

Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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President's Column

President Steve Lanham

Fellow KSA members, I'm looking forward to a great time this year as we travel together on our storytelling journey.

I am so thrilled with the board that we have assembled and I am looking forward to their contributions to KSA in 2016. We have a great mix of new and long-time KSA members on the board. I also thank you, the members of KSA, for continuing to support the art of oral storytelling through our organization.

In this coming year, we as a board will continue to build on the legacy of those who started KSA in 2004. One of the highlights of our year is our annual conference scheduled for early November. We'll have more details on that later, but you can expect a call for proposals soon. If you'd like to share your experience and wisdom with the rest of us, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

We will also continue Wandering Storytellers, which meets monthly at the downtown branch of the Lexington Public Library. We will be tweaking the format a little bit. One change that excites me is the introduction of up to 3 Story Labs during Wandering Storytellers in 2016. These labs will give us the opportunity to experiment with our stories and to receive feedback from fellow tellers, which, in turn, can help us take our stories to the next level.

We will continue to have a presence in storytelling throughout Kentucky in 2016. We will again petition the governor to declare September as Storytelling Month and we hope to have Storytelling in the Mountains again in Harlan. We have also been asked to host a Story Slam at the Cave Run Storytelling

Festival near Morehead. And we will continue to nurture young, emerging storytellers through our Youth Storytelling program.

In 2016, we will also be looking ahead as we work on our strategic plan that will lead to even more success in the future. We will prioritize our list of goals, strategies, and tactics and develop an action plan for the next 3-5 years and beyond.

As always, we can use your help. We'd love to have more people involved with all aspects of KSA. We each have a unique set of gifts and skills that help make KSA better. For a complete list of opportunities, please contact me at president@kystory.org.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2016 as we add another chapter to story that KSA has to tell.

Conference 2015 by Betsy Fleischer



Sarah Hardy receives her KYS Torchbearer Plaque from President Steve Lanham

We went back to Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park. They like us there. We had 50 pre-registered folks and 10 presenters this year including six public librarians from the local area and some walk-ins. The evening concerts were enjoyed by all and our Torchbearers came and told. What a pleasure to hear those young tellers. The story store was packed with such a variety of books, CDs, and art that there was something for everyone. Again we were graced with wonderful interpreters for the deaf who enjoyed themselves a lot. All of the workshops were well attended. The evaluations were overwhelmingly positive so a great big THANK YOU goes out to all of the volunteers who pitched in to create a welcoming and wonderful conference!!! Without all of you there couldn't be a conference (cue the applause). We had a 53% return on the conference evaluations -- the highest percentage to date!

Our partnership with the park was helpful to both parties. They helped pay for the featured teller, Pat Nease, AND provided lodging for the interpreters. That arrangement really lessened our expenses and gave us that gorgeous vista from the hallway. Dale Hollow was able to offer the evening storytelling concerts free to the public as a park event. Yet again, we also partnered with our very first and continuing partner -- the Knowledge Center on Deafness who provided us with the interpreters and covered expenses for one. Everyone received information on what interpreters do and how to use an interpreter.

The main comment on how to improve the conference is "more time" for workshops. This year we did morning double-session for workshops and the rest of the day was single session workshops. To get more time in workshops we could offer fewer workshops, or with more participants look into a two day conference which we have discussed. At this time we do not have the financial resources to stage two days of workshops. That is a goal.

New this year was "Board on the Bench". Board members took turns sitting on the bench outside the main meeting room at specific and announced times to talk with any and all. People used the opportunity. It was really good to talk to folks, answer questions, and take suggestions. We will be keeping this activity in future conferences. Thank you to all who participated.



Brad and Alec Delaney receive their KYS Torchbearer Plaques from President Steve Lanham

Please keep in mind, and put on your calendar, the 2016 Kentucky Storytelling Conference, November 4 – 5, at the Lee Avenue Branch of the Pike County Public Library District in Pikeville. If you would, please consider this my first request for volunteers for the 2016 conference. In addition to the usual jobs, this year we need a local restaurant scouter (a potentially delicious job). You may contact Betsy Fleischer, Conference Chair via: conference@kystory, or leave a message at 859-734-3194.



