

# Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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## President's Column

President Mary Hamilton

Spring, glorious spring, finally seems to have arrived. Daffodil greenery brightens the scene, and the first of the golden blossoms have opened. Today, March 21<sup>st</sup>, I enjoyed a lovely walk with no coat needed. At last, winter weather may be gone! Of course, by the time you read this we could be covered in ice and snow yet again. Our state has long been one of those whose weather adage has been – “Don’t like the weather? Just wait a bit; it will change.”

In KSA the first quarter of each year is always time for your new Board to find its footing and begin taking on their new leadership tasks. President-elect Steve Lanham has volunteered to chair KSA’s Strategic Planning Committee so he and his crew will be working to imagine and map out practical goals for KSA’s future. Feel free to send him your KSA dreams at [president-elect@kystory.org](mailto:president-elect@kystory.org) or write him at KSA, President-Elect, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148.

Before long you’ll also have the opportunity to provide feedback to your KSA Board through a survey you’ll receive from the KSA Membership Committee chaired by Bob Thompson. When you receive your KSA member survey, please take time to respond so your board members will not be left guessing what you believe is most important for your Kentucky Storytelling Association. And yes, of course, your member survey responses will also be shared with the Strategic Planning Committee.

Your KSA Audit Committee completed their financial review and found that, once again, those handling KSA finances have taken care to handle your money properly. You’ll find an overview of KSA income and spending for 2014 in this newsletter. 2014 was one of those years during which KSA needed to spend a bit more than we earned – that happens some years, so that’s one reason why your Board works hard to both cover all KSA expenses and maintain a financial reserve. No doubt you recently received a fund-raising letter asking you to support KSA beyond your dues if possible. Your membership dues and your donations beyond your dues both contribute to KSA’s financial solvency. Thank you!

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In this newsletter you'll also find information about Kentucky Storytelling Month, the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program, Storytelling in the Mountains, Wandering Storytellers, and the Kentucky Storytelling Conference. A folktale, suitable for retelling at Earth Day events with its strong reuse/ recycle theme, has also been included.

KSA is fortunate to have a wonderful Board and terrific members who volunteer their time to make KSA activities possible. Please know your help is always welcome and appreciated. If you'd like to volunteer for KSA, please contact me, Mary Hamilton, [president@kystory.org](mailto:president@kystory.org) or 502-223-4523, or write KSA President, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148. I'd like to learn more about your time available for volunteering, your skills, and your interests in order to help you find the KSA Committee most in need of what you can offer. As always, thank you for your support of the Kentucky Storytelling Association.

## **2014 Financial Report** by Mary Hamilton

Opening Bank Account Balance(1/1/2014) \$9,740.36

### **Income**

Conference	\$4,872.00
*Donations & Grants*	\$4,052.43
Product Sales (sales at Conference)	\$1,659.15
Dues	\$1,480.00
Wandering Storytellers	\$ 680.00
Directory Listings	\$ 240.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.26

**Total Income** **\$12,993.84**

### **Expenses**

Conference	\$7,969.25
*Miscellaneous*	\$2,500.00
Cost of Product Sold (sales at Conference)	\$1,154.35
Communications (mostly website)	\$ 828.82
Youth Storytelling (mostly awards)	\$ 773.28
Treasurer (PO Box, NSN dues, postage)	\$ 322.50
Secretary (mostly postage & supplies)	\$ 151.17
PayPal Fees	\$ 96.78
Fundraising (postage)	\$ 49.00
Wandering Storytellers	\$ 33.38
Board Orientation (postage)	\$ 6.70

**Total Expenses** **\$13,885.23**

\*\*Closing Bank Balance (\*\*12/31/14) \$8,848.97

### **Net loss for 2014 (-891.39)**

\*KSA received a \$2500.00 restricted donation that could only be used for investment purposes. The Miscellaneous Expense was the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit to properly place that restricted income in an interest-bearing account, thus beginning an endowment fund for KSA.

\*\*Actual bank balance on 12/31/14 was \$10,199.12, but there were outstanding checks for 2014 expenses of \$1,496.25, and outstanding 2014 donations on deposit at PayPal of \$146.10, so the Closing Bank Balance was adjusted for this report to show the results of all income and expenses attributed to 2014 KSA activity.

