

# Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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## President's Column

President Donna Slaton

Dear KSA

As we begin 2014, let us focus on Stories Connecting People. Please share your stories to uplift and entertain, to teach and train, and also to share the joys of telling and listening.

At the 2013 Conference during the annual meeting a Membership Recruitment Contest was announced which will offer a free 2014 Conference registration to the current Member who recruits the most new members before the end of July 30, 2014.

Our 2014 Conference will be toward the center of our long state in Bowling Green, KY, on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

More details as they are available, but save the date now and start encouraging family and friends to join us for workshops, open mic, story slam, and outstanding story concerts!

Also, please check our website and Facebook page often.

Hope to hear you and see you in the coming year. Please feel free to call me or email if you have questions or suggestions (270-871-3719 or [President@kystory.org](mailto:President@kystory.org)).

P.S. A special welcome to newest board member Secretary Patti Moore from Owensboro and a hearty welcome back to past President Russ Conrad who is a new at-large board member. Their contact information along with all board members is on website. [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org)

## **Wandering Storytellers** by Charles Wright, Wandering Storytellers Chair

In October Wandering Storytellers held its fourth Story Slam of the year. Three tellers competed. Jerry Young won. Rus Westbrook placed second, and Lee Edgerton placed third. We would like to thank Starbucks for donating one of the prizes. The next Story Slam will be January 27<sup>th</sup>, so bring your five-minute tale if you'd like to compete. Listeners are always welcome, and you can also volunteer to judge.

On Veterans Day we had a special Wandering Storytellers featuring veterans telling stories. Thanks to Jerry Young and Paschal Baute for arranging for the tellers.

In November Jerry Young was the featured teller, and again there was open mic telling afterwards. Gwenda Johnson accompanied by Jo Ann Butts was the featured teller in December, where toilet stories were told, along with more open mic telling (some of which also had to do with toilets).

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.

On Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> the featured teller will be Russ Conrad. On Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>, Mary Hamilton will be the featured telling "Athena Did What?, Tales From Greek Mythology"

If you would like to set up a Wandering Storytellers event in your area please contact me at [wanderingtellers@kystory.org](mailto:wanderingtellers@kystory.org).

## **KYS Torchbearer Invited to NYS** by Mary Hamilton

Noah Hughes, 2013 Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearer, has been invited to participate in the National Youth Storytelling Showcase, March 13-15, 2014 at the Timpanogos Storytelling Conference, Provo, Utah. From submissions received from throughout the United States, the National Youth Storytelling Showcase selects eight to ten youth storytellers to be National Torchbearers.

While at the Timpanogos Storytelling Conference, NYSS participants meet other youth tellers and attend extra-curricular events with them. During the Conference, the NYSS tellers will attend a workshop presented by Andy Offutt Irwin, "Material Search: Teaching the Stories to Come to You." Andy describes the workshop session as "We will practice relaxation and observation skills, and play games in order to capture the stories that are all around us. Because, you know, right after that successful day of telling stories, you get that stop-in-your-tracks realization that you know you have to come up with new stuff! And then you tell those new stories. And then you have to make up more stuff. And then you tell those new stories. And then you have to make up more. And tell...and make up..and tell..." Andy Offutt Irwin will also emcee the National Youth Storytelling Showcase Concert, where Kentucky's Noah Hughes will be one of the tellers, at the Provo Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 12:15 – 1:30 pm. on Saturday, March 15th. Some of the other workshops offered during the conference are also open to the NYSS tellers, and some of them also perform at area schools during the NYSS event.

Noah is a three-time Kentucky Torchbearer and was a NYSS Torchbearer in 2012. He enjoys telling stories from Andy Griffith's earlier work, including "What It Was, Was Football" and "Redneck Romeo and Juliet." He is a senior at Harlan County High School, where he is a member of the cross country team. He is also active in the school's media department.

While the expenses of the National Youth Storytelling Torchbearers are covered while they are in Utah, their travel expenses are not. KSA has presented Noah with a \$100.00 travel stipend to help defray his travel expenses to Utah. If you wish to make a personal gift to help Noah with travel expenses, mail your check or money order to Noah Hughes, 411 Scott Avenue, Cumberland, KY 40823.

Congratulations, Noah! We are proud to know you!

