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Kentucky Storytelling Association Spring 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Eddie Price Named As Kentucky Chautauqua Character

Being 5 feet, 4 inches tall has finally paid off big time for KSA member and storyteller **Eddie Price**.

He has parlayed his short stature into a coveted spot in the lineup of historical characters in the Kentucky Chautauqua program.

Starting in August, Price saddles up as he portrays Derby-winning jockey Roscoe Tarleton Goose at schools, libraries, historical socie-

ties, and other venues across the state for the next three years.

"It was really a nice surprise to get the text telling me that I was accepted," he said.

Before being notified, he kept a tight rein on his chances of being



Eddie Price

selected. "I expected that they would tell me, 'Nice job, but it doesn't fit what we are looking for.'" But he was wrong.

"I imagine he will be popular because we have never had a jockey before," predicted **Kathleen Pool**, associate director of the Kentucky Humanities Council, which directs the Chautauqua program.

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Youth Teller Entries Due by June 1

If you know a young person who enjoys telling stories, let them know about the Kentucky Youth Storytelling (KYS) competition.

Any Kentuckian between 7 and 17 as of June 1 is eligible to participate. Applicants must submit a 4- to 10-minute video of themselves telling a story by June 1.

The video can be sent on a DVD through postal mail or by an electronic link to YouTube or another

online video-sharing system.

This is the 11th year of the competition, which "is a statewide effort to develop, encourage, and highlight the talent of our young storytellers," said KYS co-chair **Mary Hamilton**.

Up to five youth tellers will be named as Torchbearers, or winners, in the competition.

Winners receive a \$100 cash prize

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Storytelling in the Mountains Set for May 20 in Harlan

Storytelling in the Mountains this year will pay homage to its founder, Harlan County storyteller **Pam Holcomb**, who died last fall.

The event will be Saturday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the Harlan County Extension Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan.

Holcomb coordinated the event every year since it began in 2008.

"Pam's absence will definitely be a

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The next KSA Board meeting is Sunday, June 4, at 1:30 PM, at Paul Sawyer Public Library, 319 Wapping St., in Frankfort.

Board meetings are open to all KSA members. For more information or

questions, contact President **Mary Hamilton** at 502-223-2523 or at president@kystory.org.

KSA will hold its annual members meeting on Saturday, Nov. 4, during the Kentucky Storytelling Con-

ference at Hotel Louisville, 120 W. Broadway, Louisville.

Other board meetings in 2017 are set for Sunday, Aug. 20, near Louisville and Sunday, Nov. 5, in Louisville after the fall conference.

President's Message ... *Mary Hamilton*

Greetings KSA Members,

Thank you for your support of the Kentucky Storytelling Association. Together, we will continue to increase support and appreciation for storytelling throughout our Commonwealth.

While you are reading this newsletter (written, edited and proof-read by KSA volunteers), other KSA volunteers are evaluating proposals received for pre-conference and conference sessions for the November 3 – 4 Kentucky Storytelling Conference. Several Louisville area KSA members are helping your conference co-chairs connect with potential conference partners.

The April 1 – June 1 entry window for the Youth Storytelling Competition has just begun. I hope all of you will help spread the word. Learn more about the KYS program starting on page 1. Then, tell everyone you know, using every method you have – word of mouth, Snapchat, Facebook, phone calls – even if you don't know any 7- to 17-year-old Kentuckians, someone you know surely does! Shortly after June, still more KSA volunteers will review

and score the Youth Storytelling entries.

In Lexington, KSA volunteers **Kerry Boudreaux** and **Jerry Young** continue coordinating the monthly Wandering Storytellers events. If they call on you for help, please say “Yes” and follow through.

In eastern Kentucky, KSA volunteer **Gwenda Johnson** is coordinating the May 20 Storytelling in the Mountains event in Harlan, KY. Read more about this event starting on page 1.

