

# Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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## President's Column

President Donna Slaton

Happy Spring Storytellers,

Dear KSA Members, I am delighted to tell you that we have several new members and Jerry Young is still at the top of the recruiting race so please spread the good word about storytelling and all the exciting things KSA is doing.

Board member Gwenda Huff-Johnson has been forging ahead through winter weather to plan a radio show, a declaration for storytelling week in September and the encouragement of youth tellers with KYS announcements on the web and throughout the Commonwealth.

Congratulations to our youth teller, Noah Hughes, who has returned from his trip to the national youth event in Utah.

Mary Hamilton Program Chair and Betsy Fleisher Conference Chair are hard at work lining up a great schedule for the Storytelling Conference, Nov. 7-8 in Bowling Green, KY.

Wandering Storytellers, chaired by Charles Wright, continues to keep quality storytelling as a regular program on our calendar and a popular event in the Lexington area.

We have lots of opportunities for you to get involved and share the joy of storytelling. Check out our website [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org) for calendar, KYS, and Conference news. Share with friends and family the link, any chance you get.

Tell your story and help us tell KSA's story. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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

In January Wandering Storytellers held its first Story Slam of the year. Three tellers competed. Jerry Young won. Bill Watson placed second, and Billy Goldsmith placed third. The next Story Slam will be Monday April 28<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.

In February Russ Conrad was the featured teller, and again there was open mic telling afterwards. Mary Hamilton was the featured teller in March, with her program of Greek myths entitled "Athena Did What?".

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.

There will not be a Wandering Storytellers on May 26<sup>th</sup> due to the library closing early for Memorial Day. Wandering Storytellers will return on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> with the featured teller being Bill Watson.

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).

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

Have you ever wondered why or how the KSA Board members make decisions? You'll find essential background information explaining their actions on the KSA website.

**What KSA does** is determined by the KSA Mission and Goals. You'll find those on the KSA website here: <http://www.kystory.org/about-KSA/mission-and-goals.shtml>. Every public KSA activity connects with the KSA Mission and Goals. For example, the Teller Wanted form, the Teller Directory, and the Event Calendar on the website help with Goal 3 "To connect listeners, tellers, and event planners by serving as a clearinghouse for storytelling information." Producing the Kentucky Storytelling Conference helps with Goal 4 "To provide instruction for people of all ages seeking to develop and improve their storytelling skills." When you receive a request from your KSA Board asking if you are available to help staff a KSA table at a conference sponsored by a different organization, you are seeing evidence of Goal 2.b "To seek on-going support, understanding, and appreciation for storytelling as a valuable component in many professions including, but not limited to, education, law, medicine, ministry, politics, and business." and Goal 5. "To work with government agencies, businesses, organizations, and other groups to find new ways to bring storytelling to the public."

On the KSA website, you'll find the overall KSA Mission Statement -- "The Kentucky Storytelling Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization whose mission is to develop on-going support and appreciation for storytelling in the Commonwealth." -- and six specific KSA Goals. Take a look. You might discover you have ideas you'd like to volunteer to make happen that will help KSA improve the work of fulfilling its mission and goals. Your KSA Board cannot possibly accomplish the work of KSA alone, so volunteers are always welcome.

**How KSA is governed** is determined by the KSA Bylaws. You'll find the current KSA Bylaws here: <http://www.kystory.org/about-KSA/BylawsAugust172013.pdf>. These bylaws are similar to those of most non-profit membership organizations. In addition, some Board actions -- think "behind the scenes" as compared with more public KSA activities -- are not specified by KSA Bylaws or guided by the KSA Mission and Goals, but are determined by regulations that set requirements for non-profits. Such information is not on the website, but is printed in Board Manuals, provided to every KSA Board member to help them meet their responsibilities to be sure KSA fulfills legal requirements and stays financially healthy. Examples of legal requirements for non-profits include registering yearly with the Kentucky Secretary of State's office, filing an IRS Form 990 electronic postcard, and registering with the Kentucky Attorney General's office because KSA conducts fund-raising activities. In addition, non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, like KSA, are required to raise funds to show they do indeed have public support, and truth be told, without fund-raising the most important actions of KSA -- the actions that tie directly to the KSA Mission and Goals -- would simply not be possible.