## **What's on the Website?** by Mary Hamilton

"Support KSA" is a website selection that in the past led you to a page where you could make a donation to KSA via PayPal. When you visit this page now, you'll notice a slight change. Yes, you can still make a single donation, and now you also have the option of setting up recurring donations. When arranging a recurring donation, you specify the amount of your donation, how many times (up to twelve), and how frequently (monthly or yearly) you want to donate. KSA will then receive your recurring donations via PayPal. Here's a link to the Support KSA page: <http://www.kystory.org/support/donation-form.shtml>

## **Conference 2013** by Betsy Fleischer, Conference Chair

It was a great, no kidding, great conference! With our two new partners, the National Storytelling Network and the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission, our offerings were expanded in new directions. There was digital; there was tandem; there was personal; there were ghosts; there was poetry; there was ethics; there was Native American history, story and song; there was laughter; there was sharing; there was much discussion; there was friendship-making, and old friends. The youth tellers were represented during the evening concert to wonderful extent. All those who put their names in the hats regaled, touched, and/or provoked the listeners. Evaluations were positive, and unanimous on keeping a variety of workshop topics instead of having a theme.

Much thanks goes out to the volunteers who made the conference possible and made it run smoothly. Without them the conference would become a one-pony show. No, no! We want the whole carousel! And thanks to you we did!!

## **2014 Conference News** by Mary Hamilton and Betsy Fleischer

The 2014 Kentucky Storytelling Conference will take place November 7 – 8, 2014 at the Holiday Inn University Plaza and Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green, Kentucky. So mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

New to the Conference events this year will be a pre-conference during the day on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. “Developing Student Storytellers” a six-hour workshop for teachers, librarians, storytellers, youth workers – up to 30 participants -- interested in an interactive workshop that presents practical ideas for helping young people become confident storytellers. The pre-conference workshop presenter is Judy Sima, co-author of *Raising Voices: Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes*.

Judy Sima is known across the country for her practical, interactive workshops with educators, librarians, students and families. She is a frequent presenter at the National Storytelling Conference, American Association of School Librarians, Michigan Reading Association and Michigan Association for Media in Education. Judy is a leading authority on youth storytelling. With over 20 years experience coaching students and adults, Judy has helped many others to become storytellers.

Judy Sima earned a Master’s Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan, and served as a school library media specialist for the Warren Fitzgerald Public Schools for over 35 years. She recently retired from teaching to fulfill her commitment to sharing the world of stories with children and adults, educators, librarians, and families. Judy is the recipient of the Michigan Association for Media in Education Ruby Brown Award for Individual Excellence, the Michigan Association for Media in Education Mentor Award, and the National Storytelling Network Oracle Service and Leadership Award for the North Central Region. *Raising Voices*, co-authored with Kevin Cordi, published by Libraries Unlimited, has received numerous awards including a Storytelling World Honor Award, VOYA Five Foot Bookshelf, and the Anne IZard Storyteller’s Choice Award.

Judy’s enthusiasm is contagious! Participants will complete the pre-conference workshop ready and eager to help young people develop storytelling skills.

Pre-registration is required for the Pre-conference, and you may register now by mail (watch your email for a notification when online registration becomes available), by mailing your check or money order (payable to KSA) to: KSA, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148. KSA does accept Purchase Orders.

### Rates:

Pre-conference only: \$70.00 (book not included)

Pre-conference plus the full Conference (includes book, *Raising Voices* – a \$37 retail value): \$100 for KSA Members; \$115 for Non-members.

About refunds: Because pre-conference participation is limited to thirty, in the event of a pre-conference sellout, any pre-conference registrations received after a sellout will be refunded in full immediately. Pre-registration payments for Pre-conference or Conference may be 50% refunded if written notice of cancellation is received by October 15, 2014. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that date.

## **KSA at National Homiletics Event** by Mary Hamilton

The National Academy of Homiletics Conference took place at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on December 5 – 7, 2013, and KSA was there. Our members helped staff an information table on behalf of both the National Storytelling Network and the Kentucky Storytelling Association. The conference theme was preaching as difficult conversation. KSA/NSN member Don Creacy facilitated a workshop on using storytelling as a way of approaching difficult topics. KSA/NSN members Don Creacy and Mary Hamilton, and KSA Members Don Ray Smith, Russ Conrad, and Charles Wright took turns staffing the information table. Their efforts represented a total of 47.5 volunteer hours (including booth set-up and take-down, travel time, and time working the booth). They also spent over \$30 on bus fare and parking, all donated. In addition, they succeeded in gathering contact information from over fifty participants, approximately 1/3 of the full conference attendees. Information gathered is being shared by both Kentucky Storytelling Association and the National Storytelling Network. While there, KSA also learned about another Kentucky-based organization with an interest in storytelling skills. (see Article below)

