

Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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President's Column

President Mary Hamilton

January is named for the Roman god Janus, the spirit of doorways, and a two-headed god who sees forward and backward. As your new KSA president, I'm using my first president's message to mimic Janus a bit by looking backward on KSA accomplishments during 2014 and looking forward to KSA challenges for 2015.

Promoting Storytelling –

Looking backward – KSA successfully petitioned Governor Beshear to proclaim September 8 – 14 as Kentucky Storytelling Week. Many of you participated in storytelling events during that week.

Looking forward – Donna Slaton, KSA publicity subcommittee chair, has submitted KSA's request for September 2015 to be proclaimed Kentucky Storytelling Month. The official proclamation, which can only be made for one year at a time, is expected this month. So – look ahead and plan a Kentucky Storytelling Month event in your area!

Kentucky Storytelling Conference –

Looking backward – The 2014 Kentucky Storytelling Conference marked KSA's 11th. This event provides a mix of storytelling performances, storytelling workshops, and opportunities to network and visit with other lovers of the storytelling art. More individual KSA members served as on-site conference volunteers in 2014 than ever before – Thank you!

Looking forward – For the Kentucky Storytelling Conference to continue to thrive, more minds and hands are needed. For eleven years Betsy Fleischer has chaired our conference. Bravo to Betsy for doing such a fine job volunteering for KSA! However, her continued service also has resulted in all

aspects of conference production residing in the head of a single individual. Yikes!! If something unfortunate happens to Betsy, your Kentucky Storytelling Conference will be in big trouble. Betsy knows this – that’s why, elsewhere in this newsletter – you’ll find an article soliciting volunteers for a variety of conference planning tasks. I hope more of you will become involved as conference volunteers in the planning and preparation phases in addition to continuing to volunteer during the conference.

Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program –

Looking backward – The Kentucky Youth Storytelling program received nearly 30 entries in 2014. Thanks to your financial support through your dues and donations, five \$100 Youth Storytelling cash awards were presented in addition to lovely Kentucky-made wooden plaques.

Looking forward – Now is the time to encourage all 8 – 17 year old Kentuckians to enter the Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition. Although some changes may be made to make entering even easier, the deadline of June 1st will not change and mailed in DVD entries will continue to be accepted. Learn more at <http://www.kystory.org/progs-and-activs/youth-storytelling.shtml> . Gwenda Johnson continues to serve as the Kentucky Youth Storytelling program chair. If you are interested in helping her, please contact her at kys@kystory.org or call 606-207-9769 or 606-738-6400.

KSA Member Involvement

Looking backward – In 2014 KSA membership increased to 116 members. Member financial support through your dues and additional donations helped KSA continue to maintain the website www.kystory.org, provided those Kentucky Youth Storytelling awards, kept all the behind the scenes administrative activity paid for (post office box rental, postage, non-profit annual fees, etc.), and continued to make the Kentucky Storytelling Conference economically accessible. (FYI: Actual 2014 Kentucky Storytelling Conference cost was \$89.90 per paid conference participant. Thanks to your financial support, KSA members paid \$30, \$40, or \$80 and non-members paid \$45, \$60, or \$80 depending on when they paid their conference registration.) Creating an accessible Kentucky Storytelling Conference — physically accessible through accessible facilities and use of interpreters, geographically accessible by moving the conference to a different quadrant of the state each year, and economically accessible by keeping conference registration fees affordable — has long been important. KSA also benefited from your volunteer time. Your KSA Board members volunteered 765 hours to KSA, and other KSA members donated at least 116 hours of their time. (At \$10 per hour that’s \$8818 worth of in-kind service.) KSA storytelling members donated \$4550 worth of their storytelling talent through volunteer telling at the yearly Storytelling in the Mountains and the monthly Wandering Storytellers fundraising events. Thank you – without member support, KSA would not exist.

Looking forward – Yes, some of you received another dues reminder on New Year’s Day, so I hope you’ve renewed your membership for 2015 by the time you receive this newsletter! Others have already renewed – thank you! Three new Board members, Steve Lanham, Kathy Rigney, and Amanda Hay are joining continuing Board members Russ Conrad, Betsy Fleischer, Maryann Zoll, Bob Thompson, and Mary Hamilton in serving you in 2015. Two Board vacancies exist for Secretary and Quadrant 2 Director positions. Please contact Charles Wright, Nominating Committee Chair, nominating@kystory.org or 502-223-4523 if you are interested in KSA Board service. If you want to volunteer, but you aren’t sure where your skills might best serve KSA, please contact me (contact info in next paragraph!) and I’ll do my best to match your time and skills with an appropriate KSA project.