Elsewhere in this KSA Newsletter, you are sure to find opportunities for you to become even more involved in KSA. Please consider them, and thank you for being a Kentucky Storytelling Association member.

## **2014 Conference News** by Betsy Fleischer

As of March 15, we have 12 workshops submitted for 9 slots. The selection committee will have a hard job deciding on the line-up.

We have new, new, new, never been done before, for your conference this year.

For the first time ever we will be having a pre-conference six-hour workshop on Friday!!! Judy Sima will be the presenter. And also new this year we will not have one, but two featured tellers!! Judy Sima and Pam Holcomb! See the KSA website for details on our two featured tellers. And sign up now!! for the pre-conference only, the conference only, or for both.

Also new this year is an "Early Bird at last year's prices" registration. If you register by May 31, all KSA and NSN members only pay \$30 for a single, or \$75 for a family of three or more. Non-members pay \$45 for a single, or \$110 for a family of three or more.

If you register by October 7, all KSA and NSN members only pay \$40 for a single, or \$95 for a family of three or more. Non-members pay \$60 for a single, or \$135 for a family of three or more. If you register after October 7 or at the door, everyone pays \$80 for a single, or \$175 for a family of three or more.

Call for Volunteers: Good Folks, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in the conference in a "behind the curtain" role. The conference needs folks to be room monitors, timers, slam judges, story store clerks, emcees, put up signs, door prize chair, registration table helpers, game leader, set-up crew, and tear down crew. No job is arduous. No job is for the entire conference. All jobs give satisfaction and make the conference keep on truckin'. It is never too early to contact Betsy Fleischer, Conference Chair to let her know what you would like to help with. [The sooner the better as she wants all her ducks in a row by June 1st.] [Right after you read the newsletter is a great time :) ]

## **Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival** updated by Charles Wright

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.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

Friday, April 11	7:00 pm	Indoor Concert
	10:00 pm	Ghost Walk at Cumberland Falls
Saturday April 12	2:00 pm	Matinee Show
	7:00 pm	Indoor Concert
Sunday April 13	10:00 pm	Haint Tales in the campground
	10:00 am	Sacred Stories at Cumberland Falls
	1:00 pm	Matinee Show

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!

Cost for the entire weekend is \$35.00. Group and family rates are available. Ghost Walks and Haint Tales are an additional \$5.00 per person.

To stay up to date on festival details 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

Entries now being accepted!

# Kentucky Youth Storytelling Competition

Tell a 7 — 11 minute story and win.

Up to five winners selected.

**Prizes include**

\$100 cash      A Plaque

One year Kentucky Storytelling Association membership

Invitations to tell stories at events

Entry Deadline: June 1st

Entry Method: DVD submitted by mail

Must be a KY resident, age 8 — 17 on June 1st deadline

For contest judging guidelines, entry forms and instructions,  
see "Youth Storytelling" at [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org)

(or request contest information by mail from  
KSA , P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604)



## **Kentucky Youth Storytelling** by Gwenda Johnson

The Kentucky Youth Storytelling committee and other members of the KSA board have been hard at work this quarter to market the KYS competition.

The Kentucky Youth Storytelling committee designed a KYS flyer for the website and helped other members of the PR and KYS committees write a blurb to send to radio stations, use as a Facebook, or other social media, status, or as an e-mail to teachers. The use of the flyer and blurb are limited only by the user's imagination. So feel free to be creative. Visit <http://www.kystory.org/progs-and-activs/youth-storytelling.shtml> to learn about the Kentucky Youth Storytelling program. The blurb can be found at the end of this article.