Andy Peebles receives his KYS Torchbearer Plaque from President Steve Lanham



Pat Nease (left), Conference Featured Teller, with her fellow Story Slam Winners: Cynthia Changaris, Andy Peeples, and Ed Bryson

Youth Storytelling Torchbearers Shine at 2015 Storytelling Conference

by Mary Hamilton and Gwenda Johnson

Opening night events included storytelling by Andy Peeples, Sarah Michelle Hardy, and tandem tellers Alec and Brad DeLaney. Audience members readily joined in with the refrain in Andy's retelling of "The Old Woman and her Walking Stick" folktale. Laughter at all appropriate moments accompanied Sarah's rendition of A. J. Jacob's "Cutie and the Beast." Smiles of delight at the plot twists and the qu- vocabulary greeted the DeLaney twins' tale "Why Q and U are Always Together."

Not only did the torchbearers tell, they also joined in throughout the conference. Andy and Brad were among the many conference participants who entered the Late Night Story Slam – with Andy placing in the top 3 competitors. Andy's father also participated in Friday night storytelling, after which Andy and his mom and dad drove back home to Philpot, a community near Owensboro.

The entire DeLaney family, Brad, Alec, older brother and parents, had a great time in the Saturday morning "Games Storytellers Play" workshop led by Pat Nease before they had to travel back home to Louisville for a play rehearsal.

Sarah and her grandmother were able to stay for the entire conference. Both participated in workshops throughout the day on Saturday and conversed with a variety of other participants during mealtimes. When a pre-conference call for volunteers went out, Sarah had responded that she'd like to try her hand at emceeing even though she'd never done it before. She proved to be a competent and engaging emcee skillfully handling two open mic sessions.

Bravo to the families of these Youth Storytelling Torchbearers who supported these young tellers by providing travel, food, and lodging so they could participate in the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. We know young people and their families have many commitments, so we were especially delighted that four of the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers were able to participate. We hope even more young tellers will be able to participate in the 2016 Kentucky Storytelling Conference.



Kentucky Youth Storytelling Contest



***Tell a 4 - 10 minute story for
a chance to win***

Up to five Torchbearers (winners) selected



Prizes awarded:

\$100.00 cash

Torchbearer plaque

Invitations to tell



Represent KSA as Torchbearer for one year

- Entry deadline: June 1st postmark***
- Entries accepted: April 1st - June 1st***
- Entry method: Video submitted by mailed DVD or by electronic link to YouTube or other video venue***
- Must be a Kentucky resident age 7-17 on June 1st deadline***
- For contest judging guidelines, entry forms and instructions see "Youth Storytelling" at www.kystory.org or request information by mail from KSA, P.O. Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604***

Kentucky Youth Storytelling Gwenda Johnson & Mary Hamilton

Promo Help Needed for KYS

Please help your Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program Committee tell young Kentuckians about the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Contest. No idea is too small and all ideas are welcome.

Do you know any young Kentuckians ages 7 – 17? Do you know any individuals or organizations the KYS program should contact to help KSA reach young storytellers? Do you have a contact with a home school organization? a drama club? a community theatre? a school? a church youth group? a public library? some other individual or group that has a potential connection with young storytellers? Please share that contact information and other publicity suggestions with the KYS Committee by contacting kys@kystory.org or 502-223-4523 or KSA - KYS Committee, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148.

By mid-February, the KYS Committee will begin distributing news releases to individuals and organizations. We will send KYS promos to the folks you tell us about or we can send the flyer and news release to you so you can distribute the information on behalf of KSA's Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program. A downloadable flyer (see page 5) is also available on the KSA website. Additional KYS Committee volunteers are also welcome.

Thanks, KYS Co-Chairs, Gwenda Johnson and Mary Hamilton

KYS Changes

New for the 2016 Kentucky Youth Storytelling Contest

- Entrants may be as young as seven.
- Story lengths may range from 4 – 10 minutes.
- Entries may be submitted via electronic link or mailed DVD.
- A scoring rubric has been created to make it easier for KYS judges to provide feedback to entrants so storytellers can learn where their skills are and what they can improve.
- Storytelling tips, written to correlate with the scoring rubric, provide advice for young storytellers and help for adults who assist youth tellers.

You'll find the scoring rubric, tips, rules and entry & permission forms on the KSA website:

www.kystory.org

Wandering Storytellers – part 1 by Charles Wright

In October Wandering Storytellers held its Story Slam with the theme of Spooky Stories. Jerry Young won first place, Cynthia Lanham was second, and Debra Kumar came in third. November featured Debra Kumar of Georgetown retelling Russian winter stories.

In December Mick Parsons and Amanda Hay of Louisville entertained the audience with their stories. And again there was time for open-mic.

December was also the last month of my being the Wandering Storytellers Chair and emcee. I have worked with a lot of great tellers over the last five years. The new chair is Cynthia Lanham and she has already put together a great lineup for 2016. Please give her your full cooperation.