Throughout 2015, KSA will only succeed with the support of KSA members. You are KSA. That’s right – KSA is a membership organization so KSA belongs to you. As I begin this year of service as your KSA President, I need to hear from you. You can reach me at president@kystory.org or 502-223-4523 or by mail at Mary Hamilton, 65 Springhill Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-9211.

Does KSA do something you value and want to see continue? Please, tell me, so your Board members and other KSA volunteers can continue to make that a priority.

Does KSA do something you wish KSA would stop doing or would do differently? Tell me. Your Board needs to know.

Is there something you believe KSA should be doing, but isn’t? Again, tell me.

Let’s look forward and work together to create a wonderful 2015 for KSA.

KSA at KCTE/LA Conference by Mary Hamilton

Your Kentucky Storytelling Association will have a presence at the 2015 Kentucky Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts Conference, February 27-28 at Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky.

On Friday February 27th from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. KSA members will present a storytelling performance for conference participants. Currently scheduled to tell, because they confirmed in response to earlier emails, are Cynthia Changaris, Betsy Fleischer, Octavia Sexton, Bob Thompson, and Mary Hamilton. The Friday performance is scheduled during a time when no other Conference activities are scheduled. KSA hopes this will mean our stories will provide a wonderful ending to a day of workshops for conference participants. If you wish to tell, please confirm your participation **by January 15th** by contacting Mary Hamilton mary@maryhamilton.info or 502-223-4523. All tellers are also required to staff the exhibit hall booth for at least two hours. Unfortunately, KCTE/LA's deadline for providing a performance blurb has already passed so it will not be possible to add any more names to the conference printed concert description, but more tellers can still be added to the event.

On Saturday February 28th from 9:20 – 10:10 a.m. KSA members will facilitate a storytelling workshop, "Growing Successful Student Storytellers." By responding to earlier emails from KSA, the following members agreed to present the workshop – Octavia Sexton, Betsy Fleischer, Mary Hamilton, and Cynthia Changaris. During the workshop on Saturday morning, each KSA member will lead participants in quick, easy to duplicate, activities designed to help students develop storytelling and other related public speaking/performance skills. Workshop presenters are also creating single page instructions for each activity, and these will be compiled into a workshop handout.

In exchange for presenting the workshop and performance, KSA is receiving a free exhibit hall booth during the Conference, a full page in the Conference program, and a waiver of the conference registration requirement for anyone working on behalf of KSA (Standard KCTE/LA Conference practice is that all participants must also pay for a conference registration at \$190 per person). Exhibit hours are 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. – noon Saturday, plus up to 30 minutes packing). At the booth KSA will be able to distribute information about KSA and KSA members and will be able to sell storytelling related books and CDs. Each of the KSA presenters will be working the exhibit booth for at least two hours, but more help is needed. If you can work the booth, please contact Mary Hamilton, mary@maryhamilton.info or 502-223-4523 and let her know when you can be available.

Do you have information you want to make available to KCTE/LA Conference participants? Do you have storytelling-related books or CDs you want KSA to sell for you at our exhibit booth? You can mail your materials for distribution and your items to be sold (with prices on them, please) to KSA, P.O. Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148. Items need to be received **by February 21st**. If you also work the exhibit hall booth for at least two hours, KSA will keep only 5% of your gross sales. If you cannot work the exhibit hall booth, KSA will keep 15% (same percentage KSA keeps on Story Store sales at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference) minus the cost of postage to return any unsold items.

This partnership represents one more way your Kentucky Storytelling Association is working to promote storytelling beyond the KSA membership. Any help you can provide in this endeavor will be appreciated. **Do you know of other organizations KSA should reach out to for additional partnerships?** Please tell KSA. Write to president@kystory.org or call Mary Hamilton at 502-223-4523.

KSA Board Meeting Announcement

The next KSA Board meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Sower Board Room, Paul Sawyer Public Library, 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. Please be aware that rules for free use of this meeting room restrict food and drink to capped bottled water only. All KSA members are welcome to attend KSA Board meetings. Questions? Contact president@kystory.org or call Mary at 502-223-4523.

Dates and contact persons for other 2015 KSA Board meetings are posted on the KSA website at: [Board Meeting Dates](#).

Conference 14 News

by_Betsy Fleischer

If you couldn't make it, you missed a grrrr-eat time!! If you were there, wow! What a story party! It was fun and educational and friendly and happy and story filled.

There were 66 registrants, two featured tellers, and six other presenters. This conference had several firsts which were all very well received: a pre-conference; worked with a book publisher for the Story Store; had an external workshop - tour of the Folklife Archives; publicity on a local television program; a library partnership; and record breaking concert attendance. Okay, the last isn't a first, it's technically a record breaker. Yahoooo! It was a good conference.