**Questions about the Financial Report?** Please ask Mary Hamilton, KSA President [President@kystory.org](mailto:President@kystory.org) or 502-223-4523(note Mary will have limited phone access through 4/22/15)

## **Conference News** by Betsy Fleischer

The Call for Workshop Proposals has been sent out to listservs at schools, surrounding states storytelling organizations, and on our website. Probes have been sent out to Dale Hollow State Resort Park and to the Western Kentucky University Folk Studies Program for potential partnership opportunities.

As of mid-March, we have received five workshop proposals. More are needed so the deadline for submitting Workshop Proposals has been extended to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Spread the word - we need more to choose from. Consider sending in one yourself. You'll find the Call for Proposals on the KSA Website [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org). If you need it mailed to you, contact the Conference Chair, Betsy Fleischer, 859-612-8275. If you leave a phone message, speak slowly, clearly, and state your name and address twice, please.

Travel and lodging information for the 2015 Conference can already be found on the website [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org). Additional Conference information will be posted as it becomes available.

It's not too early to volunteer to help make the conference a success. Your conference needs timers, judges, room monitors, emcees, door prize donors, registration table workers, and story store personnel. **Needed right now are proposal readers.** Contact Betsy Fleischer, at 859-612-8275 or [conference@kystory.org](mailto:conference@kystory.org).

## **Founding Board Member Dies**

Gaylord Cooper, a founding Board member of the Kentucky Storytelling Association passed away on May 5, 2014. Gaylord steadfastly helped bring about our organization beginning with the April 2004 early conversations about the possibility of a statewide storytelling organization. When an interim Board was needed, he was one of five people who volunteered. These five folks met frequently working to help bring KSA into being. Their tasks included: polling other interested folks to decide a name, filing Articles of Incorporation, writing and adopting KSA bylaws, adopting a logo, successfully applying to the IRS for 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, planning and conducting the first Kentucky Storytelling Conference in Bardstown in October 2004, leading KSA through its first year with members, and then planning and conducting the second Kentucky Storytelling Conference at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park, near Greenup, Kentucky in 2005. Through all that initial work, coupled with imagining and dreaming what KSA might become, Gaylord was there working with other founders to make KSA a reality. He was a man of strong opinions who also asked good questions of his fellow volunteer board members helping us all stay focused on bringing KSA into being.

His interests in storytelling focused primarily on history and genealogy. In his local area he promoted the covered bridges, spoke to various groups, and wrote articles on regional history and genealogy. He also offered two talks, "Kentucky Mountain Superstitions: Origins and Uses" and "Kentucky Mountain Language - It Ain't Hillbilly" through the Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. Eventually his interest in genealogy overtook his interest in storytelling, and he lost touch with KSA.

Gaylord, a retired Machine Operator for Norfolk and Southern Railroad and a U.S. Army Vietnam War Veteran, died at age 68. He is survived by his wife Laura Burnett Cooper of South Shore, Kentucky. He was buried at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Grayson, Kentucky.

## **Storytelling in the Mountains**

The 7th annual Storytelling in the Mountains will be Saturday May 30, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Harlan County Cooperative Extension Office Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY 40831. This free concert will feature some of Kentucky's finest storytellers: Bill Watson, Russ Conrad, Buck P. Creacy, Gwenda Johnson, Mike and Maggie Beville, Charlie Hardy, and Pam Holcomb. We also hope to have present and past youth tellers. This is a fund-raiser for KSA.

## **GoodSearch and GoodShop for KSA** by Mary Hamilton

What if the Kentucky Storytelling Association earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? It can! Since July 2009, KSA has been affiliated with GoodSearch.com, a Yahoo! powered search engine and KSA has received income as a result. Some of you have been supporting KSA through GoodSearch and GoodShop from the beginning – thank you! Some of you joined KSA after 2009, so it seems time to once again let everyone know about this easy way to support KSA.

Through GoodSearch KSA earns around a penny every time you search the Internet. True, not much, but it adds up! Through GoodShop, KSA earns a percentage on every online purchase you make. Over 2,800 stores participate in GoodShop including Price Line, Expedia, Barnes & Noble, Dillard's, Walmart, Amazon, Abe Books -- shop your favorite at GoodShop and support KSA.

