

# Grapevine



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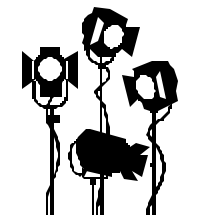
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Organization recognized by IRS in 1988 as a 501 (c) (4) group.  
(NOTE: Donations to this group NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

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.



**SIGN UP IN ADVANCE.....if you want to tell a story at the next Gateway meeting. Don't wait to be asked to tell a story. Time limits for telling can be pre-arranged in advance (i.e. more than 10 minutes possible)  
**CALL LUCY GRONDAHL 314 962 6412****

**Next Meeting Tuesday, Sept 28, 2004 6-9 pm  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria 3949 Lindell, 63108  
Both Youth & Adult Tellers Welcome!**



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**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

([www.storynet.org](http://www.storynet.org)—  
for national event list)



**2004**

**SEPTEMBER**

28 Board Meeting Gateway Officers & Chairs  
5:30 pm Salad Bowl Cafeteria

28 Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**OCTOBER**

1-3 National Storytelling Festival 2004  
Jonesborough, TN Info 800.952.8392

6-9 Hoosier Storytelling Festival  
Indianapolis, IN Info 317 255 7628

15-16 MO River Storytelling Festival  
Katy Depot in Frontier Park, St Charles, MO  
FREE, Times vary Info 636 928 7984

16 Storytelling Workshop by Sherry Norfolk  
(see box to right for details)

26 Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**NOVEMBER**

20 Tellabration 2004 + Silent Auction  
Union Ave Christi an Church 3-5 pm  
Co-sponsored by MO-TELL & Gateway

23 Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**DECEMBER**

Gateway Meeting Cancelled This Month

**STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS IN THIS AREA**

Oct 16 Sat 8:00-noon Katy Depot, St. Charles, MO  
Sherry Norfolk—"Easy Does It! Workshop For  
Beginning Tellers", Cost \$30 Info/Register 636.271.7914  
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Nov 19 Fri 6:30-10 pm & Nov 20 Sat 8am-noon  
Elizabeth Ellis—Coaching for Advanced Storytellers  
Cost \$100 Info/Register 636 271 7914 (limit of 10 tellers)

**CORN ISLAND STORYTELLING FESTIVAL, KY**

September, 2005—Call for Tellers  
Audio or video audition tapes can be sent ASAP to  
Bob Thompson, Producing Director, Corn Island  
Storytelling, 651 S 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40202

**THE BUSINESS SIDE OF STORYTELLING**

Books from NOLO Press (Tel.510.549.NOLO)  
*Small Business Start Up Kit*  
*Legal Issues: Starting & Running a Small Business*  
*Legal Forms for Starting & Running Small Business*  
<http://www.nolo.com>

**IRENE EVELAND WRITES**

"The Eveland and Kell families thank you for your sympathy cards, phone calls, and visitations to the funeral home and church. My mother (Christine Eveland) loved being a part of the Storytelling Community. She introduced many storytellers during the annual (St Louis) Storytelling Festival and was a lifetime listener to the stories at the Festival and at the storytelling (Gateway) meetings."

**ALL MEMBERS GATEWAY SAVE THIS DATE**  
Saturday September 10, 2005 8am-5 pm  
NSN Orientation FOR US re 2007 NSC Conference  
we are co-hosting in St. Louis—STL location TBA

**EDITOR'S CORRECTION**

Mr KJ Williamson was awarded the  
"Christine Eveland" Volunteer of the Year  
Award at the STL Storytelling Festival  
Volunteer Dinner May 7, 2004. Award had  
been *misquoted* in the name Irene Eveland.