Who do we thank? We thank the volunteers who participated in hosting the event. Yes! Y-O-U. Without KSA members volunteering to do one job, we couldn't have this story party.

May all of you have a wonderful holiday season and then let's jump into planning for the 2015 conference at Dale Hollow State Resort Park.



Abby Murphy and Cole Vaughan, two of the Youth Storytelling Torchbearers, were presented plaques at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference during the Friday Night Concert. This photo was taken after the conference. Photo provided by Amy Vaughan.

Food For Thought: Call For Conference Committee Volunteers

The conference committee needs to put a few more oars in the water. Can you row? The answer is, "Well, yes, I can!" Here's what your conference committee needs:

1. Door Prize Chair.

This person is responsible for soliciting 8 door prizes, setting them up on the door prize table at the conference, then helping the emcee distribute them at specified times (that means pulling a name from a basket and handing the prize to the person whose name is drawn).

2. Presenter Liaison.

This job can be done at home in the comfort of your pajamas. This job entails contacting the selected presenters to dispense information and also obtaining needed information from the selected presenters. You will also send information to the web site chair and to the publicity chair. The conference chair will be your resource.

3. Volunteer Coordinator.

This is another job that can be done at home in the comfort of your pajamas. This person will solicit people to help host the conference. The conference chair will supply you with the various job

descriptions and when each is needed. (Examples: timekeeper for open mics on Saturday, emcee for Friday Late Night Story Slam, registration table, room monitors.)

4. Proposal Reading Team

I am thankful that I have had in the past a team of thoughtful, critical evaluators. You may be on the team if you are not going to send in a proposal. You may re-up or come join for the first time.

I request that you thoughtfully consider the above, make your choice, then contact the Conference Chair, Betsy Fleischer, at 2batqueen@google.com [please put in subject line KSA volunteer] or at 859-734-3194.



Audience listening during the Saturday night concert at the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. Photo provided by Donna Slaton.

2015 KSA Conference Location & Date

Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend the 2015 Kentucky Storytelling Conference on November 6 – 7, 2015 at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, 5970 State Park Road, Burkesville, KY 42717. Want to help plan the Conference? See the call for volunteers elsewhere in this newsletter, and contact your conference chair.

The Toughest Group by Gwenda Johnson

Twenty years of teaching public speaking to 4-8th graders as County Extension Agent for 4-H/Youth development did not prepare me for teaching storytelling/public speaking to Kindergarten and 1st grade students. I'm happy to say, I survived.

A teacher invited me to Sandy Hook Elementary to tell stories to K-6 grades as part of their enrichment series. I went.

We were in the Adkins-Caudill Performing Arts Center, a theater at Elliott County High School that seats around 300 people. The center is used extensively for student enrichment programs.

My first group was 2nd – 3rd graders. They were very attentive, had wonderful questions and simply put, a super audience. Then they came. About 75 K - 1st graders. I thought I had everything under control. I told them a story about butterflies thinking little children love butterflies. I finished and proceeded to talk about storytelling when a little girl with blond curly pig tails, sitting waaaayyyy in the back, stands up and shouts "Show us pictures"

"Well, I don't have pictures".

"They're on that big wall". She pointed to the wall behind me where the giant projection screen pulls down from the ceiling.

"But, I don't have pictures today we're TELLING stories".

"You gotta pull that big white wall down. They're on it", she said.

I was looking for words and about to laugh out loud when a little boy across the room stood up and shouted "Show us a movie. That wall has movies, too".

"I don't have movies either but let's make a deal, how about I tell you a story that has lots of animals in it and you help me?"

"YESSSSSS!" came from the whole group"

So, I taught them the little poems in "Why the Bear Sleeps All Winter" and when to stomp their feet during "Three Billy Goats Gruff". They helped and all was good through the rest of the session. They even gave a standing ovation at the end of their session.

WHEW! Toughest group I've had during my short storytelling career. And they were sooooo tiny.

Torchbearer News

David Benning, a long time Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearer, was a featured storyteller and preached his first sermon at the 2015 National Festival of Young Preachers, January 2 – 4, 2015 in Dallas, Texas. The 2015 festival theme was "Tell Me a Story" so we know David's skills shone. This event was sponsored by the Academy of Preachers, an organization headquartered here in Kentucky.