KSA President, Donna Slaton, emailed several teachers and librarians in western KY with the offer to make a presentation in their classroom about KYS or send them information they can give to students. With this winter's relentless weather it has been hard to communicate with teachers or schools. During her time telling stories to a Girl Scout troop in Feb, Donna gave them each a flyer. Donna will be handing out KYS information along with KSA cards at Hanson Village Arts Festival March 29, an all day event.

President elect, Mary Hamilton, sent KYS information to every University of Kentucky hosted, education-based listserv including those for Kentucky's school librarians, family resource & youth service centers, elementary teachers, arts & humanities teachers, middle & high school literacy programs, drama teachers, English teachers, and literacy project participants. She also sent information to people from her personal e-mail contact list who have connections with schools or with children ages 8 – 17, to any teachers and librarians she has worked with, and any folks she knows with children or grandchildren of the appropriate age, and she asked all of them to help spread the word.

Board Member, Jerry Young called in to an open topic radio talk show hosted by Scott Johnson on WVLK AM. The station recorded a short infomercial that he has heard them broadcast. He has also given flyers to Boy and Girl Scouts in Lexington. He has mailed flyers to youth ministers and friends who home school their children.

KYS Chair, Gwenda Johnson, sent the blurb to all County Extension Agents in Kentucky, to all school teachers in her home county, and posted it as her Facebook status. She is also going into classrooms during March and April to talk about KYS.

She and Russ Conrad appeared on WMKY's Front Page promoting KSA and the Youth Storytelling Program on March 17<sup>th</sup>. You can hear the interview at: <http://wmky.org/post/kentucky-storytelling-association>.

This year's torchbearer, Noah Hughes enjoyed his participation in the National Youth Storytelling Showcase in Utah. Pam Holcomb, who has worked with Noah throughout his youth storytelling involvement said, "I'm super proud of our 2 time National Youth storyteller, Noah Hughes. Noah plans to use storytelling in the future. He's going to attend Morehead University and major in broadcasting. Noah is a senior at Harlan County High School."

As Chair, I thank everyone for the effort to market KSA's Youth Storytelling program. The flyer is part of this newsletter. Please feel free to copy it and pass it to anyone you think might help our effort to involved young people in storytelling. Or download it at <http://www.kystory.org/progs-and-activs/youth-storytelling.shtml> scroll to the bottom of the page and click the link.

**Blurb:** Entries are now being accepted for the **Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition** open to youth ages 8-17 at entry deadline June 1st. Entrants must submit a 7-11 minute story on DVD no later than June 1st of each year. **Winners** will receive a **cash prize of \$100.00**; a plaque designating them as a Kentucky Torchbearer; One Year Free Membership in **Kentucky Storytelling Association**; recognition and an opportunity to tell on stage at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference in November and other events. Rules, judging guidelines, entry form and permission slip can be found at <http://www.kystory.org/progs-and-activs/youth-storytelling.shtml> or contact **KYS Chair Gwenda Huff-Johnson**, [kys@kystory.org](mailto:kys@kystory.org), for more information.

## **Let's have a party!** by Paschal Baute

Breaking News! Here is your invitation to become part of **Kentucky's newest storytelling festival**, to be held in Central Kentucky this summer (Lexington) **Designed in particular for Special Needs Children. A steering committee is being formed during next 3 weeks.**

Inspiration: My grandkids are undergoing vision loss and other life-threatening issues because of a rare genetic blood disorder. For a while, we assumed it was only the older that has been getting treatment since age 4, but now we have discovered it is also his younger sister. This has been going on for some time, but now they are both undergoing chemo and bone marrow transplant, at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. There they see children from all over the world with severe health issues and some not getting well. The Ronald McDonald House across the street is fabulous place after the long hospital stay. So our whole family has become tuned in to a different population that we are now part of.

Having enjoyed my storytelling at Cassidy Elementary for years, they said, "These kids need your stories, Poppy!"