*Nominating Cte. seeks candidates.....  
Election of officers at Nov 23 meeting-FYI*

**STORYTELLING GUILDS/ORGS. OF NOTE:**

Joplin Area Info godsey@hotmail.com  
MAST (Mineral area) Info % (needed)  
MO-TELL Meetings Info %636 271 7914  
M.I.S.T. Meetings Info%314 867 0489  
MOST (Columbia area) Info%573 449 1822  
RAPS (KC area) www.StoryRAPS.org  
Riverwind Meetings Info%618 234 9698  
ST Events Nationwide www.storynet.org  
Springfield Area Info mdgryphons@yahoo.com

**OTHER:**

NSN Liaison MO Steve Otto 1-888-29 I TELL  
Worldwide Storytelling Day  
<http://www.storytellingday.net>

**OFFICERS & CHAIRS**  
(until 12/31/04)

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**MEMBER CORNER (98 MEMBERS)**

Linda Cluney, Secretary, will be moving to Florida Nov, 2004. She will be missed. We wish her well.



St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting July 27, 2004

Attendance: 19

**BUSINESS MEETING** : Fran Grindler-Anstett, President Presiding

- Correction of titling on the award Mr “K” received at the St Louis Storytelling Festival Volunteer Dinner—it was the Christine Eveland Volunteer of the Year Award
- NSN Regional Leadership Oracle Award to St. Louis Gateway Storytellers at the NSC in Bellingham, WA on July 10, 2004—Sue Hinkel and Marcia Ollinger were there and gave an eyewitness account of the award procedure; Sue Hinkel received the award on our behalf and made the acceptance remarks; the stone-like plaque with engraving was displayed during the meeting this evening and will be brought back for display at future meetings; Nan Kamann-Judd made the initial nomination of Gateway for this award over a year ago (Fran has written Nan a thank you note); Joyce Slater of KC and on behalf of the NSN Board made the presentation; conclusion is that this is a prestigious award
- Mr and Mrs Fred McKissack of Chesterfield, MO received received an individual NSN Oracle Award (they are NSN members and, while not Gateway members, are known to the storytelling community)
- Jackie Torrence Benefit Storytelling Concert Sunday, Sept 19 3-5 pm at Affton Presbyterian Church (9217 Gravois, 63123)—plans are proceeding on this Gateway project—Contact Lucy Grondahl (314 962 6412) or Rosemary Wilson (314 997 3474). *Motion by Sylvia Duncan and seconded by Lucy Grondahl to have some of Jackie’s products (i.e. books, CDs, tapes) for sale there—motion passed.*
- Treasury balance around \$800.
- Tellabration 2004 Sat Nov 20 at Union Ave Christian Church—Gateway to co-sponsor  
PLANS: City and County Library displays in November; time TBA—perhaps in afternoon?
- MO-TELL Eliz Ellis workshop for experienced tellers on Fri evening Nov 19 & Sat morning Nov 20—\$100/person—more details soon—info Sue Hinkel 636 271 7914
- Natl. Storytelling Conference 2007 in St Louis—NSN staff in St Louis this week to look at hotels

**GATEWAY EDUCATIONAL SNIPPET**

Lucy Grondahl illustrated the components of a story using analogy of a hamburger on a bun with pickle.

**STORY SWAP**

SYLVIA DUNCAN told the Danish folktale adapted by Hans Christian Andersen “*Why Does the Horse Have Golden Shoes?*” (The buzzing of horse flies almost seems to sound like this story title.)

JIM TAYON told an internet story about 57 pennies & how they grew into founding Temple University.

MARGARET COLE told “*The Frog Who Wanted to be a Singer*” & his successful quest to become one.

ROGER ROSE told “*The Soldier with a Wooden Leg*” from a collection The Wily Witch

by Godfried Bowmans in which the soldier’s belief in his capacity to be a good king materialized.

CATHERINE GREGORY told the story “*Corduroy*” by Don Freeman.

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting Aug 24, 2004

Attendance: 30

**Business Meeting**: Fran Anstett-Grindler, President Presiding

- Bylaws will be reviewed & amendments proposed (ex: monthly meetings, date dues are due, junior members, listing of benefits of membership, etc)
- Jackie Torrence Benefit Concert Sept 19, 2004 discussed (see page 4 for report on the actual event)

**STORY SWAP**

MARCIA OLLINGER told a J. Bruchac animal tale about a young woman who remarked on the ugliness of frogs and learned much as the consequence of her statement.

