

Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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President's column

KSA Notes from Acting President Feb 2013

In a difficult January, duties for your President-Elect stepped up a notch as President Russ Conrad dealt with the sudden illness and death of his brother Jerry. Our sympathies and prayers for Russ and his family in this difficult time were extended to efforts of doing the best we could to see that KSA would do its best to make him proud to be a part of this organization.

Board members helped the organization by moving forward on committee assignments, communicating with each other and members, making reports and getting to the February Board meeting and Visioning workshop with UK trainer Lori Garkovich. It was a productive weekend with possibilities discussed for a long range plan that we can begin to work on at the next board meeting in May and hopes for future growth for our organization.

With an emphasis on getting KSA's story – name and mission – out to more people so that other plans can follow and have more hands on deck as members, we ask each of you to share your KSA story with friends and family. Tell about friends you have made, stories you have heard, workshops

attended. Think about one-minute stories – sort of like radio spots – that you can use to communicate to others how KSA would benefit them. Share in the joy of telling your story and KSA’s story.

In this newsletter you will read about other opportunities you can participate in to listen to stories, tell stories and help KSA support storytelling across the Commonwealth. Please take advantage of our website www.kystory.org and send announcements to your friends or Facebook buddies from time to time to help spread the word. Occasional notes from friends are much better than fliers from organizations in making networking connections. And please tell your officers and directors how we can enhance your enjoyment and benefit from KSA membership.

KSA membership is now at 68 thanks to all of those who answered the emails or calls to renew which includes six family units and one group so the actual number of people is higher at 73 or more. Let’s get busy and help that number grow to 80 or even 90 before the next conference.

Happy Stories and best wishes for a great spring.

Donna F. Slaton, President-Elect

KSA President Resigns

As President-elect Donna Slaton wrote above, our KSA President Russ Conrad has been dealing with the death of his brother. This includes serving as executor of his brother’s estate which involves closing out an extensive nursery operation in Florida. Because of the time this work has taken – two months and growing -- Russ is needing to spend more time in Florida than in Kentucky, so it has become more and more difficult for him participate in KSA’s quarterly Board meetings. On March 24th, just as this newsletter was being completed, Russ submitted his resignation to the Board. Please be assured he is not leaving KSA, but will remain a committed and supportive KSA member. As KSA bylaws specify, President-elect Donna Slaton will take on the responsibilities of KSA President. At the upcoming May 18th Board meeting, the KSA Board will be tasked with determining how to handle appointing someone to fill the President-elect position until the upcoming elections in the fall. Please contact the Nominating Committee Chair if you have an interest in KSA Board Service (contact info at end of newsletter). Russ’s colleagues on the KSA Board thank Russ Conrad for his Board service. We wish him well as he closes out his brother’s business, and we look forward to enjoying storytelling with him when he is able to be back in Kentucky.

Russ, we hope to see you at the 2013 Kentucky Storytelling Conference, if not before.

With gratitude,
Your KSA Board

Kentucky Youth Storytelling – Entry Deadline June 1!

Do you know a young storyteller who will be from 8 – 17 years old on June 1st? If so, please encourage them to enter the Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition. How does a young teller enter? By mailing a 7 – 11 minute DVD of a solo teller or tandem team telling a single story to KYS Entry, c/o Gwenda Johnson, P O Box 709, Sandy Hook, KY 41171. Entries must be received by June 1st. Winners will be notified by July 15th.

You’ll find advice on creating the DVD, the entry form, and the competition judging guidelines on the KSA website at www.kystory.org select “Youth Storytelling” or contact Kentucky Youth Storytelling Chair, Gwenda Johnson, kys@kystory.org, 606-207-9769.

Mary Hamilton wins the Anne Izard award

KSA's own Mary Hamilton was one of a baker's dozen (and one of two Kentuckians) who were recently named as winners of the Anne Izard Award. Every two years, a Baker's Dozen (13) of titles are chosen for the ANNE IZARD STORYTELLERS' CHOICE AWARD, established in 1990 to honor Anne Izard, noted storyteller, librarian and consultant, who had died that same year. The award was established in her name by the Westchester County Library System (New York), where she served as the Children's Services Consultant for many years. The award highlights distinguished titles in the field of storytelling published for children and adults, and promotes the riches of storytelling to even wider audiences. Books considered for the 11th award must be original material, reprints, or new English translations published in North America between January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