I said, "There is a way to reach lotsa children" (like Carolyn Franzini does at Cave Run and what happens at Jonesboro, been there four times since 1980). "We could have a **STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**. Furthermore, I know lotsa very good storytellers".

'Wow!' they said, "**Let's have a party!**"

So we are going to have a storytelling party. Lexington Spellbinders have given the idea an enthusiastic response. My Blind Veterans Chapter wants to endorse and help sponsor it. Maybe you know another organization which would get on board?

So now, for the next three weeks, we are enlisting a steering committee of persons who want to make this happen. We will probably do all of this online. And by end of April be selecting tasks.

Will you help? Lots of special needs children can catch new dreams through storytelling. Who will pitch in to lend a hand?

***Become a Dream catcher for these children?***

## **Become A Dream Catcher For Special Needs Kids**

An invitation from Paschal Baute

One out of 20 children is born handicapped. One out of 8, 15%, has some special need, handicap, adversity, trauma, or loss that slows learning and growing. I was one of these "lost kids" until one teacher changed my life, at age 13, by believing in me. More than other children these kids need to find hope and inspiration to cope with adversity. If we can save one child from despair, this project is worthwhile.

Stories and storytelling foster hope, dreams, and possibilities like the famous Ugly Duckling. We dream of a storytelling festival designed for special needs children. Will you help? Will you become a Dream Catcher for children needing hope? Long, long ago, storytellers were the "keepers of the village," where everyone found the hope and inspiration we humans needed to survive and thrive.

Our state is highest in the nation in child abuse. We aim to touch many hearts. Too many children give up too soon without love and attention. They stop trying or escape into mischief. It almost happened to me long ago. Let us parents, caregivers and storytellers use our gifts to foster grit in children with special needs. "It takes a village." We are that village.

I am a Spellbinder™ storyteller, KSA member, and a Dream Catcher: now recruiting persons to become a dream catcher with me.

***Here are our needs, with 5 months to go. Our immediate need is to obtain Dream Catchers for these positions:***

Chair to contact Special Needs groups in Fayette County.

Chair to contact Public School coordinators of Special needs in seven surrounding counties.

Chair of local arrangements, to explore suitable venues.

Chair to collect stories of hope and grit for special needs children.

Chair to recruit storytellers, develop program.

Chair for media promotion and publicity.

**Come, dream with me: Call Paschal (859)-293-5302**

**Visit our blog for updates. <http://dreamcatchersforchildren.blogspot.com/>**



## **Fundraising Training & KSA Board Meeting**

On Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 10 a.m. – noon, Ellen Munds, Executive Director of Storytelling Arts of Indiana will present a two-hour training session on fund-raising for non-profits. This training session is specifically designed for KSA, and all KSA members are welcome to attend. Location: 543 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40217-1817, home of KSA member, Cynthia Changaris. Your KSA Board will have a regular Board meeting in the same location, beginning after a lunch break following the fundraising training. As always, all KSA members are welcome to attend KSA Board meetings. If you wish to attend the training session and/or the KSA Board meeting, please notify Mary Hamilton [mary@maryhamilton.info](mailto:mary@maryhamilton.info) or 502-223-4523 by Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **2013 KSA Financial Report**

Opening Bank Account Balance (1/1/2013) = \$6,993.56

### **Income**

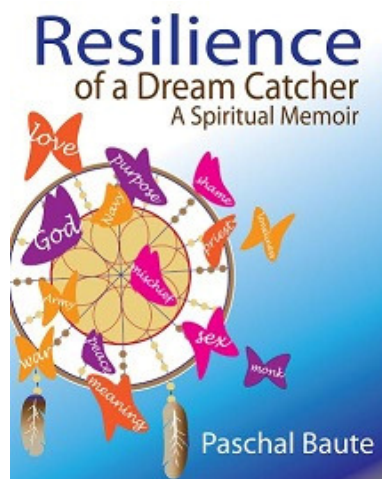
Conference	\$2,575.00
Donations & Grants*	\$2,168.42
Dues	\$1,570.00
Wandering Storytellers	\$ 784.50
Product Sales (mostly sales at Conference)	\$ 724.65
Directory Listings	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$7,922.57</u></b>