MARION COHEN told the Jackie Torrence tale “Bre’r Raccoon and the Frogs”.

MR K shared more personal stories of his life from 1921-1927 on a 700 acre cotton farm on the banks of the Mississippi.

STEVEN JOSEPH GREGORY, ESQUIRE, (Cathy Gregory’s son) told a scary story about Joey and the monster in his bedroom closet. “He’s coming to get me,” Joey kept saying. The story ends with Joey’s mysteriously empty closet and bedroom!?

JEANNE CREWS told the Jackie Torrence tale “Buried Alive.” (She will tell this story at the benefit Jackie Torrence Gateway Benefit Concert.)

MARY GARRET told her personal story of her adventures on the Eastern Tennessee State University (ETSU) recent Ohio River voyage on the Delta Queen. It turned out that there may have been a real ghost, Mary Becker Green, communicating at a timely juncture with the sound of knocking.

**Oracle Award Presentation to St. Louis Gateway Storytellers by National Storytelling Network July, 2004**



At the ORACLE Awards Ceremony during the National Storytelling Network National Storytelling Conference in Bellingham, Washington, on July 10, 2004, Gateway members Sue Hinkel and Marcia Ollinger accepted the prestigious award on behalf of the 98 other members who were still in St. Louis that evening.

The stone plaque is proudly displayed at every Gateway meeting. Gateway is recognized in the South Central Region of NSN for its Leadership and Community Service.

Remember to mention Gateway's award-winning status when you recruit members!

**JACKIE TORRENCE CONCERT A GRAND SUCCESS WITH DONATIONS OVER \$1000**

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

Venue: Affton Presbyterian Church  
 Sound System: (Rev) Paul Bembower  
 Tellers: Jeanne Crews, Irene Eveland, Cathy Gregory, Fran Grindler, Lucy Grondahl, Sue Hinkel, Roger Rose, Loretta Washington **BRAVO TO EACH TELLER!**  
 Gathering Music: Papa Wright  
 Emcee: Mae Lenoir  
 Greeters & Ushers: Margaret Cole, Marion Cohen, Marie Gibbons, Mary Kay Menees, Jackie Wright,  
 Product Sales: Pat Baker and Flint Mitchell  
 Planning Committee: (Rev) Paul Bembower, Lucy Grondahl, Sue Hinkel, Rosemary Wilson  
 Videographer: Mike Potts  
 PR Crew KSDK TV: Linda Cluney, Margaret Cole, Sue Hinkel, Linda Kram, Sandra McKinney, Roger Rose, Paul Wilson, Rosemary Wilson  
 Set Up Crew: Joseph Gregory Clean Up Crew: Darryl Wilson  
**AND THE AUDIENCE OF 70 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN!!!**  
 AND THE MAIL-IN DONORS!!!!(PLEASE NOTE: Not too late to donate—call 314.997.3474)

**9-12 HARD LESSONS IN STORYTELLING (by Robert Seutter, Storyteller & Event Planner—truethomas@USA.NET) (seen in Fran Stallings NSN Rep News)**

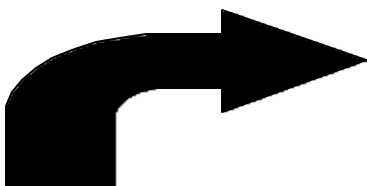
- 9. "Sometimes the story just refuses to 'jell.'"
- 10. "You can never get enough info."
- 11. "Storytellers spend too much time talking about stories, and not enough time telling each other stories."
- 12. "Accept the praise and compliments for the times when the road is long, hard, and unresponsive."

(used by permission of Robert Seutter) (Lessons 13-15 in Nov-Dec Grapevine)

**LIMITED SUPPLY OF NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK'S BOOK AVAILABLE FROM ST LOUIS GATEWAY STORYTELLERS for \$10**

***"A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling"***

**DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2004 Call 314.997.3474 Rosemary**



Storytelling Hotline 24/7

314 416 2244

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Tell a friend!

Got a performance coming up open to the general public? Notify Rosemary so it can be placed on Storytelling Hotline! (314 997 3474)