Here are some quick and easy ways you can access GoodSearch and GoodShop and support KSA:

1. Download a GoodSearch toolbar for your Internet browser, so it's always handy when you want to search the Internet or shop online. As you sign up be sure to select Kentucky Storytelling Association as your charity. Learn how at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)
2. Do you have a smart phone? You can download a GoodShop app. Be sure to select Kentucky Storytelling Association as your charity. Learn how at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)
3. Don't want to download anything? Begin all your online searching and shopping by going to the KSA website, [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org). On the opening page, you'll find a link (bottom of left hand menu) to GoodSearch. Click on that, and you'll be at a GoodSearch/GoodShop page that is already set up to donate to KSA based on your searches and shopping. If you develop the habit of always starting your online searches and shopping with this brief stop at [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org), you'll be helping fund KSA activities regularly.

To learn even more about how GoodSearch and GoodShop work, visit <http://www.goodsearch.com>.

## **Kentucky Storytelling Month Now Official** by Mary Hamilton

In the last KSA newsletter, we told you a proclamation was expected from Governor Beshear's office in response to KSA's request that September 2015 be declared Kentucky Storytelling Month. The proclamation has arrived! Below is a press release for you to share with everyone you know to encourage them to participate in Kentucky Storytelling Month during September 2015:

Governor Stephen Beshear has proclaimed September 2015 as Storytelling Month in Kentucky. Mark your calendars now and start planning. Storytelling Month focuses programming statewide -- at schools, libraries, parks and community events -- to emphasize Kentucky's rich heritage of stories and tellers. From grandparents to youth tellers and from professionals to amateurs, tellers abound in your community.

What is storytelling? It's an interactive art form. Tellers relate a narrative, while closely observing listeners whose reactions guide the teller. For example, the hunter-to-hunter retelling of a hunt is not likely to be told with the same wording as the hunter-to-grandma retelling of the same hunt, even though the hunter is telling the same story to both listeners!

To celebrate Kentucky storytelling in 2014, teens in Paducah told stories to elementary students, Paul Sawyer Public Library conducted a Liar's Contest, schools and public libraries held storytelling festivals in Elliott, Grayson and Kenton Counties, and Trimble County Apple Festival events included storytelling.

The Kentucky Storytelling Association's website [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org) offers an event calendar to help you publicize your storytelling events and a Teller Directory to help you locate storytellers. For more information, email [president@kystory.org](mailto:president@kystory.org) or [publicity@kystory.org](mailto:publicity@kystory.org).

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

WHEREAS, Storytelling helps people of all ages develop an appreciation and understanding of the oral cultural heritage of both Kentucky and the world; and

WHEREAS, Storytelling is one of the traditional ways that Kentucky's elders have taught younger generations about their ancestors, heritage and lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Storytelling can be used as an educational tool in any discipline for any age; and

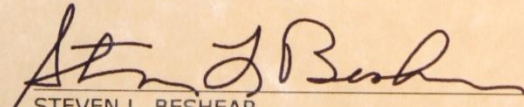
WHEREAS, Storytelling connects people in all walks of life and enriches their lives;

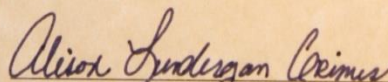
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2015, as

## STORYTELLING MONTH

in Kentucky, and encourage its observance through telling or listening to a story.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Fifteen and in the 223<sup>rd</sup> year of  
the Commonwealth.

  
STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE



## **KSA Board Meeting Announcement**

The next KSA Board meeting begins at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Harlan County Extension Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, Kentucky. All KSA members are welcome to attend KSA Board meetings. Questions? Contact [president@kystory.org](mailto: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](#).

## **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.

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

In January Wandering Storytellers attempted to hold its first Story Slam of the year. Only one teller, Jerry Young, was willing to enter, so he was named the winner and the rest of the evening was open mic. The next Story Slam will be Monday July 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.

Ed Bryson entertained us in February. Because of the cold and the small crowd everybody gathered in a circle on the stage which made it very intimate. There was open mic telling also.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> Maryann Zoll was the featured teller. Between and after her sets there was open mic telling.

April 27<sup>th</sup> will feature Betsy Fleischer. There will also be open mic telling.

May will not have a Wandering Storytellers program due to the library (and therefore the Farish Theater) being closed for Memorial Day.

On June 29<sup>th</sup> Paschal Baute will be the featured teller. There will also be open mic telling.