Selection Criteria:

- While mindful of the established standards of excellence in literature, the primary intention of this award is to honor books that can be used with confidence as resources for storytellers.
- Stories must be entirely successful without depending upon illustrations, graphic elements, or audio-visual media.
- Collections, as well as individual picture book versions of stories, will be considered.
- Folk tales should be distinguished by an outstanding style, which makes the particular version notable. Authenticity, scholarship, and documentation will be taken into consideration, but are not the sole criteria.
- Distinguished examples of original stories should preserve, promote and/or honor an oral tradition.
- Non-fiction narratives, including poetry and biography, will be considered.
- Books which deepen and enrich a storyteller's understanding of the meaning and uses of story, as well as books pertaining to folk traditions, aesthetics, methods and study of storytelling are eligible.

The 2012 winners of the Anne Izard awards are:

- **Bateman, Teresa.** *The Leprechaun under the Bed.* Illustrated by Paul Meisel. Holiday House, 2012.
- **Clafin, Willy.** *Rapunzel and the Seven Dwarfs: A Maynard Moose Tale.* Illustrated by James Stimson. August House, 2011.
- **Ellis, Elizabeth.** *From Plot to Narrative: A Step-By-Step Process of Story Creation and Enhancement.* Parkhurst Brothers, Inc., 2012.
- **Ford, Lyn.** *Affrilachian Tales: Folktales from the African-American Appalachian Tradition.* Parkhurst Brothers, Inc., 2012.
- **Gotschall, Jonathan.** *The Storytelling Animal: How Stories Make Us Human.* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.
- **Hamilton, Mary.** *Kentucky Folktales: Revealing Stories, Truths, and Outright Lies.* University Press of Kentucky, 2012.
- **Lyon, George Ella.** *Which Side Are You On: The Story of a Song.* Illustrated by Christopher Cardinale. Cinco Puntos Press, 2011.
- **MacDonald, Margaret Read.** *The Boy from the Dragon Palace.* Illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa. Albert Whitman and Company, 2011.
- **Pinkney, Andrea Davis.** *Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America.* Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Hyperion Books an imprint of Disney/Jump at the Sun, 2012.
- **Pullman, Philip.** *Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm.* Viking Adult, 2012
- **Strauss, Linda Leopold.** *The Elijah's Door: A Passover Tale.* Illustrated by Alexie Natchev. Holiday House, 2012.
- **Suresha, Ron J** *The Uncommon Sense of the Immortal Mullah Nasruddin.* Lethe Press, 2011
- **Van Dusen, Chris.** *King Hugo's Huge Ego.* Candlewick, 2011.

Storytelling in the Mountains Supports KSA

Each spring for the past few years, the Harlan County Extension Office has supported KSA by hosting a storytelling event. This year's Storytelling in the Mountains takes place May 18, at 6:00 pm. at Harlan Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY 40831. The event is made possible not only through the support of the Harlan County Extension Office, but also through the generous contributions of storytellers who volunteer their time and expertise to support KSA. Telling this year are: David Benning - 2013 NYSS Torchbearer, Carson Latham - 2013 KYS Torchbearer, Noah Hughes - 2012 NYSS Torchbearer, Bill Watson, Maggie & Mike Beville, Charlie Hardy, Don Ray Smith, Betsy Fleisher, Bill Bowling, Pam Holcomb, Don (Buck P.) Creacy, Theresa Osborne, Gwenda Johnson, and Jeremy Williams. KSA member Pam Holcomb also volunteers her time to coordinate this event in support of KSA.

Directions to the Harlan County Extension Depot (110 River Street) From Lexington: Take I-75 South to Exit 29 (Barbourville / Corbin). At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto HWY 25 E.

Take HWY 25 E thru Corbin and Barbourville and into Pineville. At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto HWY 119 N to Harlan. Travel on 119 N for approximately 25 miles. Turn right at the traffic light at the end of 119 N onto HWY 421 S. Go to traffic light #5 and turn left onto HWY 38. At the flashing yellow light turn right and then turn left. The Harlan County Extension Depot will be on your right with parking at both ends.

