

Grapevine



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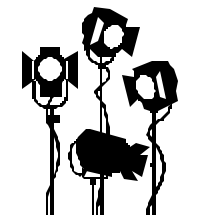
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(NOTE: Donations to this group NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers membership is \$15 January-December and checks can be mailed Treasurer, Al Cohen, 9761 Hastings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132-3322, (Phone 314 997 0250).

NOTE: Updated membership roster with current contact info enclosed with newsletters in March & September.



NOW ST. LOUIS GATEWAY STORYTELLERS' MEETINGS— 4th TUESDAYS MONTHLY

6:00-9:00 pm

HOW TO VOLUNTEER TO TELL

(\$5 Dutch treat meal minimum)

A STORY AT THE MEETING:

**Salad Bowl Restaurant
3949 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
Phone 314 535 4274**

1. When you arrive, find out who is emceeing the program that night. (usually it's Lucy Grondahl)

2. Sign up to tell a story that same evening. Order of telling will be in the order of sign up.

EACH TELLER IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 10 MINUTES TELLING.



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Please Forward

www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org

★ Local Calendar of Upcoming Events
(www.storynet.org—for national event list)

****NOVEMBER****

22 Tellebration in St Louis 7:00 pm
Union Ave Christian Church St Louis
Info 314.894.8703
25-Gateway Storytellers Meeting
Salad Bowl 6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

****DECEMBER****

23-Gateway Storytellers Meeting
CANCELLED

2004

****JANUARY****

16-18 Chicken Festival
Warrensburg, MO Info 816.765 5778
27-Gateway Storytellers Meeting
Salad Bowl 6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

****FEBRUARY****

24-Gateway Storytellers Meeting
Salad Bowl 6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474
26-29 16th Annual Intl. Folk Alliance Conference
San Diego, CA Info 301.588.8185

****MARCH****

23-Gateway Storytellers Meeting
Salad Bowl 6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

****APRIL****

21-24-5th Annual KC Storytelling Celebration
Kansas City Info 816.523 5038

27-Gateway Storytellers Meeting

Salad Bowl 6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

****MAY****

5-8-St. Louis Storytelling Festival
St. Louis, MO Info 314.516.5948

National Storytelling Network News:

1. NSN has moved its office:
132 Boone Street
Jonesborough, TN 37659
Telephones & E mail are the same
2. NSN Grants Program
Deadline February 1, 2004
"Tips Sheet" for applicants %
<http://www.storynet.org/grant/tip.htm>
3. NSN Oracle Awards Program
There are five national award categories & a regional Leadership & Service Award.
Nomination forms available %
<http://www.storynet.org>
Deadline January 15, 2004
4. NSN Membership \$50/year =
National (use NSN logo on PR materials)
Special Interest Groups
Bi-Monthly *Storytelling Magazine*

"NSN Mission: Bringing together and nurturing individuals & organizations that use the power of storytelling in all its forms."

National Youth Storytelling Olympics

Entry Deadline November 25, 2003

% Jim Two Crows Wallen
jim_2_crows@yahoo.com
(a VHS format videotape + nomination form at
www.youthstorytelling.com/vaa/YOolympguide.htm)



Holiday Gift Suggestion

A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling
(\$10.00) 80 pages of info & tips
<http://www.storynet.org/Catalog/book/beginner.htm> or
call NSN 1.800.525.4514



Riverwind Newsletter

Since October, 2003,
the newsletter is available as a
Word attachment to an e mail.
Free subscription %
markinsella19@hotmail.com



STORYTELLING GUILDS/ORGS. OF NOTE:

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Riverwind Meetings Info %618 234 9698
M.I.S.T. Meetings Info %314 867 0489
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ST Events Nationwide www.storynet.org
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MEMBER CORNER

Dues for January-December, 2004 will be \$15.

A dues statement will be included in the January-February, 2004 *Grapevine*.

Welcome Emily & Jim Heman!

GATEWAY'S COMMUNITY PRESENCE FELT:

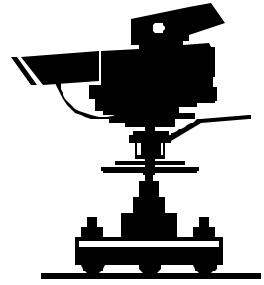
.Oct 5: Music Folk 30th Anniversary at the Shedon—many visited our booth
.Oct 11: STL Regional Arts Commission Open House
.November: St. Louis City & County Libraries' displays
.Monthly 3rd Thursdays in STL Post Dispatch "Get Out"