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](mailto:wanderingtellers@kystory.org)

## **National Storytelling Network News** by Mary Hamilton

(KSA is an NSN Affiliate Member)

**National Storytelling Conference**, Kansas City, Missouri, July 29 – August 1<sup>st</sup>. Make plans now to attend the 2015 National Storytelling Conference so you can enjoy early Conference Registration discounts, which end on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Now is also the time to sign up for Special Interest Group Pre-conferences, happening on July 29<sup>th</sup> and the morning of July 30<sup>th</sup>, and for Master Classes from 1 – 6 p.m. the afternoon of July 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2015 Master Classes (each \$100 with limited numbers of participants allowed) will be the following:

- Writing and Publishing taught by Carmen Deedy
- Performance Skills taught by Bill Harley
- Using Music in Storytelling taught by John McCutcheon
- Storytelling Promoting Wellness taught by Gene Tagaban (e.g. using storytelling to prevent bullying, drug/alcohol abuse with youth)

For information on the Full Conference and details on all Pre-Conference and registrations forms and instructions, visit [www.storynet.org](http://www.storynet.org).

## **The Tailor**

*(a folktale for retelling retold by Mary Hamilton, with telling comments in italics)*

A long time ago, there lived a tailor. Oh, he was a wonderful tailor. Everyone he knew paid him to sew their coats, their jackets, their pants -- whatever they needed, he could sew it. He was so busy he rarely had time enough to sew anything for himself. He dreamed of sewing himself a fine coat. He found the cloth he wanted for his coat, so he set that fabric aside in hopes that someday he would have time enough to make himself a coat.

At last that day arrived. The tailor spread the fabric out on his cutting board, and soon he was sewing a wonderful coat. When it was finished, the tailor put on his new coat. Oh, he loved his new coat. In fact he loved his coat so much, *(I usually sing the first two lines of the chorus and chant the last one. I also repeat the entire chorus immediately the first time I use it so the audience learns it and can easily join in on later repetitions. Of course, it could also be chanted, not sung, so please -- please yourself if you retell the tale.)*

*Chorus:* He wore it here; he wore it there

He wore it, wore it everywhere, until it was all worn out.

At least, he thought it was all worn out.

But when he spread his worn out coat on his cutting board, he discovered he had just enough material left to make a jacket. Oh, he sewed a wonderful jacket. He put his new jacket on. He loved his new jacket. In fact, he loved his new jacket so much,

*Chorus*

But when he spread his worn out jacket on his cutting board, he discovered he had just enough good material left to make a vest. He sewed a wonderful vest. He put his new vest on. He loved his new vest. In fact, he loved his new vest so much,

*Chorus*

But when he spread his worn out vest on his cutting board, he discovered he had just enough good material left to make a hat. He sewed a wonderful hat. He put that hat on. He loved his new hat. In fact, he loved his new hat so much,

*Chorus*

But when he spread his worn out hat on his cutting board, he discovered he had just enough good material left to make a button, a cloth-covered button. He made a wonderful button. He fastened that button to his shirt. He loved his new button. In fact he loved his new button so much,

*Chorus*

And indeed it was true, that button was so worn out, he couldn't sew anything else to wear, but he did still have enough good material left to create a story -- that's right, a story -- the story of his coat, that became his jacket, that became his vest, that became his hat, that became his button -- that became this story I have just told to you.

*This popular folktale can be found in at least three different picture book retellings:*

Gilman, Phoebe, [Something from Nothing](http://phoebegilman.com/something.html). Scholastic Canada, 1992. *On this site <http://phoebegilman.com/something.html> you can read the author's behind the scenes story about some of her decisions in writing and illustrating this picture book, and you'll find a teachers' section that includes a few ideas for classroom extension activities based on this book. There are really two stories here because fabric scraps that fall through the wooden floor board of a house keep being reused by a mouse family who lives below the people. Because no narration is written for the activities of the mouse family, children can use their own words to tell each other the story of what is happening to the mouse family. If the children work in pairs, they can easily trade off on being the storyteller with each new turn of the page.*

Sanfield, Steve, Bit by Bit, New York: Philomel Books, 1995. *The cover of this version, illustrated by Susan Gaber, shows a person sitting in a chair holding this book, and the cover of the book being held shows the same person sitting in a chair holding the same book, and so on, smaller and smaller.*