Other Torchbearers – do you have news for KSA? Please send word to Charles Wright, Newsletter Editor at newsletter@kystory.org

Wandering Storytellers by Charles Wright, Wandering Storytellers Chair

In October Wandering Storytellers held its last Story Slam of the year. Two tellers competed. Jerry Young won first place and Anita Stone won second. The next Story Slam will be Monday January 26th, so bring your five-minute tale if you'd like to compete. Listeners are always welcome, and you can also volunteer to judge. There was open-mic after the slam.

November was scheduled to feature the Youth Storytellers. Since none were able to make it Cynthia Changaris filled in as the featured teller. Among the open-mic tellers that evening were three delightful young ladies from Lexington who have the potential to be future Youth Storytellers.

In December Octavia Sexton entertained the audience with her stories. And again there was time for open-mic.

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.

If you would like to set up a Wandering Storytellers event in your area please contact me at wanderingtellers@kystory.org

Upcoming Storytelling Events

The KSA Calendar lists public storytelling events in Kentucky and adjoining states. To submit an event for our calendar, [please click here](#). To be sure your event will be included, submit your listing by the 1st of the month before your event. For example: For August programs, submit information by July 1. **Events happening in Kentucky and broadcasts originating in Kentucky are highlighted.**

Types of events are designated as follows:

ASL – American Sign Language Interpreted

B – Broadcasts

C - Competitions (any storytelling event awarding prizes)

D - Deadlines to know

F - Festival

K - Events offered by the Kentucky Storytelling Association

O – Open Mic/Story Swaps, where anyone may tell a story

P – Performance

W – Workshops, classes, courses, retreats

Y - Events pertaining to youth storytelling

Please note that some events offer more than one type of activity.

24/7

B - A World of Storytelling Radio - Announcing a worldwide internet radio station just for storytelling. Find it at <http://www.Live365.com> and search for "A World of Storytelling", or go to <http://www.AsianProductionStudios.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.

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

O – 3rd Monday evenings, Tale Talk, a gathering of storytellers and listeners in Louisville, KY, 6:30 p.m. Participants come tell stories, try out new stories, or listen to stories. Locations vary, but all within the Louisville area. To learn the next Tale Talk gathering location, contact Jamie "Thorny" Eiler 812-725-5229.

More monthly events, with different tellers and themes from month to month, are included in the Calendar below. Check out SpeakEasy in Columbus, Ohio on first Thursdays; **Wandering Storytellers in Lexington, Kentucky on last Mondays**; and **The Moth in Louisville, Kentucky on last Tuesdays**.

January 2015

P – Saturday, January 10, "Prostate Dialogues: Tales of the Tallywacker" told by Jon Spelman. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, students \$15 with high school or college ID. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

K, O, P - Monday, January 26, Wandering Storytellers, Story Slam, open-mic, competitive, five-minute time limit storytelling for adults and older teens. Yes, prizes awarded! 7:00 – 8:45 p.m., Location: Farish Theater, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. This KSA event is presented in partnership with the Lexington Public Library. Free parking is available, with ticket validation at the library. [Click here for directions to the parking garage](#) (accessible from Main or from Vine via Hernando Alley.) Admission: \$5 donation suggested. Information: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#)

C, O – Tuesday, January 27, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Blunders. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Stories begin 8:00 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00 at the door. Presale tickets available one week before the show. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. Information: <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2015-01>.

P - Friday, January 30, The Story of Carl Fisher told by Steve Etheridge. 8 – 9:00 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Sponsored by Storytelling Arts of Indiana and the Indiana Historical Society, Sharing Hoosier History Through Stories Series. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

February 2015

W – Tuesdays, February 3, 10 and 17 with performance on February 24th. The Craft of Storytelling with Paul Strickland, 6:30 p.m. Instruction on the fundamentals of writing and structuring your 5-minute story, as well as personal, one-to-one guidance on the basics of performance. At the end of the course you get to perform your new and improved story for friends, family and strangers at the Know Theatre! Know Theatre, [1120 Jackson Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202](http://www.knowtheatre.com/jackson-street-market/workshops/). This course meets three times, followed by a performance. Fee: \$100. Information: <http://knowtheatre.com/jackson-street-market/workshops/>

O – Thursday, February 5, SpeakEasy: First Kiss/Last Kiss – Enough Said. 7:00 p.m. Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, Columbus, OH. Storytelling open-mic for adults. Different topic each month. Information: <http://www.speakeasybus.com/#/events>.

K – Saturday, February 21, Kentucky Storytelling Association Board Meeting, Sower Board Room, Paul Sawyer Public Library, Frankfort, KY. Information: Mary Hamilton, 502-223-4523.