## **Academy of Preachers** by Mary Hamilton

The Louisville, KY based Academy of Preachers is an organization whose mission is “to identify, network, support, and inspire young people in their call to gospel preaching.” KSA members staffing the booth at the National Academy of Homiletics Conference talked with Academy of Preachers founder Dwight Moody and learned about our shared interests. Just as KSA wants to encourage storytelling among young people, and we know they will need basic public speaking skills to succeed, the Academy of Preachers knows the young people they hope to reach, generally ages 14 – 28, will also need basic public speaking skills including the skill of storytelling.

The Academy of Preachers holds an annual National Festival of Young Preachers in early January each year. The 2014 Festival is taking place in Indianapolis, Indiana at the time this article is being written. The annual Festival includes a Gospel Slam where young people compete in preaching. David Benning -- a young person familiar to KSA because David has been a Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearer again and again from about age six and he’s now entering his teen-age years – was among the competitors in the 2014 Gospel Slam. KSA member Don Creacy attended the Gospel Slam and provided this report, “Dave participated in this evening’s Preaching Slam, he made a fine showing but did not win. However he drew an appreciative standing ovation for his efforts. They, like we, love him.”

The focus of the Academy of Preachers throughout 2014 in preparation for their 2015 Festival scheduled for Dallas, Texas, will be the theme “Tell Me a Story” so this organization and ours certainly share an understanding of the importance of storytelling and storytelling skills. If you want to learn more about the Academy of Preachers and the National Festival of Young Preachers, visit [Academy of Preachers](#)

Congratulations David Benning, we know whatever you presented at the Gospel Slam, you made it compelling thanks to your storytelling skills!

## **Board Meeting Announcement**

The next meeting of your KSA Board will be Saturday, February 15, starting at 9:45 a.m. in the meeting room above Completely Kentucky, 237 West Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky. All KSA members are welcome to attend KSA board meetings. Please note this meeting is in a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room (no elevator access/stairs only) above the Completely Kentucky store. You walk through the store to reach the stairway. Completely Kentucky opens at 9:30; KSA Board meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. For questions about the February Board meeting contact Mary Hamilton 502-223-4523, [president-elect@kystory.org](mailto:president-elect@kystory.org)

Dates and contact persons for additional 2014 KSA Board meetings are posted on the KSA website at: [Board Meeting Dates](#)

## **KYS News – Cash Prize \$100!** by Mary Hamilton

Now's the time to encourage young tellers to enter the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program. Entries are submitted via DVD and may be submitted by any young Kentuckian who will be ages 8 – 17 as of the June 1<sup>st</sup> contest entry deadline. New this year will be a \$100 cash prize for each Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearer. The competition is open to solo tellers and tandem teams (tandem teams split the prize money). In addition to the \$100 cash prize, Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers are invited to tell at Storytelling in the Mountains in Harlan, KY each spring and at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference each fall. Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers also receive a plaque and invitations to perform at other events as opportunities arise. Most years, this also includes an invitation to perform at The Kentucky State Fair. There are no fees to enter the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Showcase. To learn more about story lengths, how to prepare and mail the DVD entry, and how entries will be judged, visit the Youth Storytelling pages on the KSA website, here: <http://www.kystory.org/progs-and-activs/youth-storytelling.shtml>

## **Goodsearch for KSA** adapted from Goodsearch website by Mary Hamilton

Joining and using Goodsearch.com is one way to raise funds for the Kentucky Storytelling Association. Last year Goodsearch donated \$29.27 to KSA based on the October 2012 – September 2013 online activities of folks who selected Kentucky Storytelling Association as the charity to receive donations from their Goodsearch actions.

How does it work? Goodsearch donates money to KSA when you search the internet, shop online, or dine out at specific restaurants! Use Goodsearch.com to search the internet and they donate a penny per search to KSA. Use Goodshop.com when you shop online and they donate a percentage of every purchase and offer over 100,000 coupons to help you save money too! Sign up for their Goodining program and they'll donate a percentage of your restaurant bill when you eat at any one of thousands of participating restaurants. It's really easy; it's free and turns simple everyday actions into a way to make the world a better place.