Kentucky Voices

Have you ever wondered about the story behind the storyteller? Why do some folks end up telling stories publicly? What compels them? Tom Hailey created and hosts *Kentucky Voices and Views*, a podcast about interesting people, places and activities around Kentucky. Yes, everyone has stories to tell, and Tom conducts interviews that result in intriguing storytelling. However, not everyone quickly claims the title "storyteller." Among his interviews, all archived at www.kentuckyvoicesandviews.com are interviews with three men who have no hesitation about calling themselves storytellers – Buck P. Creacy, Bill Watson, and Jerry Young. Through Tom's interviews with each of them, you'll hear the story of how life led each to storytelling along very different paths.

KSA Reaches Out, and You Can Help

When the participants at the 2013 Kentucky Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts met for their annual conference in February 2013, KSA was there. Not bodily, for as you know, KSA has no employees to send anywhere. Instead, in their participant packets, all 200+ conference-goers received an informational rack card about KSA, along with an attached information card touting the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program and the 2013 Kentucky Storytelling Conference, plus a small annotated list of KSA website links chosen especially for their potential benefit to English and Language Arts teachers.

Do you know of other organizations you believe should hear from KSA? Who are they? How can KSA reach them? Do they have a conference? What information, in addition to rack cards, could KSA provide to be of service to the conference participants? Please, contact the KSA Secretary (contact info in the next article & on the Board Member list) to work on helping your Kentucky Storytelling Association reach out to organizations you know about.

Spreading the Word

Many Kentucky public libraries have racks where they allow information to be placed for the general public. Does yours? Is KSA info there? Have you noticed information racks in other places?

Cards are 4x9 inches and made to fit in standard display racks. Would they fit a space you know or fit in with other arts or organization information at that location? Perhaps a park, chamber office, senior center or museum? If you see appropriate information racks, make an inquiry. Find out who decides what information is included, and learn if KSA information can be there too. When you find a likely location, contact the KSA Secretary for rack cards. Then go back, and put the KSA rack cards out for others to pick up.

Would you feel more up to the job of placing KSA rack cards if you had a few samples you could show when you make inquiries? Request them from the KSA Secretary. Promoting KSA is something all members can do. **To learn more or request rack cards, contact:** Mary Hamilton, KSA Secretary, PO Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148 or secretary@kystory.org or 502-223-4523.

2013 Kentucky Storytelling Conference

Save the date! Mark your calendars for November 1 and 2 for the 2013 Kentucky Storytelling Conference at Greenbo State Resort Park, located in Greenup County in northeast Kentucky just eighteen miles north of I-64 from the Grayson exit.

The Conference has been designated as a 2013 National Storytelling Network Regional Spotlight Event! It was selected as one of only seven 2013 NSN Regional Spotlight Events, and the only one representing the Southeast Region. NSN is KSA's co-sponsor. For information about NSN, go to www.storynet.org.

This designation provides KSA with funding to support a conference thread, "Native American Storytelling in Kentucky – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The Kentucky Native Heritage Commission has agreed to work with KSA in the development of this conference thread.

As in the past, the Conference will still include a Story Slam, open mics, and additional workshops on a variety of topics. Watch the KSA website www.kystory.org to learn about workshop selected for the 2013 Conference.

It is never too early to ask for volunteers. Your Conference Committee needs you. If you are interested in helping create the conference, contact Conference Chair, Betsy Fleischer, at conference@kystory.org or leave a message at 859-734-3194. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

What's on the KSA Website?

This is the first of a series of articles, each looking at just one bit of information you can find on your KSA website www.kystory.org

Your website includes an Event Calendar. The event calendar is the place to go to locate storytelling events you can attend throughout Kentucky and in nearby areas of adjoining states. Events are labeled so you will know if the event is a storytelling performance, workshop, open-mic telling opportunity, contest, or more.

How are events selected for the Event Calendar? The calendar editor depends on you and other KSA members to send word whenever you hear of an open to the public storytelling event so news of it can be posted on the Event Calendar. Event information needs to be submitted at least by the 1st of the month before the event (by May 1 for events in June). You may also submit information

far, far in advance of the event. The earlier you submit information, the better the chance that others can see it, plan ahead, and attend the event.

How do you submit information? Several methods are possible. You can fill out the Event Calendar "Add Your Event" form you'll also find on the website when you select "Event Calendar." You can email information to calendar@kystory.org or you can mail event information to KSA, PO Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148. Allow extra time if you mail information because the KSA Secretary will need to retrieve the mailed info and forward it to the Calendar Editor.