Lately you've begun receiving announcements about KSA programs and activities via MailChimp – all messages sent to you by – you guessed it! – another KSA volunteer. And, as you might expect, your KSA Board members (volunteers all) are planning, fundraising, coordinating, and keeping records as needed to help our 501 (c)3 organization thrive.

Your KSA Board wants to help all of you engage in furthering the KSA Mission and Goals. New this year is a KSA Member Mini-grant program which can provide up to \$300 financial support for your storytelling-related project. And

yes, you can learn more about the mini-grant program in this newsletter. See page 12.

If you have skills you want to volunteer to help KSA, please email volunteers@kystory.org, or fill out the Volunteer Form, or call Mary Hamilton at 502-223-4523 and have a conversation about how you would like to help.

Thank you for volunteering! Your volunteer support, based on a conservative estimate of 100 hours per year valued at just \$10 per hour, is worth \$1,000 in in-kind services for KSA.

Thank you for renewing your membership dues! Your membership dues provide over \$1,000 direct financial support each year.

KSA programs and activities would not thrive without you; so most of all, thank you for your love and support for storytelling.

With gratitude,



Mary Hamilton
KSA President



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Pennsylvania storyteller Megan Hicks will be the featured teller at the 2017 Kentucky Storytelling Conference. (Photo by Kim Brundage)

Hicks to Highlight 2017 Conference

By **MARY HAMILTON**

By selecting **Megan Hicks** as the 2017 featured teller, your conference co-chairs have embraced versatility. Yes, storytelling versatility = Megan Hicks.

She tells true stories from her life (both slam length and longer pieces), carefully researched stories of historical events, folktales and fairy tales (both straightforward and fractured), and stories via the art of origami. She also promotes the work of storytelling colleagues by producing house concerts.

At the Kentucky Storytelling Conference, you'll hear her tell stories at the Friday and Saturday evening concerts.

She'll also lead her workshop "Crack Me Up! – a Break-it-up/ Shake-it-down Approach to Fracturing Fairy Tales" in a 70-minute session.

Hicks was featured as a New Voice at the National Storytelling Festival in 2011, and her performance credits range from small venues in rural America, to regional stages throughout the United States, and international programs on four continents. Her workshop presentation venues include Florida Storytelling Camp, National Storytelling Conference, Northlands Storytelling Conference, and more.

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2 KSA Members Telling at New Paris Festival in May

KSA members **Mary Hamilton** and **Don "Buck" Creasy** are two of the featured tellers headlining the inaugural Paris Storytelling Festival Friday through Sunday, May 12-14, in Paris, KY.

Free events on the schedule are live music and ghost stories at 8-10 p.m. on Friday, a Storytelling Olio (with stories by all four featured tellers) at 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, and a sermon at First Christian Church in Paris on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

The storytellers will also visit area

schools during the day on Friday.

Ticketed events requiring an admission fee are the storytelling workshops at 9-11 a.m. Saturday and dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday with the storytellers and folk singer Michael Johnathon of the WoodSongs Old Time Radio Hour in Lexington.

Hamilton, a Frankfort resident, has been a professional storyteller since 1983 and she performed at storytelling festivals all over the country, from Florida to Oregon. She has won numerous awards for

her storytelling, including the iParenting Media Award, Parent's Choice Gold Medal, and the National Storytelling Network Circle of Excellence Oracle Award.

Creasy, a corporate storyteller for Toyota Motor Manufacturing and a professional storyteller outside his day job, has been telling stories for 30 years for corporations, conferences, churches, keynotes, radio, television and print.

Also on the bill as featured storytellers are **Bill Lepp**, five-time

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champion of West Virginia Liars Contest who has presented 15 times at the National Storytelling Festival, and **Sheila Arnold** from Virginia, who is a historical character interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg and lead performer of History's Alive.

Youth teller **Logan Burris**, a 2016 Torchbearer, is also the bill for Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Each of the workshops on Saturday is limited to 25 participants.

Hamilton will lead a session called "Tell a Folktale Today," which is geared towards children. Cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for siblings after the first child.