It's been a few years since KSA first registered with Goodsearch, so it seems like a good time to remind KSA members, old and new, about this easy way to support KSA. Over the years a total of \$633.81 has been raised for KSA through Goodsearch. Please sign up today to help support your Kentucky Storytelling Association.

Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) to get started.

And thanks for allowing your internet use to support KSA.

## **Dues Overdue?** by Mary Hamilton

If you've not yet paid your membership dues, they are now overdue. KSA dues always expire at the end of October. Everyone received a reminder back in the fall, and if you didn't pay then, you received another reminder in December. If you've still not gotten around to making that dues payment, please know you'll receive one more reminder. Also, please understand this issue will be your final KSA Newsletter. Member dues and donations are a major source of KSA income, helping finance the Kentucky Storytelling Conference, the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program, the Kentucky Storytelling Association website, and more. If you've already renewed your membership, thank you. If you just aren't sure if you've renewed or not, feel free to contact Mary Hamilton, [president-elect@kystory.org](mailto:president-elect@kystory.org) to ask, or just wait for another reminder – one will be arriving soon!

## **New Storytelling Festival** by Mary Hamilton

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is home to the newest storytelling festival in Kentucky. Mark your calendars for April 11-13, 2014 and make your travel plans. Storytellers for this inaugural event will be KSA Members Don Creacy and Pam Holcomb, Ohio-based storyteller Stephen Hollen, and Indiana-based storyteller “Jack’s Mama” Sharon Kirk Clifton. All four certainly know how to spin a compelling tale, so there’s sure to be plenty of entertainment throughout the weekend.

In addition, the storytelling festival weekend takes place just before a full moon, so there’s a chance you’ll even be able to see a moonbow – a phenomenon which appears in the mist at Cumberland Falls and nowhere else in the Western Hemisphere!

As of press time, other details are not available. To stay up to date as they become available, visit the Festival’s Facebook page [Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival Facebook](#). Like the page while you are there to receive updates through Facebook. You will also be able to learn details through the park website [Cumberland Falls State Park](#) or by calling the park at 606-528-4121. Rooms at the park’s beautiful and historic DuPont Lodge may be reserved by calling 800-325-0063. Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is located fifteen miles west of Corbin at 7351 Highway 90, Corbin, KY 40701.

**GPS Location:** N 36.83853 W -84.33849

## **KSA on Facebook** by Mary Hamilton

Yes, KSA has a Facebook page. Visit it [here](#). Five hundred forty-three Facebook users have chosen to like the KSA page. If you also participate in Facebook, please like the KSA page and invite your friends to like it too. Information about KSA-affiliated events and other KSA news is posted there to help the general public learn more about storytelling in Kentucky. If we all work together, we can increase the number of people hearing from and about KSA through Facebook.

## **New Links** by Mary Hamilton

Here are a couple of new links from the KSA Website. Yes, KSA has a links page with every link annotated to help you decide whether or not it’s for you. Check it out at [www.kystory.org](#). Select Links.

[How to Tell a Story](#) Enjoy this video “How to Tell a Story: Quick-Learn Storytelling Techniques!” from Sean Buvala. Appropriate for use with both youth and adult tellers. The presentation is like viewing an old-time silent movie – fun to watch and useful advice.

[Language, Literacy and Storytelling](#) This blog by storyteller Donna Washington includes an ongoing series of storytelling advice called “The Storytellers Toolkit” in which she is looking at specific tools such as voice, eyes, hands, facial expressions. Clear advice with video examples from various tellers included.

## **Upcoming Storytelling Events**

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

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.

## 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](http://www.msuradio.com).

## January 2014

**P – Friday, January 17**, The Uncalled for Trio featuring Bil Lepp, Kim Weitkamp and Andy Offutt Irwin is in Cape Girardeau with an unforgettable showcase highlighting three of the country's most talented storytellers telling together on the same stage. 7:00 p.m. "An Evening of Storytelling" Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall at Southeast Missouri University's River Campus, South Fountain Street, Cape Girardeau, MO. Produced through a partnership with the Cape Girardeau Convention and Visitors Bureau and Southeast Missouri State University. Tickets: \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 14 and under. Information at: [info@visitcape.com](mailto:info@visitcape.com), 800-777-0068 or 573-335-1631, [www.visitcape.com/storytelling](http://www.visitcape.com/storytelling)

**P – Saturday, January 18**, "Coyote This and Rabbit That, Native Trickster Tales" told by Tim Tingle. 1 p.m. Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, 500 Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Free with admission to the museum. Program suitable for families with children ages 5 and up.

