

Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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President's Column

President Donna Slaton

Greetings KSA Members:

It has been an exciting and busy year for KSA, making new friends and adding new members, working with other groups to spread the word about Storytelling in Kentucky, and thanks to the hardworking UK Extension agent/ KSA board member Gwenda Johnson who was the power behind the push, we have over 500 Facebook Fans, a Governor proclaimed storytelling week and the biggest crop ever of youth storytellers competing. Bravo!

The first Storytelling Week in Kentucky was filling up with public and private events across the state as we are preparing this newsletter. We were so excited about the reception of this special week, but had already learned that with many other events scheduled in the first full month of school that we needed more time so that people could participate. Your KSA board voted at the August meeting to request for 2015 that the Month of September be declared Storytelling Month - so stay tuned for further developments and be planning to make next year even better.

Conference is coming soon November 7-8th in Bowling Green, KY, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center just off Scottsville Road. Near the center of the southern portion of the state, close to I-65 and within a few blocks of great shopping and the Corvette museum, we hope you will make this a family weekend and enjoy some great storytelling workshops and concerts. More details later in this newsletter but once again a big THANK YOU to Betsy Fleischer who is chairing her 11th Conference and to Mary Hamilton who keeps the paperwork straight in the background.

Our very great thanks goes to Jerry Young, Quad 4 director and an outstanding recruiter who brought us 19 new members this year. In addition to winning the Membership Contest hands down, he was responsible for getting KSA invited to share stories at a summer Toastmasters outing in Lexington. It featured campfire stories, and was attended by Jerry, Maryann Zoll, Charles Wright, Donna Slaton and several of our new members who belong to Toastmasters as well. Toastmasters includes storytelling in their training and programs and has a wonderful handbook online you can look at for tips and ideas.

It takes attendance by a quorum at a board meeting to get things done. It takes people who volunteer just a little, when they can, to spread the load of work around. KSA has a good group of workers but we can always use more. Please consider volunteering to serve on the board or a committee to help further the efforts or lead in more directions. Power the story with your passion and see where it can lead.

This is the end of my second time to serve KSA as President over an extended term. I appreciate the cooperation and efforts of all to move the group forward. If I have not met you yet, please come tell me at the conference, make sure I take your picture for the website or Facebook, and tell me your story. Making new friends and hearing their stories is indeed the best part of KSA board service. I hope you will someday enjoy the blessings too. If you do not get to come to the conference, call or email me and let's chat about storytelling or just tell tales! Hope to see you soon!

As the year comes to a close and after the Conference, Mary Hamilton, President-Elect, takes over the leadership position, please give her your enthusiasm and cooperation so KSA can keep moving forward.

Thanks to our board members, for in addition to the four quarterly meetings a year they have volunteered to promote KSA in lots of ways. Thanks to Bob Thompson for attending the Kentucky School for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies with me and sharing KSA information at the Vendor table, thanks to Russ Conrad and Mary Hamilton for helping to judge youth entries, thanks to Mary Hamilton for presenting tales with me at a Kentucky Library Association conference workshop, publicizing KSA in numerous lists and newsletters that she is connected to and for beginning an endowment for KSA by securing a \$2500 "restricted for investment only" donation from a family member, and thanks to Patti Moore for hosting our August Board meeting, and Maryann Zoll for keeping the bills paid and assisting Jerry Young with travel to board meetings. As you can see we have a very active board.

Thanks also to volunteers such as Charles Wright who edits this newsletter and keeps Wandering Storytellers organized and publicized. Thanks to Bill Watson who helped with the KYS contest and also was instrumental in getting KSA on EKU's radio station during storytelling week. Whether on the board or off, there are numerous ways to serve. Some newer members have also volunteered recently including Jasmyne Lewis-Combs of the Elliott Count Public Library who also helped judge the KYS contest and to Bill Fox, Steve Lanham and Mick Parsons who volunteer electronically to provide proofreading services for the website Event Calendar and the Conference Brochure. And thanks goes also to others who may not be named, who have made connections and publicized KSA programs right where they are, whether at home or at storytelling events. Whether on the board or off there are numerous ways to serve.

Though I will no longer be a board member after December 31st, I will be working behind the scenes electronically, with emails, public relations and photos to help promote KSA. Keep in touch and keep telling, listening and sharing. Stories make the world go around!