What information is included? A typical Event Calendar listing includes the following information: Day of the week, Date, Title of event, Description, Location, Fee, Contact information. Information from the events calendar is printed as the next article, but visit the website – the calendar there is updated monthly, while your newsletter only reaches you quarterly.

So, there you have it – just one bit of information available at www.kystory.org Spread the word to storytelling fans and potential fans. Encourage them to visit the Event Calendar and support the art of storytelling by attending storytelling events. And remember, if you hear about an upcoming storytelling event, don't be shy, tell your KSA Calendar Editor so others can learn about the event too.

Events Calendar

The KSA Calendar lists public storytelling events in Kentucky and adjoining states. 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.

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 pm. 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.

April 2013

P – Saturday, April 13, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Chicken Soup for the Chicken told by Kevin Kling, sponsored by Tube Processing. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - Tickets \$20, Door \$25. To buy tickets, call 317-232-1882 or buy online at www.storytellingarts.org

C, K, O, - Monday, April 29, 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. A Kentucky Storytelling Association, Wandering Storytellers event

presented in partnership 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, April 30, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Derby. 6:00 Doors open, 8:00 pm. Stories begin. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2013-04>

May 2013

O – Thursday, May 2, SpeakEasy: true stories, told live. 7:00 pm. Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, Columbus, OH. Storytelling open-mic for adults. Different topic each month. For more information: <http://www.speakeasybus.com/>

P, W – Saturday, May 4, OOPS Storytelling Conference, Mt. Vernon, OH. Sponsored by the Ohio Order for Preservation of Storytelling. For more information: www.oopstorytelling.org

K, Saturday, May 18, KSA Board meeting. Details in this newsletter issue.

K, P – Saturday, May 18, Storytelling in the Mountains, Harlan, KY. Details in this newsletter issue!

C, O – Tuesday, May 28, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Envy. 6:00 Doors open, 8:00 pm. Stories begin. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2013-05>

June 2013

C, D, K – June 1, Entry Deadline for Kentucky Youth Storytelling. Details at [KSA Youth Storytelling](#).

O – Thursday, June 6, SpeakEasy: true stories, told live. 7:00 pm. Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, Columbus, OH. Storytelling open-mic for adults. Different topic each month. For more information: <http://www.speakeasybus.com/>

K, O, P - Monday, June 24, “How Humans Became the Storytelling Animal” featuring Paschal Baute, plus open-mic storytelling opportunities. 7:00 – 8:45 pm. Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. A Kentucky Storytelling Association Wandering Storytellers event for adults and older teens 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, June 25, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Fathers. 6:00 Doors open, 8:00 pm. Stories begin. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2013-06>

KSA Board meeting

The next KSA Board meeting will take place at 284 Maple Grove Road, Orlando, Kentucky on Saturday May 18th beginning at 10:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend KSA Board meetings.

KSA General Membership meeting

The annual KSA General Membership Meeting will take place on November 2nd at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park, Greenup, Kentucky. The meeting is currently scheduled for 2:00 pm, but because the meeting is part of the 2013 Kentucky Storytelling Conference, and the complete conference schedule is not final yet, the starting time is subject to change. All members may attend the General Membership Meeting, whether you register to attend the rest of the Conference or not.

Newsletter deadlines -- March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1

All KSA members are encouraged to submit information, announcements, news and stories. Submit to any officer who can forward the information or send directly to newsletter@kystory.org.

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KSA has no paid employees, so all work is done by Board Members and Committee Members and additional volunteers. Want to help? Volunteer to work with a committee. Learn more about any KSA Committee by contacting the Committee Chair below:

- **Conference:** Betsy Fleischer, conference@kystory.org or 859-734-3194
- **Kentucky Youth Storytelling:** Gwenda Johnson kys@kystory.org, 606-207-9769
- **Wandering Storytellers:** Charles Wright, 502-223-4523 or wanderingtellers@kystory.org
- **Communications Committee:** Charles Wright 502-223-4523 or communications@kystory.org
The committee to contact to volunteer to help with the KSA's website, KSA's Facebook page, or with Publicity and Public Relations.
- **Fundraising:** Octavia Sexton, fundraising@kystory.org or 606-308-4203
- **Membership:** Donna Slaton Membership@kystory.org 270-871-3719
- **Nominating:** Charles Wright Nominating@kystory.org 502-223- (This is the committee to contact if you are interested in Board service.)