2017 Conference (continued) ...

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Can't wait? Good news! You don't have to wait! Treat yourself to samples from her work now: Watch Hicks tell three stories – "98 cents," a StorySlam tale; "The Man Who Had No Luck," a folktale told to a middle school audience; and "Valentine Puppy," an origami tale [here](#).

Her recording of "What was Civil about that War" – a true account of the 1st Battle of Fredericksburg & Sgt. Richard Kirkland's heroic compassion – won a 2005 Parents' Choice Silver award. You can listen to a few small snippets of it on this [page](#).

Enjoy her sense of humor when social satire meets a fractured fairy tale by reading "[Groundhog Little: or Henny](#)

The other three workshops, which are \$25 per person, are "Biblical Storytelling" by Creasy, "Storytelling in the Classroom and at Home" by Arnold, and "Humor in Storytelling" by Lepp.

Cost for the 6:30 p.m. dinner is \$30. Johnathan will provide music at 7 p.m. and the storytellers will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations, which are required for the workshops and the meal, can be made by calling 859-429-0819, emailing parisstorytellingfestival@gmail.com, or by postal mail at Paris Storytelling, Inc., PO Box 521, Paris, KY 40361 with checks made out to Paris Storytelling, Inc. The website for the event is parisstoryfest.com.

[Penny Told the Truth](#)," a tale from her Groundhogs meet Grimm series. Or take a peek at her serious side by watching her tell "[Three Assassinations: Kennedy, King, Kennedy](#)." To learn even more, visit her website www.meganhicks.com.

Like you, Hicks knows storytelling really comes alive when folks are face to face. "Storytelling is pulling art from thin air because storytelling is really just talking to yourself until you've connected with your listeners and engaged their imaginations," she says. So, come to the Conference where you can enjoy Megan Hicks live, in person, connected!

See you in Louisville Nov. 3-4!

Note: Complete conference info will be posted in June on the KSA website.

Feb. Board Meeting News

The KSA Board met in February and took the following actions:

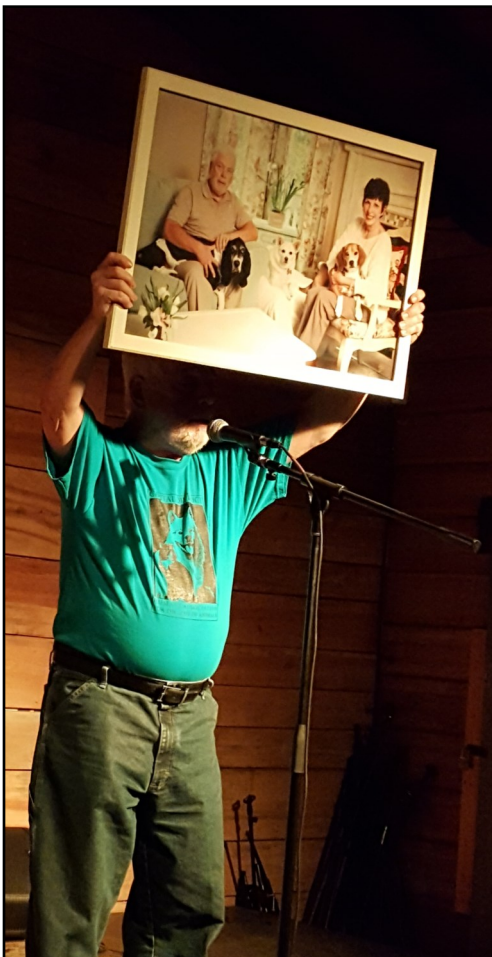
- Transferred \$80 from the general fund to its certificate of deposit, increased the CD to \$2,590.10.
- Approved a new mini-grant program. (See page 12 for details.)
- Amended the 2017 budget.
 - o Youth storytelling up from \$870 to \$1,000 (after \$1,000 donated to the program).
 - o Fundraising up from \$115 to \$330 (2016 costs expensed in 2017).
 - o Added \$800 expense for mini-grant program.
- Heard about usage of Dropbox to store KSA documents and MailChimp to send emails.
- Named a nominating committee.
- Received the 2016 audit report. There were no major issues.
- Voted to set up Square Reader to enable online credit card transactions at KSA events.
- Enacted a policy to pay admission at KSA events for an aide assisting a blind attendee.
- Reviewed the Strategic Plan.
- Endorsed distribution of newsletter once a year to non-members.