Dues Renewal Reminder

October 31st is the deadline for renewing your KSA membership. Good news! Dues remain unchanged -- \$15 students and elders 65 or older; \$20 single; \$40 families or organizations. Dues may be paid online through PayPal at <http://www.kystory.org/membership/membership-form.shtml> or you may mail your check payable to KSA to: KSA, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148. Whether online or by mail, be sure to let KSA know if any of your contact information has changed in the last year. Some folks have already paid through 2015 and beyond. If you are not sure if you have already paid, contact Mary Hamilton president-elect@kystory.org. She can let you know if you have paid or not. Note to brand new members: If you joined during 2014, you are not expected to renew until 2015; however, if any of your contact information has changed since you joined, please take time to let KSA know.

Conference Discount Ends by Mary Hamilton

October 7th is your last day to register for the 2014 Kentucky Storytelling Conference at the discounted rate of \$40 for individual KSA members, \$95 for KSA families. Non-member discounted rates at \$60 single and \$135 family also end October 7th. Beginning October 8th and at the door, everyone pays the same rate of \$80 single and \$175 family. So, if you've been intending to register, get it done now and as a KSA member, you'll spend only ½ as much as a single registration will cost you after October 7th. You can mail your registration payment to KSA, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148 or pay online via PayPal here: <http://www.kystory.org/conference/pay-for-conference.shtml#online> Please note: the only made registration is a paid registration, so your payment, not just a registration form, needs to arrive by October 7th.

As of September 30th, forty-three people have registered for the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. An additional eight people will be joining us to present various workshop sessions (You can read about those workshops and you can link through to the presenters' websites to learn more about them from their bios at the bottom of the page here: <http://www.kystory.org/conference/workshops.shtml>). The recently selected Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers and their family members have also been invited, so we hope they will join us too.

Lodging reminder: The Conference hotel is full. Unexpectedly, Western Kentucky University scheduled Homecoming the same weekend instead their usual October weekend. On the KSA website you'll find a list of additional nearby lodging and pricing information. The Bowling Green/Warren County Tourism office is also prepared to assist us if additional lodging becomes scarce.

Conference Partners by Betsy Fleischer, Conference Chair

The Warren County Public Library System is partnering with KSA for the 2014 Kentucky Storytelling Conference. The library is sending six staff members to both the Pre-Conference and Conference, and anyone with a Warren County Public Library card may attend the Friday or Saturday night concerts free of charge by showing their card. The Concerts are being advertised as appropriate for ages 8 and older; the slam for ages 16 and older. KSA welcomes this new partnership.

Our ongoing partnership with the Knowledge Center on Deafness continues. Through this partnership, theatrically-skilled ASL interpretation is provided for the Conference Saturday night Concert. They also help KSA locate appropriately skilled ASL interpreters for additional Conference sessions if they are requested. This is our 10th year to partner with KCD, and their ongoing assistance is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers -- yes, volunteers are also important partners in the creation and production of the conference. To find out how you can be of help -- and *not* miss a single moment of sessions you'd like to attend -- please contact Betsy by email at conference@kystory.org or phone 859-612-8275.

Endowment Begun for KSA by Mary Hamilton

As noted in the President's letter, KSA has begun an endowment fund with the receipt of a \$2500 restricted donation that has been used to purchase a certificate of deposit. Because interest rates are currently low, KSA will not earn much that can be used for operating funds; however, the establishment of an endowment marks an important step toward securing KSA's financial future. Eventually, given enough donations, KSA may have enough restricted income to invest its endowment funds with one of Kentucky's Community Foundations, thus earning a greater amount of interest income that could be used for KSA programs and projects.

Your KSA Board also knows that some folks prefer to donate to a restricted endowment fund instead of making donations for ongoing operating expenses. If that describes you, please know that the KSA Board will be happy to accept your restricted donation and will wisely manage it so the principal will be permanently set aside with only the interest earned allowed to be used for KSA's operating expenses.