### **Expenses**

Conference	\$3,084.27
Cost of Product Sold (mostly Conference Sales)	\$ 630.04
Communications (website, rack cards, etc.)	\$ 613.76
Youth Storytelling	\$ 376.15
Secretary (mostly postage & office supplies)	\$ 193.35
Treasurer (includes PO box rental)	\$ 184.70
Fundraising (postage)	\$ 55.20
PayPal Fees	<u>\$ 38.30</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$5,175.77</u></b>

Closing Bank Account Balance (12/31/2013) = \$9,740.36

\*Includes \$1,000.00 grant from National Storytelling Network for Conference Expenses



## **Resilience of a Dream Catcher** by Paschal Baute

A Spiritual Memoir, for veterans and others.

See interview with Paschal at **Smashwords page**

: <https://www.smashwords.com/profile/view/PaschaltheRascal>

Distribution via **Smashwords** publisher, available now at Apple, B & N Nook, Kobo, and Smashwords.

Regular price \$9.95, free to all Veterans, VA and others.

Read free sample and see endorsements at

[www.paschalbaute.com/resilience](http://www.paschalbaute.com/resilience) (my book page).

Launching of special kindle and print versions soon.

## **Membership Meeting Announcement**

The yearly Membership Meeting of the Kentucky Storytelling Association will take place on Saturday, November 8 at the Holiday Inn University Plaza, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103, during the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. As of press deadline, the specific time of the KSA Membership Meeting has not been determined. Please check the Kentucky Storytelling Conference online schedule closer to the date to learn the meeting time. All KSA members are welcome to attend the KSA Membership Meeting. Please note, attending the membership meeting is **free**. To attend other portions of the Kentucky Storytelling Conference, you will need a paid registration.

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

### **Monthly**

**B – Kentucky Homefront**, a radio show, taped in front of a live audience on the second Saturday of each month February – June and August – December (no tapings Jan. and July). All live tapings include storytelling. Live tapings happen at 7:30 p.m. The Clifton Center, 2117 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$12.00, season ticket discounts available. [www.kentuckyhomefront.org](http://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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **April 2014**

**D, KSA -- Tuesday, April 1**, Kentucky Storytelling Conference, Call for Workshop Proposals Deadline. Learn more about how to submit your workshop idea here: [Kentucky Storytelling Conference](http://www.kentuckystorytelling.com)

**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

**O – Thursday, April 3**, SpeakEasy: true stories, told live. Topic: Fall from Grace, Stories about Rising and Falling. 7:00 p.m. Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, Columbus, OH. Storytelling open-mic for adults. For more information: <http://www.speakeasyclub.com>



**P – Saturday, April 5**, Stephen Hollen telling Appalachian tales, 6:00 p.m. Perry County Public Library, 289 Black Gold Blvd, Hazard, Kentucky.

**P – Monday, April 7**, Stephen Hollen telling Appalachian tales, 6:00 p.m. Clay County Public Library, 211 Bridge Street, Manchester, Kentucky.

**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 40701. For more information: <http://parks.ky.gov/calendar/details/cumberland-falls-storytelling-weekend/21034/> or [Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival Facebook](#), the Park website or [Cumberland Falls State Park](#) or phone 606-528-4121.

**ASL, P – Friday, April 11**, “I Don’t Know: Songs and Stories about Growing Up” told by Bill Harley. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. 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 online at <http://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 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 - \$20. Door - \$25. Order tickets by calling 317-232-1882 or visit <http://storytellingarts.org/>

**W – Saturday, April 19**, East Tennessee State University Spring Storytelling Institute with Kim Weitkamp, “Marketing of Storytelling” available fully online, or online with one-day campus seminar April 19, at ETSU, Johnson City, TN. For more information: <http://www.etsu.edu/coe/stories/institute/lineup.aspx>

**P – Saturday, April 26**, LaGrange, KY, Earth Day celebration at the Historical Society, Storytelling and Music from 10 – noon. For more information, contact Bob Thompson, 502-553-3406.