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.

Wandering Storytellers – part 2 by Cynthia Lanham, Wandering Storytellers Chair

We have exciting things in store for 2016 at Wandering Storytellers.

Not only will it continue to have experienced tellers that will delight audiences, not only will we continue to have an open mic portion where tellers can get major stage time but we are also adding a special segment titled "Story Lab" where tellers can come and tell their stories, partial or whole, and get critical feedback to make their storytelling even better. If you are still telling the same stories in the same

way that you have told for years and you feel like you need some growth, consider attending our Story Lab.

Wandering Stories is KSA's best kept secret for improving our storytelling abilities. If you haven't ever been to Wandering Storytellers or haven't been in a while, consider attending and viewing our new format and share your input. Check out the dates for featured tellers, story lab, and story slam at the KSA website, <http://www.kystory.org>. Hope to see you there!

Board Service by Mary Hamilton

Bravo and thank you to KSA members who stepped up to fill Board vacancies:

Legina Adams – Secretary
Cynthia Lanham – Quadrant 2 Director
Ed Bryson – Quadrant 3 Director

You'll find a complete list of your current Board Members along with contact information at the end of this newsletter and on the KSA website.

Please consider serving on your KSA Board. The President-elect position is currently vacant. The current KSA Treasurer Maryann Zoll has begun her 6th consecutive year of Board service (the maximum allowed), so a new Treasurer will be needed in 2017. KSA bylaws also restrict Board service to two terms in the same position. Bob Thompson, Quadrant 1 Director and Betsy Fleischer, At-large 2 Director are currently serving their final year in those jobs. Ideally Quadrant Directors live in the area they serve. Quadrant 1 includes all of Kentucky west of I-65. At-large Directors may live anywhere, including out of state. KSA will need new folks serving in the Quadrant 1 and At-Large 2 Director positions in 2017.

To learn more about KSA Board member responsibilities, see <http://www.kystory.org/about-KSA/about-board-service.shtml> or contact the KSA Nominating Committee nominating@kystory.org or call 502-223-4523 to speak with Charles Wright, Nominating Committee Chair, or Mary Hamilton, Nominating Committee Member. They will be happy to answer your questions.

KSA Board Meeting Announcement

Our first board meeting of 2016 will be a conference call on Feb. 27 at 9 AM. All KSA members can attend board meetings. If you would like to take part in the meeting please contact Steve Lanham about obtaining the phone number.

Dues Notice by Charles Wright, Newsletter Editor

If you have not renewed your Kentucky Storytelling Association dues for 2016, this will be your last newsletter. Dues can be paid by a check mailed to: KSA, P. O. Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148; or by PayPal through the KSA website at: <http://www.kystory.org/membership/pay-dues.shtml>.

Dues are: \$25.00 for a regular membership, \$20.00 for an elder (over 65) membership, \$15.00 for a student membership, \$50.00 for a family (to include all members of one family, living in the same household, or members supported by family away attending school), or \$60.00 for an institution or an organization.

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.

24/7

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.

B – Kentucky Voices and Views - a podcast about interesting people, places and activities around Kentucky hosted by Tom Hailey from Lexington. Topics vary & include interviews with storytellers. <http://www.kentuckyvoicesandviews.com/>.

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

O – 1st Wednesdays, River Town Story Tellers, 6:30 p.m. Business, 7:00 p.m. Storytelling and Story Listening. Ohio Township Central Library, Newburgh, IN. Information: 1-800-213-0527, www.rivertownstorytellers.com or Mary Jo Huff, 812-455-1558.

O – SpeakEasy, 1st Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. \$5.00. An open-mic event for adults co-sponsored by Storytellers of Central Ohio (SOCO) and Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43202. Wild Goose Creative believes everyone has a story to tell. To give those stories a voice we're proud to offer, Speak Easy, Columbus's premier event for live storytelling! It's simple: an audience, an open microphone, and great stories. Hilarious, gripping, poignant, you'll hear it all. Come to listen or come to tell as people from across Columbus offer their stories live on stage! Always something unexpected—a different topic every month! For more info contact Sarah Fulmer: SpeakeasySarah@gmail.com

O – As I Recall Storytelling Guilds, 2nd Mondays, Hancock County Public Library, Greenfield, IN, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

P – Jabberwocky, 2nd Tuesdays, September – December & February –May a gathering of people willing to share and listen to life stories based around a theme.. Doors open 5:30 p.m., stories begin at 6:00 p.m. Indy Eleven IndyFringe Theatre, 719 E. St. Clair St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

B – Kentucky Homefront, 2nd Saturdays, February – June and August – December, a radio show, taped in front of a live audience. All live tapings include storytelling and music. Live tapings happen at 7:30 p.m. The Clifton Center, 2117 Payne Street, 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 – Tale Talk, 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 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Tale.Talk/>.