Kentucky Youth Storytelling News by Gwenda Johnson, KYS Chair

Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers are Logan Burris, Harlan; Sierra Hatfield, Harlan; Madison Justice, Ivel; Channing Cahoe, Bardstown; and the tandem team of Abby Murphy and Cole Vaughan from Bowling Green. Logan told “Red Riding Hood Remix” his original reworking of the traditional tale. Sierra told “Curls: The Struggle” a personal experience story. Madison told “War Prayer” by Mark Twain. Channing told *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!* by Jon Scieszka. Abby and Cole told *Sweet Tooth* by Margie Palatini. These tellers were selected from 27 entries received from across the state. Many thanks to all of you who helped spread the word about this KSA program.

The Youth Storytelling Committee works to provide opportunities for the Torchbearers to showcase their talents. Three of them, Logan, Sierra, and Madison were able to attend The Kentucky State Fair where they entertained a welcoming and appreciative audience. All have been invited to attend and tell at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. A family conference registration is one of their prizes. All have also been invited to tell at the November 24th Wandering Storytellers, a KSA sponsored event held in Lexington the last Monday of every month. We hope you all have the delight of hearing them tell at one or more venues throughout the year.

Each of the Youth Storytelling Torchbearers has received a \$100 cash prize (\$50 each for the tandem team). They will also be presented with wall plaques as a permanent commemoration of their accomplishment. The KYS Committee appreciates your membership dues and your donations because they help make such prizes possible.

The entry deadline for 2015 is June 1st and entries are limited to Kentuckians ages 8 – 17 on June 1st. If you'd like to become more involved in the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program, please contact Gwenda Johnson, KYS chair, kys@kystory.org, or P.O. Box 709, Sandy Hook, KY 41171, or Office: 606-738-6400 or 6440 or Cell: 606-207-9769.



Madison Justice, Logan Burris, and Sierra Hatfield at the Kentucky State Fair

Kentucky Storytelling Week by Mary Hamilton

The first ever Kentucky Storytelling Week was such a success that KSA President Donna Slaton has submitted the request for September to be proclaimed Kentucky Storytelling Month in 2015. Such proclamations from the governor can only be made once a year. In addition, they are not renewable, but must be applied for each year. Your KSA Board remains optimistic that the current application will be favorably received.

What happened during the 2014 Kentucky Storytelling Week?

Schools got involved -- In Paducah, the Paducah Tilghman High School Speech Team members told stories at their district's elementary schools, and in Madisonville, KSA President Donna Slaton told "Science in a Story" at Jesse Stuart Elementary School. In Lexington, members of Spellbinders, a KSA organizational member, told stories for a Family Night at Yates Elementary, and in Richmond, the Eastern Kentucky University students of KSA member Dr. Delinda Dent told stories for a Family Literacy Night at Waco Elementary.

Public libraries presented tellers -- In Frankfort, the Paul Sawyer Public Library conducted the Official Kentucky Liar's Contest. The Mary Wood Weldon Public Library in Glasgow presented KSA member Thomas Freese telling "World Folktales and Fairy Tales." The Gallatin County Public Library in Warsaw hosted both KSA President Donna Slaton telling "Beary Good Stories" and storyteller Stephen Hollen presenting Mark Twain. The Kenton County Public Library in Erlanger presented a storytelling workshop for Ages 8 – 17 and a storytelling concert for all ages, both led by Russ and Barb Childers. Stories of "Apple Juice, Applesauce, and Apple Pie and more" were told by KSA member Donna Slaton at the Trimble County Apple Festival on behalf of the Trimble County Public Library in Bedford. The Elliott County Public Library, in partnership with the Elliott County Extension Service, sent KSA members Don Creacy, Pam Holcomb and Mary Hamilton to all the Elliott County Elementary Schools and hosted a telling of haunting tales as an evening event.

Radio shows took notice -- "Kentucky Homefront" in Louisville touted Kentucky Storytelling Week during its live recording which includes telling by KSA member Bob Thompson. "Eastern Standard" a talk show produced by WEKU Public Radio in Richmond featured an interview on storytelling with KSA members Bill Watson, Delinda Dent, and Mary Hamilton.

And more -- In Louisville, KSA member Cynthia Changaris conducted a storytelling-based church service for St. Clements Episcopal Church. Members of Tale Talk, a Louisville-based storytelling group, told stories at the Baxter Apartments at Day Spring. WHEW!!! And that's just the programming KSA heard about!