P – Saturday, February 21, “Legends of the Celtic Harp” with Patrick Ball, Lisa Lynne, and Aryeh Frankfurter. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, students \$15 with high school or college ID. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

K, O, P - Monday, February 23, Wandering Storytellers, featured teller to be announced (see KSA Calendar). 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](http://www.knowtheatre.com/wandering-storytellers/)

P – Tuesday, February 24, “Friends’ Author Series 2015” Marysville Public Library presents Mary Hamilton, Storyteller/Author. Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium, 233 W. 6th Street, Marysville, OH 43040. Information: Adult Services Department, 937-642-1876 ext. 32, poconnor@marysvilleilb.org.

C, O – Tuesday, February 24, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Love Hurts. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Stories begin 8:00 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00 at the door. Presale tickets available one week before the show. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. Information: <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2015-02>.

March 2015

W – Tuesdays, March 3, 10 and 17 with performance on March 31st. The Craft of Storytelling with Paul Strickland, 6:30 p.m. Instruction on the fundamentals of writing and structuring your 5-minute story, as well as personal, one-to-one guidance on the basics of performance. At the end of the course you get to perform your new and improved story for friends, family and strangers at the Know Theatre! Know Theatre, [1120 Jackson Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202](http://www.knowtheatre.com/jackson-street-market/workshops/). This course meets three times, followed by a performance. Fee: \$100. Information: <http://knowtheatre.com/jackson-street-market/workshops/>

P – Friday, March 6, “If These Walls Could Tell: Marquette Park in Gary” told by Stephanie Holman. 8 – 9:00 p.m. Indiana Landmark Center, 1201 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door, Member and Donors \$10 at door. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P – Saturday, March 7, 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Mary Hamilton presenting at the Kentucky Women’s Book Festival, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, Belknap Campus, Louisville, Kentucky. Festival begins at 9:30 a.m. FREE. Information: <http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/community/kwbf>.

P – Saturday, March 14, “The Big Easy” Celebration all the best in storytelling. Strongwater, 401 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. Information: <http://www.speakeasybus.com/#/events>.

P - Saturday, March 21, “Stories Are Who We Are” told by Diane Ferlatte. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, students \$15 with high school or college ID. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P – Sunday, March 22, “Children, You Oughta Been There” told by Diane Ferlatte. 2 – 3:00 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$5 for children 5 – 12, \$10 for adults. Free for children with an Indianapolis Public Library card. Barnes & Thornburg Family Series. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P, W – Saturday, March 28, Ohio Storytelling Conference. Theme: Respect the Past, Focus Forward. Workshops 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evening Concert event. Produced by: Ohio Order for the Preservation of Storytelling. Location: Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH. Information: Janelle Reardon, Conference Chair, janellereardon@icloud.com, 440-476-6646.

K, O, P - Monday, March 30, Wandering Storytellers, featured teller to be announced, 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](#).

C, O – Tuesday, March 31, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Hair. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Stories begin 8:00 p.m. Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY. Admission: \$8.00 at the door. Presale tickets available one week before the show. Media Sponsor: WFPL. This venue is 21+ only. Information: <http://themoth.org/events?category=29&month=2015-03>

April 2015

O – Thursday, April 2, SpeakEasy: Topic to be announced. 7:00 p.m. Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, Columbus, OH. Storytelling open-mic for adults. Different topic each month. Information: <http://www.speakeasybus.com/#!events>.

W – Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21 with performance on April 28th. The Craft of Storytelling with Paul Strickland, 6:30 p.m. Instruction on the fundamentals of writing and structuring your 5-minute story, as well as personal, one-to-one guidance on the basics of performance. At the end of the course you get to perform your new and improved story for friends, family and strangers at the Know Theatre! Know Theatre, [1120 Jackson Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202](#). This course meets three times, followed by a performance. Fee: \$100. Information: <http://knowtheatre.com/jackson-street-market/workshops/>

P – Saturday, April 11, Talk of the Town: The 15th Annual Benefit for Storytelling Arts of Indiana, featuring Donald Davis. 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at door. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

P – Sunday, April 12, “What Most Children Need is a Good Listening To” told by Donald Davis. 2 – 3:00 p.m. Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Tickets: \$5 for children 5 – 12, \$10 for adults. Free for children with an Indianapolis Public Library card. Barnes & Thornburg Family Series. For more information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>

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President-elect, Steve Lanham, President-Elect@kystory.org, 502-319-0252
1064 Melody Lane, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Secretary, Secretary@kystory.org, this position is currently vacant

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386 Hurt Lane, Lancaster, KY 40444

Quadrant 1 Board Member, Bob Thompson, Quad1@kystory.org, 502-553-3406
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Quadrant 2 Board Member, this position is currently vacant

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