Items on the agenda for the June 4 board meeting include:

- Procedures for KSA sponsorship.
- KSA media director job description.
- Quadrant director job description.
- Report on 2016 KSA Conference's demographics and economic impact
- Report on how 2016 conference workshops matched member needs (especially newer tellers).
- Report on feasibility of having a KSA credit card.
- Report on using interns in KSA.
- Procedures for mileage reimbursement to board meetings.

7 People Share Pet Stories at Story Slam in Lexington

At right, March KSA Story Slam winner Pat Nussbaum displays pictures of her babies (dogs). Top left, Cynthia Lanham shares about being stranded before cell phones. Middle right, Bob Farmer tells about the dog he re-interred when he changed addresses. Bottom left, Steve Nussbaum holds up a family picture of him, his wife, and their three dogs. Bottom middle, Ray Mendenhall waxes eloquently about his football playing dog Rusty, while, bottom right, Don Ray Smith tells stories of his pet parakeet that terrorized his mother. The event was at The Burl in Lexington March 20.



Eddie Price (continued) ...

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"We think this character helps with the diversity of offerings that we are looking for," she added.

"Becoming a speaker in the Humanities Council Chautauqua program is not easy, so being accepted for this is quite an accomplishment," remarked KSA President **Mary Hamilton**.

Chautauqua performances are done in first person and in costume, lasting 45 minutes followed by a Q&A session, which allows time "for the audience to interact with the character," Pool said.

As a former history teacher at the high school and college level, Price has always been interested in history. After five years as a member of the Humanities Council's speakers bureau, he started searching for a historical character that he could bring to life.

"I am 5' 4" tall, so obviously I could not play Abraham Lincoln," he laughed.

What spurred him on was Goose's story. "I was captivated. It is a true 'rags to riches' tale of a poor boy with a third-grade education who became one of America's premier jockeys, trainers, and owners."

Goose won the 1913 Kentucky Derby while riding Donerail.

Price said he has always loved horses and was asked to become a jockey while in the 10th grade, but his mother refused to let him get on track for a horse racing career.



Eddie Price displays the silks and saddle that he will use when portraying jockey Roscoe Goose for the Kentucky Chautauqua Program, starting in August.

To prepare for his new gig, Price said, "I have spent hours touring horse farms, researching Roscoe's life at Churchill Downs, interviewing nieces and nephews who knew him--and much more--even visiting his restored home on South 3rd Street (in Louisville)."

He also "read his biography by Earl Ruby. I studied other jockeys' mannerisms and horse racing terms/lingo" to prepare the role.

He had to audition twice for the role. Pool said 20 of the 32 applicants were invited to audition. Only six of the 20 survived the final cut.

For the second audition, Price said he worked with coaches from the Humanities Council, a historian, and others, which really helped.

For his costume, "I found an old insurance photo of his silks and had an identical set made up. I bought some expensive (jockey) boots. My wife cut them down to size, dyed the cuffs, and made a saddle blanket," he stated.

He also "bought an old exercise saddle and a big photo of Churchill Downs in 1913 as props," he said.

For anyone interested in auditioning for this program, Price has this advice: "Be prepared to do a lot of work. You have to know a lot more than you will actually present.

Work with the KHC advisers as a team. They want you to succeed."

Price is required to do at least 10 programs a year.

The character list on the Kentucky Chautauqua program, which started in 1992, includes the famous (Abraham Lincoln, Henry Clay, and Adolph Rupp) and the not so famous (former slave Charlotte Dupuy, abolitionist John G. Fee, and War of 1812 Private William Greathouse).