With such a positive response to a Kentucky Storytelling Week, it's no surprise your KSA Board opted to request that September be proclaimed storytelling month for 2015. Keep your fingers crossed for approval of this request!

KSA Board Election by Charles Wright

Ballots have been sent to all KSA members for the Board election. Many thanks to those how have already voted. If you did not receive a ballot, please notify Charles Wright, Nominating Chair, right away (contact info below) since voting will end on October 10th. Even though there is a single slate, ballot return is important because KSA bylaws require a specific percentage of ballot returns to make the election legal.

If you are interested in KSA Board service, please contact Charles for that too. Charles Wright, Nominating Chair, nominating@kystory.org or hiddenspring@earthlink.net, or 502-223-4523.

KSA Board Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of your KSA Board will be Sunday, November 9, at 900 a.m. Central Time, Meeting Room C, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY (same location as the Conference the two days before). All KSA members are welcome to attend KSA board meetings.

Dates and contact persons for 2015 KSA Board meetings will be posted on the KSA website at: [Board Meeting Dates](#) shortly after the November 2014 Board meeting.

KSA at Cave Run Storytelling Festival by Mary Hamilton

Congratulations to the Cave Run Story Slam Winners – 1st place Jim Miller, 2nd place Debra Kumar, both from Georgetown, and 3rd place Kristi Stuckel from Danville, KY. Eleven tellers took the stage to tell a five minute tale, and another four people entered who were unable to tell because the Slam runs for just over one hour during the Festival. Entrants also came from Mogadore, Ohio; Sandy, Utah; Hendersonville, Tennessee; and Morehead, Wilmore, Jeffersonville, Lexington, Paint Lick, and Olive Hill, Kentucky.

This KSA event, produced in partnership with the Cave Run Storytelling Festival, was conducted by a great group of volunteers including: Judges - Carlton Hughes, Karen DePinto, and Anita Stone; Timekeeper - Maryann Zoll; Score Compiler & Cash Prize Donor - Charles Wright; Score Runner - Noah Hughes; Emcee - Mary Hamilton. The whole team worked together smoothly. Yes, those volunteers are a combination of KSA members and other regular Cave Run Festival attendees. Together we pulled it off and created a place for anyone to tell at this outstanding storytelling festival and brought word of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and its programs to new people! Bravo!



Cave Run Slam Winners: Kristi Stuckel, Jim Miller, and Debra Kumar

Membership Meeting Announcement

The yearly Membership Meeting of the Kentucky Storytelling Association will take place on Saturday, November 8, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn University Plaza, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103, during the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. All KSA members, potential members, and conference participants are welcome to attend the KSA Membership Meeting. Please note: attending the membership meeting is **free**. To attend other portions of the Kentucky Storytelling Conference, you will need a paid registration.

Conference Hotel Update by Mary Hamilton

Lodging at the Conference Hotel has sold out! Fortunately, Bowling Green, Kentucky offers additional hotels at a variety of prices. Prices listed with the hotels below are **approximate** because different vendors (ex. Priceline, Expedia, Orbitz, etc.) list slightly different prices. The availability and pricing checked was for a room with two beds for three nights – November 6, 7, 8 (Thursday – Saturday). Prices listed are the average per night price before taxes (taxes are close to 14% additional), and before any additional discounts (AAA and such). Prices will also vary for a two-night stay instead of three nights, with most places charging slightly more for Friday and Saturday nights. We **cannot guarantee** any rates listed below. We provide this information solely to help you decide which hotel you want to contact for your lodging.

Across the parking lot from the Conference location, you'll find:

Courtyard by Marriott 270-783-8569 (only single king bed rooms still available), \$145.00

Hilton Garden Inn 270-781-6998 (only single king bed rooms still available), \$134.00

Near I-65, between two and three miles from Conference location, you'll find the following.