**C, K, O – Monday, April 28**, Story Slam, open-mic, competitive, five-minute time limit storytelling for adults and older teens. Yes, prizes awarded! 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. Conference Room B, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. This KSA Wandering Storytellers event is presented in partnership with the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available, with ticket validation at the library. [Click here for directions to the parking garage](#) (accessible from Main or from Vine via Hernando Alley.) Admission: \$5 donation suggested. Information: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#)

**C, O – Tuesday, April 29**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Happy. 6:00 p.m. Doors open, 8:00 p.m. 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=2014-04>

## **May 2014**

**O – Thursday, May 1**, SpeakEasy: true stories, told live. Topic: Don’t Tell Mom, Stories We’d Like to Keep Secret. 7:00 p.m. 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 – Thursday – Saturday, May 1 – 3**, St. Louis Storytelling Festival, Featuring: Jackson Gilman, Kim & Reggie Harris, Beth Horner, Bil Lepp, Motoko, Tim Tingle and over 40 regional storytellers. Storytelling Events are offered at a variety of locations, including: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis Public Library, St. Charles City-County Library (selected branches), Brentwood Public Library, Kirkwood Public Library, University City Public Library, Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, and Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. Most events are free and open to the public. Festival Finale event held at University of Missouri -St. Louis Touhill Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$7 Students/Youth, If you are purchasing tickets for someone under 12 years of age, contact the Ticket Office at (314) 516-4949. Tickets are FREE for children 12 and under! For more information: (314) 516-6590, School of Professional & Continuing Studies, UMSL, St. Louis, MO 63021, USA Email: [dianar@umsl.edu](mailto:dianar@umsl.edu) <http://stlstorytellingfestival.com/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 6 – 10**, Bil Lepp, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/bil-lepp/>

**P – Thursday, May 8**, Bil Lepp, “Wally, You Come Down Right Now!” Hanging from the rafters in our school gym there was a rope. Kids were supposed to climb to the top, touch the ceiling, and climb back down. Few were strong enough to get to the top, fewer still were strong enough to get back down. But Wally ..., 7:30 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/bil-lepp/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 13 – 17**, Sheila Arnold, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/sheila-arnold/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 20 – 24**, Quiet Riot, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/quiet-riot/>

**P - Saturday, May 24**, Quiet Riot, Children's concert, Wild and humorous stories about the wonder of our planet earth and how to take care of it – and yourself in the bargain! 10:30 a.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/quiet-riot/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 27 – 31**, Spencer Bohren, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/spencer-bohren/>

**C, O – Tuesday, May 27**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Escape. 6:00 p.m. Doors open, 8:00 p.m. 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=2014-05>

**K – Saturday, May 31**, Louisville, KY. KSA Fundraising Training & Board meeting. Fundraising Training begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by KSA Board Meeting. For more information: Mary Hamilton, [president-elect@kystory.org](mailto:president-elect@kystory.org), 502-223-4523.

**K, P, Y – Saturday, May 31**, Storytelling in the Mountains, Harlan Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY. A full evening of storytelling from some of Kentucky's storytellers. 6:00 p.m. Free. Contact: Pam Holcomb, 606-573-4376 or [pfolcomb@msn.com](mailto:pfolcomb@msn.com). This event is a fund raiser for Kentucky Storytelling Association and is co-sponsored by the Harlan County Cooperative Extension.