Hamilton Wins Liars Contest, Bryson Second

Lying usually gets you into trouble, but 2 KSA members strayed outside the lines of veracity on March 18 and claimed the top two spots in the Liars Contest at the Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival.

Mary Hamilton won first place with her tale of woe about what happened after she subscribed to a women's magazine. She found herself — she said — spending hundreds of dollars trying out sugges-

tions from the magazine. Not only that, she found herself lying to her husband about a Christmas wreath gone bad, gaining weight from fabulous recipes, and making multiple trips to the chiropractor after reading an article about romance in marriage.

Ed Bryson won second place in the contest. His story — believe it or not — was about his trip to the racetrack in Lexington. Upon read-

ing the racing form, he realized there was a trifecta that could win him more than \$1,000. So he paid attention to the signs around him and won the trifecta, much to the disdain of his wife.

Both Hamilton and Bryson received Crocks of Bull for their efforts. Another KSA member, **Bill Watson**, also participated in the contest, with a tall tale about enormous vegetables in his garden.



Mary Hamilton won first place in the Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival Liars Contest.



Ed Bryson won second place in the Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival Liars Contest.

2 Members Fare Well in Speech Contests

KSA Members **Cynthia** and **Steve Lanham** were honored recently in contests sponsored by Toastmasters International.

Cynthia Lanham, representing Midway Toastmasters in Midway, won second place in the Bluegrass Division International Speech contest, competing against the top two finishers from the three areas in the

division. She also won the Area 41 contest, as well as the Midway Club Contest.

Competing for KYTC Speakers Toastmasters in Frankfort, Steve Lanham placed third in the Bluegrass Division evaluation contest after placing second in Area 42 both in the international speech and evaluation contests.



Cynthia and Steve Lanham display Toastmasters awards from recent contests.

Regional Storytelling Calendar

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April 2017

Kentucky Events

- **P – Saturday, April 8, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **O – Monday, April 17, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).
- **P – Tuesday, April 18, Louisville, KY.** Louisville Storytellers Project. Theme: Derby Decadence: High rollers, flamboyant jockeys, wild party promoters. Location: Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville. Details: <https://tickets.courier-journal.com/>
- **C, O – Tuesday, April 25, Louisville, KY.** The Moth Story Slam. Theme: Fresh. Details: [Louisville Moth April](#).
- **K, O, P – Thursday, April 27, Lexington, KY.** Wandering Storytellers, Featured teller: Don Ray Smith, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Thursday, April 6, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

May 2017

Kentucky Events

- **P, W – Friday – Saturday, May 12 – 13, Paris, KY.** Storytelling Festival – tellers include Bil Lepp, Buck Creacy, Sheila Arnold, and Mary Hamilton. This event features a variety of both free and ticketed events. For details, contact Mary Lovell, 859-707-6890 or mslovel@gmail.com.
- **B – Saturday, May 13, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **O – Monday, May 15, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).
- **K, P – Saturday, May 20, Harlan, KY.** Storytelling in the Mountains, including a storied tribute to Pam Holcomb, storyteller, Harlan Countian, and long-time coordinator of this event and friend of Harlan County Extension Service. Multiple storytellers, Free, 6:00 p.m. Harlan County Extension Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY. Details: Gwenda Johnson, 606-207-9769.
- **K, O, P – Thursday, May 25, Lexington, KY.** Wandering Storytellers, Featured teller: Thomas Burnett, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).
- **C, O – Tuesday, May 30, Louisville, KY.** The Moth Story Slam. Theme: Karma. Details: [Louisville Moth May](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Thursday, May 4, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

June 2017

Kentucky Events

- **C, D, K, Y – Thursday, June 1, Entry deadline for Kentucky Youth Storytelling Contest.** Details: [Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program](#).
- **O – Monday, June 19, Louisville, KY.**

Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).