Tabak, Simms. Joseph Had a Little Overcoat. New York: Viking, 1999. *Tabak won the Caldecott Medal, the highest award for picture book illustration presented yearly by the American Library Association, for this book. Holes in the pages play a fun role in showing just what was created with each reuse of the material.*

*I no longer recall when, or from whom, I first encountered this story but I have heard it many times, told in a variety of different ways, but always with new items being created from old. Most print versions attribute it to a Jewish folksong, and the Simms Tabak version even includes notation for the song.*

*In school residency work, I have used the story as a pattern for children to use to create their own original recycle/reuse tales. I learned that children of a wide variety of skill could build new stories using this pattern. In a special education, self-contained, classroom a number of years ago, students quite successfully created tales – one that began with a deer hunt and ended up with a worn out wallet and another that began with a barn beset by tornados until eventually all that was left was a mailbox post. Because it has been retold and illustrated in three quite different styles, the picture books also lend themselves well to projects in which students compare and contrast the choices made by the writers and illustrators.*

*My retelling is intentionally highly repetitive. I want my audience to be able to gradually join in more and more, and indeed they do as the story moves along. Primary level students are my typical audience for the tale.*

## **Cumberland Falls Storytelling Weekend** by Charles Wright

The Cumberland Falls Storytelling Weekend will be held April 17 & 18, 2015, at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. Featured tellers will include Pam Holcomb, Stephen Hollen, and Bruce Walker.

The weekend will start on Friday evening after dark with a “Ghost Walk” along the falls area, featuring scary stories for the brave of heart. On Saturday the storytellers will take the stage throughout the day and the festival will close with an evening concert at 8:00 p.m.

The cost of the event will be \$20.00 for the entire weekend. For additional information please contact Bret Smitley at 606-528-4121 or [BretA.Smitley@ky.gov](mailto:BretA.Smitley@ky.gov).

The website is <http://parks.ky.gov/calendar/details/cumberland-falls-storytelling-weekend/21034/>.

## **Kentucky Youth Storytelling News** by Mary Hamilton

Do you know any 8 – 17 year old Kentucky storytellers? Now is the time to encourage them to enter the Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the entry deadline. The Kentucky Youth Storytelling Program designates up to five entrants as Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers. They receive cash awards, a Kentucky-made wooden plaque, one year KSA membership, and invitations to tell at a variety of storytelling events. All the entry details, rules, and contest judging guidelines are on the KSA website here: <http://www.kystory.org/progs-and-actvs/youth-storytelling.shtml>. At the very bottom of that page, you’ll even find a link to a print-friendly flyer you can use to help you spread the word. For more information, contact the KYS Chair, Gwenda Johnson, cell [606-738-4834](tel:606-738-4834), office [606-207-9769](tel:606-207-9769) or [kys@kystory.org](mailto:kys@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** - 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).

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

### 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 – River Town Story Tellers, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays**, 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](http://www.rivertownstorytellers.com) or Mary Jo Huff, 812-455-1558.

**O – Tale Talk, 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 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Tale.Talk/>.

**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**.

### April 2015

**O – Thursday, April 2,** SpeakEasy: Awkward - Stories about the moments in life we do NOT want to remember. 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! Location: 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 - Wednesday, April 8,** Following the North Star (Slavery and the Underground Railroad) Sparky and Rhonda Rucker, 7:00 p.m. This special historical program gives a unique perspective into the songs and stories of slavery, abolition, and the Underground Railroad. Personalities such as Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, and Harriet Tubman are brought to life. Sparky and Rhonda sing the traditional slave songs that were filled with symbolism, messages of freedom, and sometimes even the information to guide the slave's escape. Location: Bradford Hall Little Theatre, Kentucky State University, 400 E. Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. Tickets: \$10.00 adults; \$5.00 students. Information: 502-330-2773 or email [faf@dcf.net](mailto:faf@dcf.net).

