HQ 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. (doors open at 6)

APRIL 9, 10, 11 CAPE GIRARDEAU 2010 <http://www.capestorytelling.com/> 618-453-6148

Donald Davis, Minton Sparks, Kevin Kling, Syd Lieberman, Priscilla Howe, and **Marilyn Kinsella!!**

(to hear stories <http://www3.wsiu.org/radio/storyteller/>)

April 23-25 Northlands Conference "The Tale's the Thing" Green Lake, Wisconsin

April 28 - May 1, 2010 ST LOUIS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL with Bil Lepp, Leeny Del Seamonds, Gene Tagaban, Regi Carpenter, Peter Cook, **Larry Brown, and Loretta**

Washington! Full list of tellers is on the web site <http://www.stlstorytellingfestival.org/> (Nice graphics, too!)

To volunteer call **Sharon Thompson** 314-894-8703.

April 28 - May 1, 2010 O.O.P.S. conference in Mt. Vernon, Ohio

<http://www.oopstorytelling.org/> **Mary Garrett** will be telling stories and presenting "Frog Goes to High School," a workshop on "stealth storytelling" in middle and high school.

July 29-August 1 National Storytelling Network National Conference Los Angeles, CA www.storynet.org "Many Stories...One World" **Mary Garrett** will be telling Sheherazade at the All-Regions Concert.

November 3-6, 2010, Kansas City Storytelling Celebration MCC-MAPLE WOODS

Bobby Norfolk, Olga Loya, Thom and Sarah Howard, and Elizabeth Ellis

<http://mceckc.edu/storytelling/>

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