O – As I Recall Storytelling Guilds, 3rd Wednesdays, Glendale Library in Indianapolis, IN, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

O – Traditional Storytelling Guild, 3rd Wednesdays, Nora Library, Indianapolis, IN. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

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.

Quarterly

Louisville Storytellers events – specific dates to be announced. Louisville Storytellers, a Courier-Journal newspaper sponsored event to be held at various venues including bars, restaurants and theatres, is meant to provide a forum for both notables and neighbors to share personal stories on topics about which the community is passionate. Unlike story slams or competitions, each

Louisville Storytellers night will be curated by a team of C-J storytelling reporters and will focus on Louisville-centered themes. Below are descriptions of upcoming events. For more information, to join a mailing list, or to pitch a story: <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2015/10/26/c-j-launches-louisville-storytellers-series/74638776/>

Upcoming Louisville Storytellers Events (As specific dates and locations become available, information below will be relocated within the Event Calendar.)

Spring 2016 – Derby: Stories from the heights and depths of the Kentucky Derby, with storytelling from jockeys, millionaire owners and those toiling behind the scenes of thoroughbred racing's most vaunted event.

Summer 2016 – Adventure: Tales from Louisvillians who climb mountains, row oceans, survive disasters, bring aid and migrate from far-flung part of the world.

Fall 2016 – Entrepreneurs: Triumphs, flops and hard-won wisdom from the world of entrepreneurs, from risk-taking money makers to millennials redefining the notion of a career.

Winter 2017 – LGBTQ: Personal stories from the gay, lesbian and transgender community in the wake of high-profile legal and cultural battles.

February 2016

O – Wednesday, February 3, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

P – Wednesday, February 3, Cincinnati, OH. #CincyStorytellers: Behind the Kitchen Door. Details: [CincyStoryTellersFebruary](#).

O –Thursday, February 4, Speak Easy, Columbus, OH. See Monthly events above.

B – Saturday, February 13, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

O – Monday, February 15, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

P – Monday, February 15, Louisville Storytellers. Theme: For the Love of Music / Making it Big and Staying Alive. Teddy Abrams, J. K. McKnight, Jecorey "1200" Arthur, Diane Downs, Billy Hardison, Jerry Green, Don Aters, and Cheyenne Mize tell funny, surprising, entertaining true stories about breaking in, making it, and out in the not-always-glamorous world of music. 6:00 p.m. reception, 7:00 p.m. stories begin. Tim Faulkner Gallery, 1512 Portland Ave., Louisville, KY. Tickets \$10.00 plus service charge at: <http://courier-journal.com/storyteller/tickets>.

D – Wednesday, February 17 – Reservation Deadline for My Name's James by Bill Watson. See [March 5th](#) for details.

P – Saturday, February 20, "An Understanding Beyond Our Own" told by Antonio Rocha. 7:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, \$15 for high school or college students with I.D. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org, 317-232-1882.

C, O – Tuesday, February 23, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Love Hurts: Our annual celebration of heartbreak because what doesn't break you, makes you eager to vent. (But please, make sure all venting is in story form!) Prepare a five-minute tale about a love that made you go OUCH. The agony of deferred love! The misery of good love, gone bad! The anguish of a one-way love! Bring stories of your heart, kicked to the curb by the people or places or things you love . . . or used to love. Love that "Hurts So Good" also welcome. 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. Information: <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2016-02>.

W – Friday – Sunday, February 26 – 28, Riverwind Whirlwind Weekend with Kevin Cordi, "Playing with Stories: An Intensive." Drawing on over 25 years of listening to other stories and experimenting and designing narrative work with playful exercises, Cordi shares new methods of story crafting from his book *Playing with Stories: Story Crafting for Writers, Teachers, Storytellers, and Other Imaginative Thinkers* (2014). Workshop fee: \$100. Workshop info: Contact Marilyn Kinsella www.marilynkinsella.org or Lynne Beetner lynnebeetner@yahoo.com Location: Trout Lodge, 13528 State Highway AA, Potosi, MO 63664. To make lodging reservations <http://www.ymcaoftheozarks.org/stay/trout-lodge/welcome> Lodging includes all meals.

K, O, P – Monday, February 29, Wandering Storytellers. Theme: Folktales/Fairy Tales. Featured teller: Ed Bryson. 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](#).