Candlewood Suites, 270-843-5505, \$101.00

Clarion Inn, 270-782-6933, \$79.62

Comfort Inn, 270-843-1163, \$76.55

Country Inn Suites, 270-781-7200, \$117.00

Days Inn, 855-901-0002, \$60.00

Drury Inn, 270-842-7100, \$118.00

Econo Lodge, 270-781-3460, \$62.99

Holiday Inn Express, 855-201-7819, \$117.00

Hampton Inn, 270-842-4100, \$119.00

La Quinta, 270-783-0083, \$105.00

Microtel, 270-745-9922, \$55.00

Quality Inn, 270-846-4588, \$69.95

Ramada, 270-781-3000, \$59.00

Red Roof Inn, 270-781-6550, \$73.00

Sleep Inn, 270-842-3800, \$89.99

Super 8, 270-781-9594, \$64.00

So, please select the lodging that will best suit your needs, and we'll see you at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. Although your Conference Committee worked hard to avoid conflict, Western Kentucky University has now scheduled their Homecoming for this same weekend, so the sooner you book your room, the better. The list above was created at the end of August. If you are running into trouble finding a room, please call the Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-326-7465. They've promised to help.

Wandering Storytellers by Charles Wright, Wandering Storytellers Chair

In July Wandering Storytellers held its second Story Slam of the year. Five tellers competed. Ed Bryson won first place. Donna Gann won second, and Jerry Young won third. The next Story Slam will be Monday October 27th, so bring your five-minute tale if you'd like to compete. Listeners are always welcome, and you can also volunteer to judge. There was open-mic after the slam.

In August Pam Holcomb and Gwenda Johnson did their program entitled "Bee Still – Embrace My Gift", a storytelling odyssey that chronicles the life of Kristy "Bee" Barrett and the challenges she has faced through a lifetime managing Cerebral Palsy. Afterwards there was open-mic

In September Mike and Maggie Beville regaled the audience with Cowboy Poetry. And again there was time for open-mic.

Wandering Storytellers takes place the last Monday of each month in the Farish Theater of the Main Branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 Main Street, Lexington.

If you would like to set up a Wandering Storytellers event in your area please contact me at wanderingtellers@kystory.org

Board Vacancies – Help Wanted by Mary Hamilton

Beginning January 1, 2015, the position of KSA Secretary will be vacant. A volunteer is needed to fill this position for one year. All KSA members are eligible. The Secretary's duties include taking Minutes at all Board Meetings, handling KSA income (and there is an assistant who will help you with this, especially if you do not live near the KSA P.O. Box which is in Frankfort), and forwarding KSA correspondence to the proper officer or committee chair.

An ongoing vacancy is that of Quad 2 Director. A volunteer is needed for a one year commitment. Ideally Quadrant Board members live in the quadrant of Kentucky they represent. Their job includes staying in touch with members of the quadrant and working to advance KSA within the quadrant by working with other members there. Quadrant 2 includes the following counties: Adair, Allen, Barren, Bell, Boyle, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Hart, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Lincoln, Madison, McCreary, Metcalfe, Monroe, Owsley, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley. Members who do not live in Quadrant 2 may also fill this position if no one in Quadrant 2 is interested.

You'll find a brief description of expectations for all KSA Board members at <http://www.kystory.org/about-KSA/about-board-service.shtml>. All Board terms run for two years, so these interim one-year appointments to fill vacancies provide a wonderful opportunity for you to try out KSA Board service without the responsibility of a two-year commitment. To express your interest in either of the above positions, please contact Charles Wright, Nominating Committee Chair, nominating@kystory.org or hiddenspring@earthlink.net, or 502-223-4523.

Conference Information on KSA Website

Information of the Kentucky Storytelling Conference can be found on the KSA website at: <http://www.kystory.org/conference/intro.shtml>.

Upcoming Storytelling Events

The KSA Calendar lists public storytelling events in Kentucky and adjoining states. To submit an event for our calendar, [please click here](#). To be sure your event will be included, submit your listing by the 1st of the month before your event. For example: For August programs, submit information by July 1. **Events happening in Kentucky and broadcasts originating in Kentucky are highlighted.**

Types of events are designated as follows:

- ASL** – American Sign Language Interpreted
- B** – Broadcasts
- C** - Competitions (any storytelling event awarding prizes)
- D** - Deadlines to know
- F** - Festival
- K** - Events offered by the Kentucky Storytelling Association
- O** – Open Mic/Story Swaps, where anyone may tell a story
- P** – Performance
- W** – Workshops, classes, courses, retreats
- Y** - Events pertaining to youth storytelling

Please note that some events offer more than one type of activity.