**W – Fridays, April 10, 24, May 8,** The Story of your Business and the Business of your Story, a series of interactive workshops in which you'll learn to identify your organization's unique story, share your story in a compelling way, and tell your story in a variety of mediums, including digital. April 10<sup>th</sup> "Find and Design the Story of your Business" presented by Donald Davis. April 24<sup>th</sup> "Deliver and Tell the Story of your Business" presented by Sally Perkins and Ellen Dunnigan. May 8<sup>th</sup> "Translate your Story to the Digital World" presented by Shari Finnell and Phil Golobish. 8:30 a.m. – Noon, Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Attend all three sessions for \$125. Attend a single session for \$50. For information: <http://www.storytellingarts.org/134.html>

**B – Saturday, April 11,** Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Saturday, April 11,** Talk of the Town: The 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. Information: 317-232-1882 or <http://www.storytellingarts.org/>.

**O – Wednesday, April 15,** River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**P – Friday & Saturday, April 17 – 18,** Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival featuring Bruce Walker, Pam Holcomb, and Stephen Hollen spinning tales about life in the Appalachian foothills. Festival begins Friday evening at 9pm with a Ghost Walk around the falls area. On Saturday from 9:00 a.m. stories will be told all day, and a closing concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Location: Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, 7351 Highway 90, Corbin, KY. Cost of entire festival: \$20.00. Saturday evening concert only: \$10.00. Information: [BretA.Smitley@ky.gov](mailto:BretA.Smitley@ky.gov), <http://www.parks.ky.gov/calendar/details/cumberland-falls-storytelling-weekend/21034/>, 1-800-325-0063.

**C, P – Friday & Saturday, April 17–18,** Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling & Music Festival at Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090. Featuring Donald Davis, Dolores Hydock, Patrick Ball and Baba Jamal Koram. Information: [www.soundsofthemountains.org](http://www.soundsofthemountains.org)

**O – Monday, April 20,** Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**W – Friday, April 24,** Deliver and Tell the Story of your Business presented by Sally Perkins and Ellen Dunnigan. See details at April 10<sup>th</sup> above or visit <http://www.storytellingarts.org/134.html>

**ASL (if requested), O – Thursday, April 23,** The Franklin Story Slam, Theme: Connections, featuring emcee Charlie McCoin, guest storyteller Allen Dyer, and your friends and neighbors. Note: Stories must be true; five minutes or less; have a title, a beginning, middle and an end. 6:30 p.m. Gallery on the Square, 110 N. Main Street, Franklin, KY. Admission: \$3.00; bring a friend of a race or ethnicity different than your own, you both get in for ½ price! Audience: Ages 16 or older. Venue is handicapped accessible. Contact: Linda Paulus, 224-216-9856, <http://www.galleryonthesquare.org/>

**C, K, O, P – Monday, April 27,** Wandering Storytellers, featuring Betsy Fleischer, 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, April 28,** The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Fools. 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=2015-04>.

## **May 2015**

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 5 – 9,** Jay O'Callahan, 2:00 p.m. every day. Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit:

<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/jay-ocallahan/>

**O – Thursday, May 7,** SpeakEasy: In the Nick of Time: Stories about Narrow Escapes. 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 – Friday, May 8,** Translate your Story to the Digital World, presented by Shair Finnel and Phil Golobish. See details at April 10<sup>th</sup> above or visit <http://www.storytellingarts.org/134.html>

**B – Saturday, May 9,** Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 12 – 16,** Connie Regan-Blake, 2:00 p.m. every day. Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/connie-regan-blake/>

**O – Monday, May 18,** Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, May 19 – 23,** Elizabeth Ellis, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/elizabeth-ellis/>

**O – Wednesday, May 20,** River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**W – Saturday, May 23,** Indiana Storyteller's Retreat, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Indianapolis, Indiana. Join fellow storytellers, librarians and educators for a day-long retreat in the heart of Indiana. Bring one traditional folktale to work on as we explore crafting storytelling performances for children. Cost: \$75, includes breakfast; bring your lunch. Information: Addie Hirschten,

[http://www.fantasticfables.net/Storytellers\\_Retreat.html](http://www.fantasticfables.net/Storytellers_Retreat.html), [fantatsicfables@gmail.com](mailto:fantatsicfables@gmail.com).

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, 26 – 30,** Andy Offutt Irwin, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/andy-offutt-irwin/>

**C, O – Tuesday, May 26,** The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Adventure. 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=2015-05>.

