



GATEWAY GRAPEVINE -- July 2009

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers

www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org

Next Gateway Meeting 6 p.m. Tues, July 28, 2009

Story Swap 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up Joy Nack 314-317-9061

Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124.

(Some of us eat at 4:30 or so, at Mai Lee, 8440 Delmar Blvd.)

*Gateway meets the Fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months, **Sept. 22, Nov. 24**

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

. . . correction from May -- Marcia's adorable story was titled, ""MISS BESSIE LOSES A TAIL."

It would be quite helpful if tellers would write out story info. and give it to the newsletter editor.

Next Gateway Picnic August 25 at Stacy Park 9750 Old Bonhomme Rd, Olivette (just south of Olive and west of Warson) Come at 5:30 or 6 (or whenever you can get there). Bring some food and stories to share. Marion Cohen reserved the Pavilion for us (Thanks!)

Picnic at Tilles -- fun with a small, stalwart group!

It was hot, but cooled off a bit as the sun moved lower in the sky. Bobby had e-mailed from New Orleans that we didn't know HOT! Marcia e-mailed that she'd be in Ireland, definitely cooler.

Mike, David, and Jeremy had set up "camp" at some shady picnic tables under trees, cooler than a cement pavilion would have been. We had "light, summer fare" -- Lucy's frozen gazpacho, Roger's pasta salad, and Jane's cold, refreshing grapes . . . (which reminded me that once at the Munny my great-niece Robin chastised me for not bringing grapes, perfect for a hot day!) We hadn't planned a vegetarian meal, but it was so hot that we all brought less perishable food, and it just worked out that way. I brought trail mix, chips (extra salt is a good thing in the heat), and Moonpies for their story connection.

Stories were informal, but almost everyone contributed, despite the heat-induced laziness. Max, David's dog, frisked about, inspiring Lucy to tell the story of "Max the Delinquent Dog." David told a priest, Pope, rabbi walking on water joke, and Jeremy sang a song from camp. I shared "One Wish," one of my favorites, and told about Bill Harley's Moonpie story (I wouldn't try to TELL it, but if you ever get a chance, do hear Bill tell it!!) The boys caught a toad and many fireflies, but didn't keep him. Fireflies, lightning bugs, seem very plentiful this year, and reminded me of my dad's story of how they got their lights.

I had come straight from my Apple OneToOne lesson, where the genius helped me blend Mike's music and my frog's chirping into my frog stories -- and then helped fix the technical problems. Apparently files, like politicians, can become corrupted. It sounds good now, and if it continues this well, I'll be confident in recording others' stories for our group CD. I ended up at the park

early, which was good because I started at the wrong pavilion, then found another wrong one where a very nice park ranger was guarding some new cement for a playground -- apparently there are people who think it's great fun to wreck new cement, poor sad souls. The guard entertained me with travel stories until Lucy came and led the way to the right spot. The adventures we find in unexpected places. . . .

Gateway CD Project Gateway members will be collaborating on a CD. If interested, contact Mary Garrett (by "reply" to this e-mail or 636-447-6760).

Georgy Rock is now a Maggid, featured in *Jewish Light* article by Patricia Corrigan. Georgy can forward a scanned copy if you want to see it (and will bring a copy to the Gateway meeting).

Gladys Cogswell has a new book published -- *Stories from the Heart: Missouri's African American Heritage* (Missouri Heritage Readers) Mary Lu suggested asking your library to order a copy (which doesn't mean you can't also buy one for yourself ;-). From Amazon, or U of M: \$12.76, paperback, plus \$5.00 handling fee. Checks should be made payable to the University of Missouri Press, 2910 LeMone Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201, Credit Card customers can call 1-800-828-1894

Brother Blue -- while performing at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, suffered several health setbacks including two seizures and a mild heart attack. He is now back in Cambridge, MA in a rehab center and Ruth is at home. Info and messages <http://www.laurapachhttp://www.laurahttp>

Java G's Evening Event in *Storytelling Magazine* -- a short article and photo appeared in a feature of out-of-the-ordinary storytelling events. (MG also had a short article in the Tejas newsletter).

Lucy's report on Judith Heineman and Daniel Marcotte's "Road Scholars Tour" program, "Grimm's Grimmest: The Darker Side of Traditional Fairy Tales." I nearly went back in the hospital they were so great! Wow. I was blown away. Jane was blown away. Funny, gory, musical, fun, informative. I want to cry because I want to see it again RIGHT NOW!!!! We have to get them back to town!
<http://www.prairie.org/news/illinois-humanities-council-road-scholars-embark-whistle-stop-tour-southwestern-illinois>

Upcoming Storytelling Events

July 18 2 p.m. Patricia McKissack at St. L. County Library HQ, 1640 S. Lindbergh
Miami Jackson Makes the Play and *Black Diamond: The Story of the Negro Baseball League* <http://www.slcl.org/events/mckissack.htm> (Read St. Louis event)

August 12 Riverwinds meeting at Lynn Beetner's home.

Meetings on the second Wed. of each month, usually at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Collinsville, IL, 6:00 eat, telling stories at 7:00, Sept. 9, Oct. 14. For more information call Lynne Beetner 1-618-978-4219

Fall 2009 & Spring 2010 Storytelling Class -- St. Charles Community College, Tues. 7:00 – 9:50 pm **“Teaching Literacy through Storytelling”** EDU-125, 3 Credit hours (\$80/Cred.Hr)

September 5th - Sharon Thompson October 3rd –Loretta Washington
11-11:30 Old Post Office Plaza 9th & Locust, St. Louis.

September 3 – 5 TIMPANOGOS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL Orem, Utah
www.timpfest.org

October 2-4 2009 NATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL- Jonesborough TN
National Story Night: Thursday Oct. 1, 7:30pm -- Tim Tingle, Valerie Tutson, Michael Reno Harrell, Molly Catron, Misty and Autumn Joy Saskill (Tandem Youth Tellers).

Oct. 15- 18 Celebration of Stories Kansas City, MO <http://mcckc.edu/storytelling/>
Peter Cook, Deb Swanegan, Beth Horner, Tim Tingle.

October 23/24 MISSOURI RIVER STORYTELLING FESTIVAL Katy Depot St. Charles, MO, Workshop and telling for everyone who wants to tell, \$45.00 for the workshop. For more information call Karen Potts, at 636-928-7984.

Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. TELLABRATION Missouri Baptist University
“RHYTHM OF STORYTELLING” -- Larry Brown, Kathy Schottel, Jackie and Papa Glen Wright, and Ambassadors of Harmony Quartet Tickets \$5.00 at the door

January 22 (8 p.m.) and **23** (2 p.m.) Kuniko Magical Mask Mime and Music of Japan -- \$18 at the Touhill 314-516-4949 or 866-516-4949
<http://www.cfis-umsl.com/> select Calendar of Events

April 28 - May 1, 2010 ST LOUIS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
<http://www.stlstorytellingfestival.org/>

APRIL 9, 10, 11 CAPE GIRARDEAU 2010 <http://www.capestorytelling.com/>
Donald Davis, Minton Sparks, Kevin Kling, and Syd Lieberman.

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