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B - A World of Storytelling Radio - Announcing a worldwide internet radio station just for storytelling. Find it at <http://www.Live365.com> and search for "A World of Storytelling", or go to <http://www.AslanProductionStudios.com> and listen. You can also download a free radio player to put on your desktop or access the station from your iPhone.

Weekly

B – A Time for Tales, Sundays, - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Morehead State Public Radio, 90.3 FM. (Morehead, KY), hosted by Carolyn Franzini. Each week the stories relate to a theme... "Work" "School" "Ghost stories", "Lessons Learned" and more. Listen on the web at www.msuradio.com.

Monthly

B – Kentucky Homefront, a radio show, taped in front of a live audience on the second Saturday of each month February – June and August – December (no tapings Jan. and July). All live tapings include storytelling. Live tapings happen at 7:30 p.m. The Clifton Center, 2117 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$12.00, season ticket discounts available. www.kentuckyhomefront.org. At least half of broadcasted shows include storytelling. Broadcasts can be heard **weekly** on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. on WFPK 91.9 FM, Louisville, KY.

O – 3rd Monday evenings, Tale Talk, a gathering of storytellers and listeners in Louisville, KY, 6:30 p.m. Participants come tell stories, try out new stories, or listen to stories. Locations vary, but all within the Louisville area. To learn the next Tale Talk gathering location, contact Jamie "Thorny" Eiler 812-725-5229.

More monthly events, with different tellers and themes from month to month, are included in the Calendar below. Check out SpeakEasy in Columbus, Ohio on first Thursdays; **Wandering Storytellers in Lexington, Kentucky** on last Mondays; and **The Moth in Louisville, Kentucky** on last Tuesdays.

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P – Friday, October 3 and 4, Haunted Wagon Ride and Spooky Barn Stories to by Jonatha and Harold Wright, Lisa Holmes, and Eric Wolf. Ten – 15 minutes of stories followed by a 20-minute haunted ride on a tractor pulled open wagon through a haunted path of scarecrows and other things to scare you. For Families and children ages 5 – 15. Every Friday and Saturday night in October, 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield-Xenia Road (Hwy 68), Yellow Springs, OH. Admission: \$10 adults and children 5 and older. \$4 ages 4 and under. For more information: www.youngsdairy.com

P – Friday – Sunday, October 3 – 5, National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN. Information at: 800-952-8392, www.storytellingcenter.org

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 7 – 11, Leeny Del Seamonds, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/leeny-del-seamonds/>

P – Friday, October 10, Corn Island Storytelling Festival, featuring Cynthia Changaris, Roberta Simpson Brown, Anne MacFie, and Sarah Elizabeth Burkey. Free. A children's Festival runs from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and include arts and crafts, a hay bale maze, a short play "Mrs. Peabody's Apples" presented by The U of L Repertory Company, and a prize drawing for children wearing Halloween Costumes. Storytelling begins at 7:00 p.m. Natural Sciences Building -- Lawn, 215 Eastern Parkway, University of Louisville Campus, Louisville, KY. Bring Lawn chairs and flashlights. Parking available in the lot next to Grawemeyer Hall. Overflow parking behind Ernst Hall on Eastern Parkway. For more information: 502-553-3406 or <http://uofl.me/cornisland2014>.

P – Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, See Oct. 3 & 4, Haunted Wagon Ride above.

P – Saturday, October 11, Ghost Stories at Crown Hill Cemetery, with storytellers Mary Hamilton, Bob Sander, Steve Etheridge, Celestine Bloomfield, Lou Ann Homan, and Sally Perkins. Gates open at 5 p.m. for Crown Fest and the RIP Reception. Stories begin at 7:30 p.m. Crown Hill Cemetery, 3400 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Tickets: \$20-Adults, \$5-children ages 5 - 12, recommended for age 10 and up; \$50 for a family with all members living under one roof; \$35 to attend the RIP Reception. For more information: <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 14 – 18, Judith Black, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/judith-black/>

P - Thursday, October 16, Judith Black, "WAR: Collierville TN 1863" Commissioned by the Morton Museum of Collierville History, *WAR* is the story of 17-year-old Hannah Jean Conrad and her family as they struggle with the realities of living under the Yankee occupation of their small Tennessee town. 7:30 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/judith-black/>

P – Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, See Oct. 3 & 4, Haunted Wagon Ride above.