**ASL (if requested), O – Thursday, May 28,** The Franklin Story Slam, Theme: Fish Out of Water, featuring emcee Charlie McCain, guest storyteller Allen Dyer, and your friends and neighbors. Note: Stories must be true; five minutes or less; have a title, a beginning, middle and an end. 6:30 p.m. Gallery on the Square, 110 N. Main Street, Franklin, KY. Admission: \$3.00; bring a friend of a race or ethnicity different than your own, you both get in for ½ price! Audience: Ages 16 or older. Venue is handicapped accessible. Contact: Linda Paulus, 224-216-9856, <http://www.galleryonthesquare.org/>

**K – Saturday, May 30,** Kentucky Storytelling Association Board Meeting. Meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. at Harlan County Extension Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY. Information: Mary Hamilton, 502-223-4523.

**K, P – Saturday, May 30**, Storytelling in the Mountains, 6:30 p.m. Harlan County Extension Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY. Stories told by Bill Watson, Russ Conrad, Buck P. Creacy, Gwenda Johnson, Mike and Maggie Beville, Charlie Hardy, Pam Holcomb, and more KSA Members. Information: Pam Holcomb, 606-273-1494.

## **June 2015**

**C, D, K, Y – June 1, Entry Deadline**, Kentucky Youth Storytelling Competition for Youth ages 8 – 17. Information: Gwenda Johnson, [kys@kystory.org](mailto:kys@kystory.org) or 606-207-9769, or 606-738-6400 or 6440.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 2 – 6**, Pipp Gillette, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/pipp-gillette/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 9 – 13**, Syd Lieberman, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/syd-lieberman/>

**B – Saturday, June 13**, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**O – Monday, June 15**, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 16 – 20**, Kate Campbell, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/kate-campbell/>

**O – Wednesday, June 17**, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 23 – 27**, Beth Horner, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/beth-horner/>

**K, O, P – Monday, June 29**, Wandering Storytellers, featuring Paschal Baute, 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, June 30**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Delusions. 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=2015-06>.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, June 30 – July 4**, Shonaleigh, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/shonaleigh/>

## **July 2015**

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 7 – 11**, Won-Ldy Paye, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/won-ldy-paye/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 14 – 18**, Bil Lepp, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/bil-lepp/>

**O – Wednesday, July 15**, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**O – Monday, July 20**, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 21 – 25**, Regi Carpenter, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/regi-carpenter/>

**C, K, O, P – Monday, July 27**, Wandering Storytellers, Story Slam – Tell your five minute tale, and you could win cash! 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](#).

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 28 – August 1**, Megan Wells, 2:00 p.m. every day. Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/megan-wells/>

**C, W, O, P, Y – July 30 – August 2**, National Storytelling Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. Information: <http://www.storynet.org/>.

## **August 2015**

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 4 – 8**, Angela Lloyd, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/angela-lloyd/>

**B – Saturday, August 8**, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 11 – 15**, Carmen Deedy, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/carmen-deedy/>

**O – Monday, August 17**, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 18 – 22**, David Holt, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/david-holt/>

**O – Wednesday, August 19**, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 25 – 29**, Odds Bodkin, 2:00 p.m. every day.

Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/odds-bodkin/>

**K – Saturday, August 29**, Kentucky Storytelling Association, Board Meeting, Louisville, KY. Information: Amanda Hay, 502-381-7957.

**K, O, P – Monday, August 31**, 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](#).

## **September 2015**

### **Kentucky Storytelling Month**

Although the Event Calendar usually includes only open-to-the-public events, during Kentucky Storytelling Month, we will include any storytelling event in Kentucky. Plan your event, and send information to <http://www.kystory.org/events/submit-event-form.shtml>  
Let KSA help you celebrate Kentucky Storytelling Month 2015!

**B – Saturday, September 12**, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

## **September 2015 Events in Neighboring States**

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 1 -- 5**, Will Hornyak, 2:00 p.m. every day.  
Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/will-hornyak/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 8 -- 12**, Ellouise Schoettler, 2:00 p.m. every day. Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/ellouise-schoettler/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 15 -- 19**, Linda Gorham, 2:00 p.m. every day. Details: See Teller in Residence listing under Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/linda-gorham/>

**O – Wednesday, September 16**, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**P – Saturday, September 19**, Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival, featuring Carrie Sue Ayvar, Megan Hicks, Dan Keding, and Donna Washington. Bandy Creek Campground in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, KY, TN. Admission: Free. Information: Bandy Creek Visitor Center, 423-286-7275.

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