

GATEWAY GRAPEVINE -- April 2010
St. Louis Gateway Storytellers
www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org

Next Gateway Meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 25
Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124.

Some of us eat at 4:30 or so, at Guo Bin (gwo bin) 8600 Delmar
(Crown Center cafeteria will serve kosher meals for \$3 if you call them in advance 314-991-2055)

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:

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. 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.

Membership Roster Attached

This list is based on the most current lists from Cosy of paid-up dues (due in January). Membership includes newsletters, membership roster, listing on the web site, and the good feeling of supporting storytelling in St. Louis. Dues \$20 -- to Coisetta Wright, 8901 Wrenwood Lane, St. Louis, MO 63144-1704. Please include all contact information for membership roster.

March Meeting

Rosie Willis (Felix) received an award for the community garden in her neighborhood!!
Huzzah!!

The St. Louis Storytelling Festival and Becky Walstrom have both been nominated for the South Central Region Service and Leadership Award.

Grants for Tellers -- Lucy suggested that Gateway provide stipends for tellers to go to schools or retirement centers. The suggestion was made to provide a form for grant requests and that we should publicize the grants and the events through news releases. A committee was formed, with Lucy Grondahl, Cosy Wright, and Michael Bennett, to look into it and make a specific proposal.

Festival Raffle

Raffle tickets for \$10 each with a \$1000 prize -- Gateway, Riverwind, MO-TELL sponsoring. Jackie Wright has tickets for members wanting to sell them. 314 997 2376

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/>

Story Swap at March Meeting -- Fabulous!!

Longer Story Provision There is one slot at each swap for a longer story (20 minutes). Let Rosie know in advance, and she will reserve that spot for the first teller who requests it.

We filled every minute with wonderful stories! If you want to be sure to have a turn to tell, let Rosie know in advance of the meeting: 314-535-6485 or willis2650@sbcglobal.net

Guy Mott shared “An Incident in the Civil War,” a lesson in honesty and an illegal attempt to buy an Army mule.

Lucy Grondahl told “**Max and and Beanstalk,**” and it was great fun hearing this tale told from Grandma Lucy’s point of view (David told it at Riverwinds Weekend).

Mary Garrett told Sheherazade, at the request of those who will not be in Los Angeles in July.

Wendy Gordon shared a personal story of dance and gifts of love.

Anne Williams sent shivers through the group with Edgar Allan Poe’s “Cask of Amontillado.”

Linda Bennett (with help from her dad Michael and some nice shadow puppets) told her version of a folk tale “Fox and Quail” a delicious, I mean interesting, story . . .

David Grondahl told us “Why Cats and Dogs Don’t Like Each Other,” a dispute over a shared ham, “My ham” vs. “Our ham.” The Cape Girardeau website has video of David telling this!

Lee Giezentanner shared a Chuck Larkin story of the effects of Electricity Elixer, and he did Chuck proud -- I almost thought I heard Chuck laughing along with the rest of us.

Roger Rose shared “The Lady or the Tiger” a Frank Stockton story of semi-barbaric justice, still puzzling after all these years . . .

Carol Watkins brought “The Wide-Mouth Frog” and his puppet buddies along to tell us what they like to eat. Fun!

Rosie Willis (Felix) shared wisdom and humor of marriage with the newly weds “Jessica

and Daniel” and the couple “Ethel and Morris.”

Upcoming Storytelling Events

April 14, May 12 Riverwind Meetings

April 23-25 Northlands Conference “The Tale’s the Thing” Green Lake, Wisconsin
Two Next Generation Scholarships (ages 18-30) are available. Deadline is May 1.
Information www.storynet.org

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 30 and May 1st Dr. Margaret Read MacDonald in Bloomington/Normal, IL. Both Days – \$75 Mail by no later than April 22, 2010 to: Dr. Mike Lockett, President Twin City Tale Spinners, 1401 Heritage Road West, Normal, IL 61761

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.

June 11 & 12 Big Spring, MO Ozark Life Festival <http://www.nps.gov/ozar/index.htm>

July 3-9 Storytellers Wild Week, with Mary Hamilton presenting, in the mountains of North Carolina off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland. Cost is \$490 and includes all sessions, story swaps, concerts, food and lodging. www.diannehackworth.com and click on the Wild Week button.

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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