P – Saturday, October 18, Corn Island Storytelling at Robison Park, Lyndon, KY 7:00 -- 9:00 p.m. A night of tales told by Roberta Brown, Mary Hamilton, & John Gage. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for seating. Park located between Lake Avenue and LaGrange Road. Parking lots may be accessed from LaGrange Rd. by using the drive for the Lyndon Post Office and on Lake Ave. off of Lyndon Lane. There is also a pedestrian entrance on Lyndon Lane across from Greenway Drive. For more information, <http://www.cityoflyndon.org/>

P – Sunday, October 19, “Good Night and May God Bless” Red Skelton, Told by Stephanie Holman, 2 – 3:00 p.m. Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47408. For more information: 812-349-3050 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/> . Sponsored by Storytelling Arts of Indiana and the Indiana Historical Society, Sharing Hoosier History Through Stories Series.

P – Sunday, October 19, “Flesh Crawling Tales of Old Japan” by Jonatha and Harold Wright, a performance a book-signing of the same title, plus an art demonstration featuring Sherraid Scott demonstrating wood block printing. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Intended Audience: Adults. Free. Yellow Springs Arts Council, back gallery, 100 block of Corry Street (next to Williams Eatery), Yellow Springs, OH. For more information: www.ysartscouncil.org

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 21 – 25, Jennifer Munro, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/jennifer-munro/>

P – Tuesday, October 21, “Tales With A Twist” at 7:00 p.m. in The Children’s Activity Room, Erlanger Branch, Kenton County Public Library, 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, KY 41018. Hear classic children’s stories such as the Bremen Town Musicians told with music played by a chamber ensemble group from the Carnegie Arts Center in Covington, Kentucky. The stories are told by a narrator. For more information: Children’s Services Coordinator Lise Tewes at 859-962-4000 ext. 4109.

P – Thursday, October 23, “Haint Tales with Master Storyteller Octavia Sexton” 7:00 -- 8:30 p.m. 2nd floor conference room, McCracken County Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, KY. This is an **adult** library program featuring scary stories. Admission: Free. For more information contact: Bobbie Wrinkle, Adult Services Librarian, 270-442-2510 Ext.119 bwinkle@mclib.net.

P – Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, See Oct. 3 & 4, Haunted Wagon Ride above.

C, K, O -- Monday, October 27, Story Slam, open-mic, competitive, five-minute time limit storytelling for adults and older teens. Yes, prizes awarded! 7:00 – 8:45 pm. Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. This KSA Wandering Storytellers event is presented in partnership with the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available, with ticket validation at the library. [Click here for directions to the parking garage](#) (accessible from Main or from Vine via Hernando Alley.) Admission: \$5 donation suggested. Information: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#)

P – Tuesday, October 28, Octavia Sexton spins spine-chilling tales from the Appalachian Mountains. Time: to be announced. Lincoln County Public Library, 201 Lancaster Street, Stanford, KY. This program is geared toward older children and adults. Admission: Free. For more information contact Jessica Herrington, 859-792-3424.

C, O – Tuesday, October 28, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Hunger. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Stories begin 8:00 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00 at the door. Presale tickets available one week before the show. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2014-10>

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 28 – November 1, Shelia Kay Adams, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/sheila-kay-adams/>

P – Thursday, October 30, Sheila Kay Adams, “Banjos, Ballads, and Bad Men” Sheila’s love of traditional Appalachian ballads and claw-hammer banjo, combined with her unique repertoire of stories, makes for a special not-to-be-missed concert. 7:30 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/sheila-kay-adams/>

P – Friday, October 31, See Oct. 3 & 4, Haunted Wagon Ride above.

November 2014

Saturday, November 1, Frances Whitener tells her personal journey of uncertainty, concern, and hope for wellness as she underwent four brain surgeries between 1974 – 84. Frank Basile Emerging Stories Premiere, Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$10 advance, \$15 at door. For information call: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P – Thursday, November 6, “Good Night and May God Bless” Red Skelton, Told by Stephanie Holman, 7– 8:00 p.m. Hancock County Public Library, 900 West McKenzie, Greenfield, IN 46140. For more information: 317-462-5141 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/> . Sponsored by Storytelling Arts of Indiana and the Indiana Historical Society, Sharing Hoosier History Through Stories Series.