- **P – Tuesday, June 27, Louisville, KY.** Louisville Storytellers Project. Theme: Summer of Love: The highs, lows and outright bizarre world of big love on small screens. Location: Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville. Details: <https://tickets.courier-journal.com/>
- **C, O – Tuesday, June 27, Louisville, KY.** The Moth Story Slam. Theme: Cheating. Details: [Louisville Moth June](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Thursday, June 1, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).
- **O – Wednesday, June 7, Newburgh, IN.** 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.

July 2017

Kentucky Events

- **O – Monday, July 17, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).
- **K, O, P – Thursday, July 27, Lexington, KY.** Wandering Storytellers, Featured teller: Jonatha Wright, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Thursday, July 6, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

August 2017

Kentucky Events

- **P – Saturday, August 12, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **O – Monday, August 21, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).
- **K, O, P – Thursday, August 31, Lexington, KY.** Wandering Storytellers, Featured teller: Ray Mendenhall, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Thursday, August 3, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

September 2017

Kentucky Storytelling Month

Email your event information to calendar@kystory.org or submit it [here](#).

Kentucky Events

- **P – Tuesday, September 5, Louisville, KY.** Louisville Storytellers Project. Theme: Bourbon: Makers, high-proof detectives & crazed collectors. Location: Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville. Details: <https://tickets.courier-journal.com/>
- **P – Saturday, September 9, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **O – Monday, September 18, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).

Event Activity Types

Types of event activities are designated as follows:

- ASL** – American Sign Language Interpreted
- B** – Broadcasts & podcasts
- C** – Competitions (events with prizes)
- D** – Deadlines
- F** – Festival
- K** – KSA Events
- O** – Open Mic / Story Swaps
- P** – Performance
- W** – Workshops, classes, courses, retreats
- Y** – Youth storytelling events

Elsewhere

- **O – Wednesday, September 6, Newburgh, IN.** 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 – Thursday, September 7, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).
- **P – Saturday, September 16, Oneida, TN.** Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival, Bandy Creek Campground Area, Big South Fork.

October 2017

Kentucky Events

- **P – Saturday, October 14, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **O – Monday, October 16, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).
- **K, O, P – Thursday, October 26, Lexington, KY.** Wandering Storytellers, Featured teller: Octavia Sexton, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Thursday, October 5, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

November 2017

Kentucky Events

- **K, O, P – Friday and Saturday, November 3 – 4, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Storytelling Conference. More details will be posted as they become available. Contact: Conference2017@kystory.org.
- **K – Sunday, November 5, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Storytelling Association Board Meeting. For more information: President-elect@kystory.org.
- **P – Saturday, November 11, Louisville, KY.** Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **P – Tuesday, November 14, Louisville, KY.** Louisville Storytellers Project. Theme: Die Hard: Tales of Kentucky's basketball obsession. Location: Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville. Details: <https://tickets.courier-journal.com/>

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Storytelling Calendar...

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- **O – Monday, November 20, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).
- **K, O, P– Thursday, November 30, Lexington, KY.** Wandering Storytellers, Featured teller: Lee Edgerton, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

Elsewhere

- **O –Thursday, November 2, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

December 2017

Kentucky Events

- **P – Monday, December 18, Louisville, KY.** Louisville Storytellers Project. Theme: Holidaze: Strange Christmas miracles, Hanukkah disasters and holiday stories not for greeting cards. Location: Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville. Details: <https://tickets.courier-journal.com/>
- **O – Monday, December 18, Louisville, KY.** Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).

Elsewhere

- **O – Wednesday, December 6, Newburgh, IN.** 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 –Thursday, December 7, Columbus, OH.** Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

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Kentucky Events

- **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/>.

Storytelling in the Mountains (continued)

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huge void in this year's activities," said Harlan Extension Agent **Jeremy Williams**. "Pam was the heart and soul of Storytelling in the Mountains. Without her, it would not be where it is today."