## **June 2014**

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

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 3 – 7**, Anne Shimojima, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/anne-shimojima/>

**O – Wednesday, June 4**, 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.

**W - Thursday, June 5**, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Anne Shimojima, "Hidden Memory: Ideas for Your Family History Project" Where did your family come from? What stories do they tell? Few things are more meaningful than exploring your own family history. Anne gives tips on interviewing family members and demonstrates how she created her own family project, including a hardbound book of photographs, digital slide shows, and a DVD for each family member. A handout includes resources on genealogy, oral history, and ways to preserve your family's memories. A respected workshop leader, Shimojima has presented at festivals and conferences across the country. International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. Fee: \$30. For tickets or more information call (800) 952-8392 or (423) 913-1276.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 10 – 14**, Tim Lowry, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/tim-lowry/>

**P- Thursday, June 12**, Mary Hamilton & Charles Wright, "Buggy Kentucky" a program of insect stories and insect facts. Pulaski County Public Library, Main Library 304 S. Main Street, Somerset, KY 11:00 a.m.; Shopville Branch Library at 1:00 p.m. For more information: 606-679-8401. Ask for the Children's Department.

**P – Friday, June 13**, Mary Hamilton & Charles Wright, "Buggy Kentucky" a program of insect stories and insect facts. Logan County Public Library, 225 Armory Drive, Russellville, KY. Presented at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more information: 270-726-6129, Ext. 13.

**C, P – Friday, June 13**, The Moth, Louisville GrandSLAM Championship, Bomhard Theater, Kentucky Center, 501 West Main Street, Louisville, KY. 7:30 p.m. Doors open; 8:00 Stories begin. <http://themoth.org/events/event/louisville-grandslam-championship>

**P - Saturday, June 14**, Tim Lowry, Go around the world with stories from every continent featuring a man-eating elephant from South Africa, a tricky monkey from Brazil, and a beautiful snow maiden from Russia. 10:30 a.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/tim-lowry/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 17 – 21**, Willy Clafin, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/willy-clafin1/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 24 – 28**, Bill Harley, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/bill-harley/>

**P – Tuesday, June 24**, Mary Hamilton, “All Together Now” Listeners chant along, sing along, and join in helping tell the stories. Estill County Public Library, 246 Main Street, Irvine, KY. For more information: 606-723-3030.

**C, O – Tuesday, June 24**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Kharma. 6:00 p.m. 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=2014-06>

**P - Thursday, June 26**, Bill Harley, “Home - Stories about the Place We Live” From sitting on the back steps of his house watching groundhogs destroy his garden to the musings of an astronaut circling above our planet, Bill offers a series of tales and music trying to define what it means to have a home and care for it. 7:30 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/bill-harley/>

**K, O, P -- Monday, June 30**, Wandering Storytellers featuring Bill Watson, 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](#)

## **July 2014**

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 1 – 5**, Andy Offutt Irwin, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/andy-offutt-irwin/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 8 – 12**, Ed Stivender, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/ed-stivender/>

**P - Thursday, July 10**, Ed Stivender, “Once Upon a Planet” Accompanying himself on banjo and harmonica, Ed tells stories from diverse cultures around the world. 7:30 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/ed-stivender/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 15 – 19**, Izzy Tooinsky, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/izzy-tooinsky/>

**P - Saturday, July 19**, Join in the adventure, fun and juggling with Izzy Tooinsky, the Wild Man! 10:30 a.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/izzy-tooinsky/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 22 – 26**, David Holt, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/david-holt/>

**C, K, O -- Monday, July 28**, Story Slam, open-mic, competitive, five-minute time limit storytelling for adults and older teens. Yes, prizes awarded! 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. This KSA Wandering Storytellers event is presented in partnership with the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available, with ticket validation at the library. [Click here for directions to the parking garage](#) (accessible from Main or from Vine via Hernando Alley.) Admission: \$5 donation suggested. Information: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#)

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 29 – August 2**, Corinne Stavish, Daily Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall, International Storytelling Center, 116 W. Main St. Jonesborough, TN. For more information: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/corinne-stavish/>

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