March 2016

O – Wednesday, March 2, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

O –Thursday, March 3, Speak Easy, Columbus, OH. See Monthly events above.

P – Saturday, March 5, Florence, KY. Bill Watson telling "My Name's James" Mudlark Pottery Studio and Fine Arts Gallery@ 6 pm, 256 Main Street. Open to the public (adult audience), reservation only due to the size of the venue. \$35 per person. A social hour beginning @5 pm with lite fare and drinks. Reservations must be made by February 17th. 859-282-1300.

P – Friday – Saturday, March 11 – 12, Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival featuring Pam Holcomb, Steve Hollen, and Tim Lowry. Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. Package deal: \$129 includes storytelling plus Friday and Saturday lodging, Friday supper, and 3 meals on Saturday.

Festival Information: <http://cumberlandfallsstorytellingfestival.blogspot.com/>

Location Information: 1-800-325-0063

<http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/cumberland-falls/default.aspx>

B – Saturday, March 12, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

P – Saturday, March 19, "Steinbeck Out Loud!" told by Carol Birch. 7:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, \$15 for high school or college students with I.D. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org, 317-232-1882.

P – Saturday, March 19th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Volunteer State Tellers will celebrate the third World Storytelling Day event at the Hendersonville Public Library, 140 Saundersville Rd., Hendersonville, TN 37075. Library closes promptly at 4:00 p.m. Reception afterwards in honor of performers at the home of Jane G. Marshall, 250 Hidden Lake Rd., Hendersonville, 37075. 615-264-4772. For information: ingmarshall@comcast.net

O – Monday, March 21, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

K, O, P – Monday, March 28, Wandering Storytellers Story Lab – You can bring your stories and present them and receive feedback on ideas to help make them be even better. 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, March 29, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: The Dark Side: Prepare a five-minute story about the underworld, guilty pleasures, life under a log, succumbing to your less than enlightened self or participating in activities you know are naughty, deplorable or decidedly un-sunny. 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. Information: <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2016-03>.

April 2016

C, D, K, Y – Friday, April 1 – Wednesday, June 1, Entries accepted in the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Contest. Details at [Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program](#).

O – Wednesday, April 6, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

O – Thursday, April 7, Speak Easy, Columbus, OH. See Monthly events above.

B – Saturday, April 9, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

P – Saturday, April 9, "Bottle Rockets & Spider Veins" told by Bil Lepp. 7:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN. Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. www.StorytellingArts.org, 317-232-1882.

O – Monday, April 18, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

P – Monday, April 18, Louisville, KY– Louisville Storytellers: Derby: Stories from the heights and depths of the Kentucky Derby, with storytelling from jockeys, millionaire owners and those toiling behind the scenes of thoroughbred racing's most vaunted event. Kentucky Derby Museum, 704 Central Avenue. Details: [LouisvilleStorytellers](#).

K, O, P – Monday, April 25, Wandering Storytellers. Theme: Appalachian Life. Featured Teller: Gwenda Huff-Johnson. 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](#).

P – Monday, April 25, Cincinnati, OH. True Theatre: true stories told by real people. Theme: trueGAY. Know Theatre, 1120 Jackson Street. Details: www.cincinnati-storytelling.com.

C, O – Tuesday, April 26, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Jokers. Prepare a five-minute story about comic exploits. Class clowns and practical jokers. The humorless and silly. Punch lines and laugh tracks, bombing on stage or slaying them at the water

cooler. How many storytellers does it take to screw in a light bulb. . . ? 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. Information: <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2016-04>.

P – Saturday, April 29, “Sharing Hoosier History Through Stories: T. C. Steele” told by Lou Ann Homan. 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. www.StorytellingArts.org, 317-232-1882.

May 2016

O – Wednesday, May 4, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

P – Wednesday, May 4, Cincinnati, OH. #CincyStorytellers: Living and Dying. Details: [CincyStoryTellersMay](#).

O – Thursday, May 5, Speak Easy, Columbus, OH. See Monthly events above.

B – Saturday, May 14, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

O – Monday, May 16, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

C, O – Tuesday, May 24, Louisville, KY. The Moth Story Slam. Theme: Escape. Details: [Louisville Moth May](#).

Your KSA Board Members are:

President, Steve Lanham, President@kystory.org, 502-319-0252
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President-elect, , President-Elect@kystory.org, this position is currently vacant

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250 Redbud Lane, Isom, KY 41824

Treasurer, Maryann Zoll, Treasurer@kystory.org, 859-339-8009
386 Hurt Lane, Lancaster, KY 40444

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