He added, "We want to honor her and the dedication that she had not only to storytelling but to sto-

Weekly Kentucky Events

- **B – A Time for Tales, Sundays, - 3:00 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 <http://wmky.org/programs/time-tales>.
- **B -- Kentucky Homefront, Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.** on WFPK 91.9 FM, Louisville, KY. Radio show, taped in front of a live audience. All live tapings include storytelling and music; half of broadcasts include storytelling. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.
- **B - Kentucky Homefront, Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.** streamed on Crescent Hill Radio. Details: www.CrescentHillRadio.com and www.kentuckyhomefront.org.

Elsewhere

- **P – Teller in Residence, May – October, Jonesborough, TN.** Tuesday – Saturday, 2:00 Matinee Performances, Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 100 W. Main Street, Jonesborough, TN. Tickets: \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors, students, and children under 18 years of age. Season Tickets: \$175 includes entrance to one matinee performance each week - a 44% savings over regular adult admission! For tickets or more information, or to request a brochure, call (800) 952-8392 or (423) 913-1276. **Tickets go on sale April 1st.** Details: [Teller In Residence](#)

Monthly Kentucky Events

- **P – 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 Satur-

days at 8:00 a.m. on WFPK 91.9 FM, Louisville, KY and at 2:00 p.m. streamed on Crescent Hill Radio.

- **O – Tale Talk, 3rd Mondays,** 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. FREE To learn the next Tale Talk gathering location, contact Jamie "Thorny" Eiler 812-725-5229 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TaleTalk/>.
- **O, The Moth, last Tuesdays, Louisville, KY.** 8 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Rd, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$10. Details: [Moth Louisville](#).
- **K, P, O, Wandering Storytellers, last Thursdays, 7 p.m. Lexington, KY.** 7 p.m. Lexington Public Library main branch, Farish Theater, 140 E. Main St. Lexington, KY. Suggested donation: \$5. Details: [KSA Wandering Story tellers](#).

Elsewhere

O – SpeakEasy, 1st Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. \$5.00. An open-night 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. Always something unexpected--a different topic every month! Details: [SpeakEasy](#)

Teaching Artists Deadline 4/13

The deadline to apply for the Kentucky Arts Council's Teaching Artists Directory is April 13.

These artists work with teachers to implement arts residencies in schools.

For more information or to apply, click [here](#) or contact Jean St. John, arts council education director, at 502-892-3124 or jean.stjohn@ky.gov.

rytellers. We plan to have storytelling by her friends, mentors, and those that she mentored."

On the list of scheduled tellers are Williams, **Stephen Hollen, Noah Hughes, Bill Watson, Sharon Clifton, Mike and Maggie Beville, Gwenda Johnson, David Benning, and Theresa Osborne.**

Several members of Holcomb's

family have been invited to this tribute and will be singing and telling stories at the event.

"There won't be enough time for all tellers to have time at the mic but we hope everyone will come and celebrate Pam's life and her influence on Storytelling in the Mountains as well as in Kentucky and on a national level," said Johnson, the KSA liaison for the event.



Three KSA members participated in the Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival Liars Contest in March: Bill Watson, Mary Hamilton, and Ed Bryson. Above left, Watson describes all of the heavy machinery required to move the enormous vegetables from his garden to market. Above right, Hamilton explains how one little magazine subscription created a significant financial hardship for her. Below, Bryson points to the inspiration for his success at Keeneland. At right, all KSA members present posed for a group photo. From left are Bill Watson, Sharon Bryson, Ed Bryson, Mary Hamilton, Charles Wright, Cynthia Lanham, and Steve Lanham.



2016 KY Storytelling Association Budget Statement

Summary

\$10,113.32	Opening Balance	(includes uncashed checks and pending PayPal deposits)
+	\$7,861.65	Total Income
-	\$7,118.04	Total Expenses
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\$10,805.25	Closing Balance	

Where did KSA Income come from in 2016?

\$1,930.00	Member Dues
\$1,922.65	Donations
\$2,695.00	Conference Registrations
\$497.00	Product Sales (Conference Story Store)
\$260.00	Teller Directory Listings
\$557.00	Wandering Storytellers
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\$7,861.65	Total Income

What did KSA spend money on in 2016?