**ASL, P – Saturday, January 18**, "From Boarding School to Alcatraz, the Clarence Carnes Story" told by Tim Tingle. 7:30 – 9:30. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - \$20. Door - \$25. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org)

**C, K, O, - Monday, January 27**, Story Slam, open-mic, competitive, five-minute time limit storytelling for adults and older teens. Yes, prizes awarded! 7:00 – 8:45 pm. Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. 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](http://www.ksa-storytellers.com)

**C, O – Tuesday, January 28**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Vices. 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=2014-01>

**P – Friday, January 31**, "Sharing Hoosier History Through Stories: Red Skelton" Told by Stephanie Holman. 8 – 9 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - \$10. Door - \$15. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org)

## February 2014

**O – Wednesday, February 5**, Rivertown Storytellers, a group dedicated to the art of storytelling and all tellers and listeners are welcome. 6:30 p.m. Ohio Township Central Library, Newburgh, IN. For more information: [www.rivertownstorytellers.com](http://www.rivertownstorytellers.com), Mary Jo Huff, 812-455-1558.

**O – Thursday, February 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 – Saturday, February 15**, KSA Board Meeting, Frankfort, KY. For more information: Mary Hamilton, [president-elect@kystory.org](mailto:president-elect@kystory.org), 502-223-4523.

**ASL, P – Friday, February 21**, "Twisted Tales" told by Bil Lepp and Kim Weitkamp. 7:30 – 8:30. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets - \$5 for children ages 5 – 12, \$10 for adults. Children free with Indianapolis Library card; must be accompanied by an adult. Reserve free seats or purchase tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or go on-line at [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org) Program suitable for families with children 5 and up.

**ASL, P – Saturday, February 22**, "Life, Love and Other Headaches" told by Bil Lepp and Kim Weitkamp. 7:30 – 9:30. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - \$20. Door - \$25. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org)

**K, O, P - Monday, February 24**, Wandering Storytellers featuring **Russ Conrad**, plus open-mic storytelling opportunities -- stories for adults and older teens. 7:00 – 8:45 pm. 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, January 28**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Love Hurts. 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=2014-02>

## **March 2014**

**ASL, P – Saturday, March 8**, “Raven Ravin’ Misbehavin’: A Program of Mischief, Independence... and One Bewildered Motorcycle Cop” told by Beth Horner. 7:30 – 9:30. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - \$20. Door - \$25. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org)

**P – Friday, March 21**, “If These Walls Could Tell: The History of Brookside Mansion” Told by Lou Ann Homan. 8 – 9 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - \$10. Door - \$15. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org)

**K, O, P - Monday, March 31**, Wandering Storytellers featuring **Mary Hamilton’s** “Athena Did What?, Tales From Greek Mythology”, plus open-mic opportunities, Stories for Adults and Older Teens. 7:00 – 8:45 pm. 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](#)

## **April 2014**

**O – Wednesday, April 2**, Rivertown Storytellers, a group dedicated to the art of storytelling and all tellers and listeners are welcome. 6:30 p.m. Ohio Township Central Library, Newburgh, IN. For more information: [www.rivertownstorytellers.com](http://www.rivertownstorytellers.com), Mary Jo Huff, 812-455-1558

**P – Friday, April 11 – Sunday, April 13**, Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival, featuring Stephen Hollen, Pam Holcomb, “Buck P” Creacy, and Jack’s Mama (Sharon Kirk Clifton). Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, 7351 Hwy. 90, Corbin, KY 4070.

**ASL, P – Friday, April 11**, “I Don’t Know: Songs and Stories about Growing Up” told by Bill Harley. 7:30 – 8:30. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets - \$5 for children ages 5 – 12, \$10 for adults. Children free with Indianapolis Library card; must be accompanied by an adult. Reserve free seats or purchase tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or go on-line at [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org) Program suitable for families with children 5 and up.

**ASL, P – Saturday, April 12**, “A Place Called Home” told by Bill Harley. 7:00 – 9:30. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Advance Tickets - \$20. Door - \$25. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit [www.storytellingarts.org](http://www.storytellingarts.org)

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