



GATEWAY GRAPEVINE -- November 2009
St. Louis Gateway Storytellers
www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org

Next Gateway Meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009
Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124. (Some of us eat at 4:30 or so, at Mai Lee, 8440 Delmar Blvd.)

Story Swap 7-8:30 p.m. **Sign up** -- Rosie Lee Willis 314-535-6485 willis2650@sbcglobal.net
*Gateway meets the Fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months: Nov. 24, Jan. 26, March 23, ***
For info or to have items on agenda, call Mary (636)447-6760 or Marion (314)997-0250

Second Tuesday Storytelling Tues. Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 6:00 - 7 p.m.
Java G's Coffeehouse 2031 Old Highway 94 South St. Charles, MO 63303
(Between Muegge and Pralle -- near Sonic) 636-940-2430 www.javags.com
This will be a regular event on the second Tuesday of each month.

September Business Meeting

Volunteer needed! Current officers were re-elected, but Carol Watkins would like to have someone else become secretary. Could anyone "step up" to help with this? Pretty please?

Donation to Festival -- a donation of \$1200 was approved for the Festival, and a check was given to Becky Walstrom as Festival coordinator. A proposal was made that we consider an additional donation in January. Several spoke of other projects that Gateway might take on (a weekend retreat, tellers to schools, the CD project) and the need to have adequate funds available for Gateway's continued financial stability.

Get well cards -- Sidney Wolff has not been well. Cards would be appreciated: 8932 Chickasaw Dr., St. Louis, MO 63132-2311.

CD Project -- Making the *Frog and Friends* CD was a good test, and GarageBand works (and I've upgraded, so it should work better). If we order 1,000 CDs, the cost from Oasis would be about \$1500, which would mean that participants could each have 100 CDs for \$150, assuming 10 participants. Gateway could also participate and give a copy as a membership bonus as they did in Seattle. We could record after the Gateway meeting or before the Java G's event, as the Snowball mic only needs a relatively quiet, not a perfectly silent, environment. A CD could be made of each person's story right away. (Immediate gratification is sometimes a good thing). I will bring equipment to both November venues. If anyone has another place they'd like to try for recording, let me know.

September Story Swap

Those who left after the business meeting missed a treat!

Rosie Willis was a wonderful MC, warm, witty, and welcoming, a hit!! We are so lucky that she agreed to take on this responsibility. A good time was had by all, sharing fantastic stories:

Marcia Ollinger and Mary Lou Bretsch did a wonderful tandem telling of “How the Camel Got His Hump” from *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling -- and had us all saying “Humpf.”

Flavia Everman brought us stories from Rwanda, straight from the Ba'twa's mouth. When facing life's leopards, the little people need courage . . .

Joy Nack shared her original spooky story, “The Old Farmhouse.”

Lucy Grondahl shared (with permission of David Novak) her Lucy-ized version of his “Snake in Disguise.” I remember Lucy telling this with a very interesting partner some years ago . . .

Sharon Thompson told of a photo safari with Cuddles the older and wiser poodle. (Don't mess with the old folks).

By popular demand, **Rosie's alter ego “Felix”** brought the evening's stories to a fun ending with “The Cat and His Visions” from Arnold Lobel's Fables.

Upcoming Storytelling Events

November 8th, 7 p.m. on Story-Lovers' Radio <http://thmm.com/ksvy/?cat=64> from “Frog and Friends” CD, “My Frog Prince” and “More Than a Match.” Other tellers on this program: Cris Riedel, Linda Gorham and Jenni Cargill-Strong from Australia.

November 14, noon, Borders Mid-Rivers “Frog and Friends” program.

Friday November 13th 6:00 - 7:30 and 8:00 to 9:30 **Kathy Schottel & Ron Adams**
at **Lemp Mansion**, 3322 DeMenil Place St. Louis MO 63118-3211

Scary Stories and Music for Adults, 13 Years and Older

Two different performances - \$10 each Proceeds to St. Louis Storytelling Festival

Seating is limited. For advance tickets call Sue Hinkel 636-271-7914

** Make it a special evening; have dinner at Lemp Mansion Restaurant 314-664-8024

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Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. MO-TELL's “RHYTHM OF STORYTELLING” -- Larry Brown, Kathy Schottel, Jackie and Papa Glen Wright, and Ambassadors of Harmony Quartet Tickets \$5.00 at the door. Missouri Baptist University, One College Park Dr. (North 40 outer Road, between Mason and 270) Pillsbury Chapel, Dale Williams Fine Arts Center.

Saturday, November 21

7:30 Riverwinds The Collinsville Library's Community Room – downstairs at the library at 408 West Main -- Stories from Hearth and Home ...for the Adult Heart. This event is free, but there will be a free-will offering.

RAPPS KC Library Plaza Branch

1:00 p.m. for younger listeners (4-11), all ages welcome. 7:00 p.m. for ages 12 and up

The Chicken Festival is currently scheduled for Sedalia, MO on the weekend of **January 15-17**. We are working on having it at the Best Western Hotel on Hwy 65 south, and if it all works out we should be able to have our food, meetings and sleeping arrangements all at the same location. Sedalia is having their sesquicentennial next year, and they are very excited about bringing the local population in to learn how to tell their own stories of old time Sedalia. (from Steve Otto -- thanks, Steve!)

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

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

Storytelling Resources and Ideas

Fran Stallings' CD, *Stories and Songs for a Green Earth* uses traditional tales, original stories, and songs to educate on how to preserve our planet. Fran put much of the material about this CD online to save paper and make the resources available to help share the lessons.
<http://www.franstallings.com/GreenEarthCD> She even mailed out the CD with minimal packaging, setting a good example!!

Frog & Friends CD -- Oasis has delivered my big boxes of CDs. I'll have copies with me . . . pretty much everywhere. Many thanks to Mike Anderson for sharing his music, and to Elizabeth Ellis for permission for her Grandmother Spider story, and to Aaron Shepard who wrote, "I like what you did with my story." ("More Than a Match") I'll admit to having been a little nervous that I wouldn't do it justice. (Also, the *Missouri Conservationist* for October had a short letter about the mailbox frogs that have visited all summer)

Gale Portman has been working with Bobby Norfolk and Dave Farver on a new program "**The 'Going Green' Groove.**"

On judging storytelling contests-- Discussion from Storytell/Facebook -- "I wonder what would happen if all entrants were simply entered into a drawing. Feedback could be given if desired without having to rank participants and choose winners. Often when there is "a winner," there can be unhappiness among the rest . . . The youth tellers in Jonesborough often agreed among themselves to disregard the judges' findings and instead delight in their own group spirit . . ."

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