\$4,528.22	Conference Committee (includes possible expenses from 2015 & deposits for 2017)
\$639.19	Youth Storytelling Program
\$1,178.23	Communications Committee (website & newsletter)
\$236.73	Administration (includes postage, PO Box rental, office supplies, Secretary of State Fees, National Story Network dues)
\$43.40	Miscellaneous
\$426.70	Cost of Product Sold (KSA keeps 15% and returns 85% to the seller)
\$65.57	PayPal Fees
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\$7,118.04	Total Expenses

Thanks to Our 2016 Partners

- Knowledge Center on Deafness for Conference provided \$800 in interpreter services at the 2016 Kentucky Storytelling Conference.
- In 2016, Lexington Public Library provided more than \$1,000 of rental space for the use of the Farish Theatre and other meeting rooms for Wandering Storytellers.
- Pike County Library provided free use of its facility, stage, sound system, and audio/visual equipment at the 2016 conference
- KSA members also generously donated at least 100 hours of their time to further the mission and goals of the organization.
- Corn Island Storytelling Festival in Louisville and Cave Run Storytelling Festival donated free admission to Youth Torchbearers.

KSA Ends 2016 in Good Shape; Donations Still Needed

KSA ended 2016 with \$10,805.25 in the bank, a \$600 increase over 2015.

"I applaud how the board spent KSA money judiciously in 2016," said 2016 president **Steve Lanham**.

"However," he added, "we still need

donations every year to fund our programs for the year." KSA members and others donated \$1,922.65 last year.

"I truly appreciate everyone who gave so generously to KSA last year," Lanham added.

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(tandem teams will split the cash), a plaque, free membership for one year in the Kentucky Storytelling Association (KSA), free admission to three storytelling festivals around the state, and invitations to perform at the annual KSA conference and Storytelling in the Mountains in Harlan.

Current KSA board member **Sierra Hatfield** was named a Kentucky Torchbearer in 2014.

“I was always a little shy, so by winning that competition and continuing on to tell stories at places like the Kentucky State Fair (and serve as a board member of KYS), I gained more confidence in myself and in my abilities as a performer,” she said.

Hatfield, who’s from Harlan and now attends University of Kentucky, offers this advice: “Write your own story. There’s nothing wrong with telling a story that isn’t yours, but I think a story that you write yourself is easier to remember and perform because it has a piece of you in it. You’ll be able to really make your emotions and actions pop.”

For more information on how the competition will be judged and for storytelling tips, click [here](#) or send postal mail to KSA, PO Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604.

**Story Slam**

Seven people participated in the Story Slam at The Burl in Lexington. At far left and far right are the slam coordinators Kerry Boudreaux and Jerry Young. Starting second from the left are the participants: Bob Farmer, Ray Mendenhall, Steve Nussbaum, Pat Nussbaum, Steve Lanham, Cynthia Lanham, and Don Ray Smith.

Mini-Grants Up to \$300 Available to KSA Members

KSA is now offering matching mini-grants up to \$300 to KSA members seeking funding for projects that further KSA’s mission and goals.

The deadline to apply is July 15 and KSA will start awarding the mini-grants in August.

“We have so many talented and innovative thinkers in KSA,” said mini-grant committee co-chair **Steve Lanham**. “Who knows what storytelling program or event works better for a particular community than a KSA member who already lives there.”

Any KSA member is eligible to present a proposal, except members of the grant review committee. All applicants must secure funding from a program partner or other funding source equal to the amount being requested from KSA.

Support from the funding source must be at least two-thirds cash. The other third can be in-kind services or materials. The KSA member applicant is not allowed to provide the matching funds for his or her application.

Upon approval by the KSA board, mini-grant winners who accept the award will receive 75 percent of the awarded funds. The other 25 percent will be sent when the committee receives the applicant’s final report about the project.

Mini-grant recipients will have one year to complete their projects and must provide a written report to KSA upon completion to be eligible to apply for a future mini-grant.

For more information about this program and how to apply, click [here](#).

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