K, W -- Friday November 7, "Developing Student Storytellers" a six-hour workshop for teachers, librarians, storytellers, youth workers – up to 30 participants -- interested in an interactive workshop that presents practical ideas for helping young people become confident storytellers. Workshop presenter is Judy Sima, co-author of *Raising Voices: Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes*. The event is a Pre-Conference workshop of the Kentucky Storytelling Conference, which begins that evening. Pre-registration required for the pre-conference. Pre-Conference Cost: \$70. Register for both Pre-Conference and Kentucky Storytelling Conference (see conference info below) and receive *Raising Voices* free (a \$37 retail value). Location: Holiday Inn University Plaza & Sloan Convention Center, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY. Information: [Kentucky Storytelling Conference](#)

ASL -- (Saturday night; other times by request – contact conference@kystory.org to make request), C, K, O, P, W, -- Friday and Saturday, November 7 – 8, Kentucky Storytelling Conference. Featured Tellers: Pam Holcomb and Judy Sima. Multiple workshops on a variety of topics and plenty of open-mic time also included. Partners include Warren County Public Library and Knowledge Center on Deafness, <http://www.kcdh.org/deafestival/kcd.html>. Location: Holiday Inn University Plaza & Sloan Convention Center, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY. For more information: [Kentucky Storytelling Conference](#)

K – Sunday, November 9, KSA Board Meeting, Bowling Green, KY. For information: Donna Slaton, president@kystory.org, 270-871-3719.

P - Friday, November 14, Native American Folktales, Children's Activity Room, Erlanger Branch Kenton County Public Library, 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, KY 41018. 7:00 p.m. For more information: Children's Librarian Maria Parker, 859-962-4000 ext. 4124.

P- Saturday, November 22, Tellabration 2014 with the Smoky Mountain Tellers. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre, 461 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN. For more information: www.smokymountaintellers.org or 865-429-1783

K, O, P -- Monday, November 24, Wandering Storytellers, featuring the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers, plus open-mic opportunities. Stories for Adults and Older Teens. 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. Location: Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. This KSA event is presented in partnership with the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available, with ticket validation at the library. [Click here for directions to the parking garage](#) (accessible from Main or from Vine via Hernando Alley.) Admission: \$5 donation suggested. Information: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#)

C, O – Tuesday, November 25, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Last Minute. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Stories begin 8:00 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00 at the door. Presale tickets available one week before the show. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2014-10>

December 2014

O – Wednesday, December 3, Rivertown Storytellers, a group dedicated to the art of storytelling and all tellers and listeners are welcome. 6:30 p.m. Ohio Township Central Library, Newburgh, IN. For more information: www.rivertownstorytellers.com, Mary Jo Huff, 812-455-1558.

P – Thursday, Friday & Saturday, December 4, 5, & 6, "Brain Freeze - The Uncalled for Trio's 5th Anniversary Christmas Tour" with fresh stories and good cheer to take you through the holiday season, featuring Bil Lepp, Kim Weitkamp and Andy Offutt Irwin, 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. each day. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. Tickets are \$20. Call 800-952-8392, ext. 221 or 423- 753-2171 for tickets or more information.

P – Saturday, December 6, "Breaking Up Christmas" featuring Sheila Kay Adams. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, students \$15 with high school or college ID. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P - Monday, December 8, Winter Holiday Stories from around the world told by Miss Lise and Miss Maria at 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room, Erlanger Branch, Kenton County Public Library, 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, KY 41018. This program is for families and children of all ages to ring in the holidays with fun stories of different holidays from around the world celebrated in the month of December. For more information: Children's Librarian Maria Parker at 859-962-4000 ext. 4124.

K, O, P - Monday, December 29, Wandering Storytellers, featuring Octavia Sexton, www.octaviaseyton.com, plus open-mic opportunities. Stories for Adults and Older Teens. 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. Location: Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. This KSA event is presented in partnership with the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available, with ticket validation at the library. [Click here for directions to the parking garage](#) (accessible from Main or from Vine via Hernando Alley.) Admission: \$5 donation suggested. Information: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#)

January 2015

P – Saturday, January 10, "Prostate Dialogues: Tales of the Tallywacker" told by Jon Spelman. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, students \$15 with high school or college ID. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

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