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers September 23, 2003*Attendance: 31***BUSINESS MEETING****Election of Officers:** Nominating Committee to be appointed at the October meeting.**Tellabration 2003!:** Sat, Nov 22, Co-sponsored with MO-TELL, volunteers needed as well as items for silent auction preceding the performance—call Sharon Thompson Tel. 314.894.8703**STORY SWAP****DANIEL ROMANO:** (Personally written story entitled “The Treasure”) Jessie overheard his mom talking on the telephone about “a real treasure” and he envisioned a cache of precious jewels. Jessie searched everywhere both inside and outside his house for the treasure. The lesson learned from mom was that some treasures you can hold in your hands and some must be held in your heart.**MARY KAY MENEES:** (Personal vacation story + Indian legend) Her family adventure in British Columbia orca whale spotting on Puget Sound was vividly recounted. It was a tie as to who had more fun—the humans oohing over the whales or the orcas clicking before the orange-jacketed humans.**ROGER ROSE:** (Personally written story inspired by the Seal People—”The Seal Maiden”) The story of a human female who danced every full moon on Seal Beach from girlhood into womanhood as male seals watched. One seas on, the young lady went to a quiet cove with a male seal “watcher” who showed her the secrets of the sea. Seal hunters came to the private cove and her seal lover had to stay in deep waters for his safety. Grief stricken over seeing his pelt on the hunter’s trophy rack, the Seal Maiden later delivered a cuddly brown-furred seal pup on Seal Beach. The pup was proudly adopted by a foster seal mother and reclaimed by the marine wild.**IRENE EVELAND:** (“Tinker and the Ghost” in Three Golden Oranges—a collection of Spanish folktales) It was All Hallows Eve in a castle on the plains of Toledo, Spain and the moaning heard was not unexpected as the castle was known to be haunted. Esteban, the tinker, came to town and heard the ghost story. “I will dare anything,” he said. He provisioned himself up for a ghost watch at the castle. The hearth cooking of his meals was repeatedly interrupted by moans of “I am falling...” and the serial dropping of body parts into his frying pan. Eventually, a entire human body was puzzled together. The ghost had been denied access to heaven after being murdered and dismembered by robbers because of the sinful theft of the gold coins. Esteban dug up the treasure of coins at the direction of the ghost, returned them to the owner, distributed the reward to the church and the poor, and lived happily ever after at the castle. The ghost of the thief was admitted to heaven by St. Peters at last!**MARION COHEN:** (A story about cookies from an audiotape of David Novak.) Emily would only eat cookies and nothing else. Her metamorphosis into looking like what she ate resulted in her rolling one day into the cookie aisle at Schnucks. Her pursuing mom never did find her in the store but went on to purchase a supply of cookies for her home pantry. Later that day, Emily’s voice could be heard coming from the cookie jar at her home.St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting October 28, 2003*Attendance: 30***BUSINESS MEETING****NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED:** Lucy Grondahl, Mary Kay Menees, Sharon Thompson; slate to be presented and voted on at the November 25 meeting**TEE SHIRTS:** Unclaimed tees will be sold at the Tellabration auction; additional orders for tees will be sent to Blue Duck ASAP after November 1**TELLABRATION AUCTION DISCOUNT:** 10% on purchase if you bring a friend**LIBRARY DISPLAYS FOR TELLABRATION:** Sue Hinkel and Sharon Thompson will be placing a display at St. Louis County HQ and St. Louis City HQ Libraries the first of Nov.**STORY SWAP****BARB PURMORT:** (Personally written sequel to Ms. Mousy tales) The eternal cat & mouse game was played with the saving mousy phrase: “I don’t taste good.”**MARK CLONTS:** (Eye witness account of a stage magician) Pierre, the unflappable parakeet magician prop, escapes unscathed from a lighter fluid fire by wisely his keeping his wings furled.**JUDY MC CARTHY:** (Personal Irish ghost story) The Irish folklore of the dead reappearing during the first 24 hours after death became a personal experience at Ballantober Hall.**MANUAL FERNANDEZ:** (Personal stories) One story of the moralistic finding of a missing ladle when people sleep in their own beds and an entrepreneurial story of charging for a sip of homemade soda through a straw in the bottle cap till had enough funds to buy a real Coke.**SIDNEY WOLFF:** (“Queen Who Couldn’t Make Ginger Snaps & the King Who Could Not Play the Harmonica”) Happily ever after was achieved in the story when the royals mastered these tasks.**LUCY GRONDAHL:** (Real-time story adaptation of a story by Lynn Stokes) Pumpkins, bullies, greed, and a predictable chastening of mean Dougie McCloud made for a autumn tale.**RON ADAMS:** A story of a country vet, plump Pekinese, “Red Tricky Woo,” and his dotting owner in which the vetted-svelte dog outlives his mistress who ends her life just trying to catch up with her now athletic dog.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GATEWAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

PUBLICIZING TELLABRATION 2003!

(Tellabration was originated in Connecticut in 1988 by J.G. Pinkerton to showcase storytelling for both adults & children on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Both amateur & professional tellers were encouraged to participate with any funds raised to benefit storytelling organizations. As Tellabration spread worldwide, programs were held at different times over the weekend before Thanksgiving. Tellabration is now held across the US & in many countries.”



Wednesday, November 19, 2003: KSDK TV Channel 5

“Today in St. Louis” & “Show Me St. Louis”

5:50-7:10 am

2:30-4:30 pm

We need at least 10 people to rally behind our spokesperson being interviewed on camera to publicize Tellabration. We will furnish posters & spokesperson.

Call Sharon Thompson NOW for details. Tel. 314.894.8703

PRODUCING TELLEBRATION 2003!

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Tellabration Saturday, November 22, 2003

Sponsored by MO-TELL & St. Louis Gateway Storytellers

Union Avenue Christian Church

733 Union Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

7:00-9:00 pm

***Note a silent auction will be held 7:00-7:30 pm.**

Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, registration etc.

Success of the event depends on your attendance & assistance.

Call Sharon Thompson to volunteer. Tel. 314.894.8703

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2004

Nominating Committee consists of Lucy Grondahl, Mary Kay Menees, and Sharon Thompson. There is at least one candidate on the slate now for every office except Vice President. Election will take place at the November 25 Gateway meeting. Nominations are now in order by calling the committee or placing a name on the ballot during the upcoming business meeting. Term of offices are for one year (e.g. January 1 through December 31).