

# Kentucky Storytelling Association Newsletter

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## President's Column

President Mary Hamilton

Hello KSA Members,

Kentucky Storytelling Month – the entire month of September – will be here soon! Now that KSA has succeeded in having Governor Beshear proclaim an entire month in honor of storytelling, let's all join together to see what we can do to increase opportunities for storytelling throughout September. Wandering Storytellers in Lexington, Kentucky Homefront Radio Show, Tale Talk and The Moth in Louisville, all monthly events, will be happening as usual. The Tilghman Tellers, Paducah Tilghman High School's storytelling troupe, will be entertaining children at local elementary schools the week of September 14 – 18. Paul Sawyer Public Library in Frankfort is planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Liars Contest. In Morehead the Cave Run Storytelling Festival brings storytelling to thousands of area school students and to the general public the last weekend in September. In mid-September the Haunting in the Hills Festival at the Big South Fork National River and Recreation area, an area that straddles the KY-TN border, sends storytellers to schools in surrounding counties including McCreary and Wayne Counties in Kentucky. In addition McCreary County Public Library will host a Kentucky Folklife Master/Apprentice Program display that features storyteller Octavia Sexton during the month of September.

What's happening where you are? What storytelling will you be involved in as a listener or as a teller? Please send your storytelling events to [calendar@kystory.org](mailto:calendar@kystory.org). Although the calendar typically only publicizes open to the public events, during Kentucky Storytelling Month, we want to publicize all events -- public and private. Please help by creating an event and submitting your information. Let's use the Kentucky Storytelling Month designation to further KSA's mission of developing on-going support and appreciation for the art of storytelling in the Commonwealth.

Thanks for all you do to support storytelling – together we can embrace all types of storytelling and keep this art thriving.

## **Conference News** by Betsy Fleischer

### **Workshops**

The presenters have been chosen! A mighty big THANKS goes to the proposal reading committee of Maryann Zoll, Steve Lanham, Delinda Dent, and Betsy Fleischer. They had 20 proposals to read and decide upon. The lineup is as follows:

Joanna Demarest – “The Character’s Perspective; Creating Characters with Panache!”

Come and play with your voice, posture, movement, and language to create more interesting and dynamic characters

Pat Nease – “Games Storytellers Play”

Non-threatening, laughter-filled games hone listening, speaking, voice, empathy, creativity, presentation, and imagination skills and accommodate a variety of ability levels, ages and group sizes. (double session)

Octavia Sexton – “Sharing the Magic”

Participants will learn how to use storytelling to inspire and guide students in the creative process of writing, dramatizing or telling a story in a participatory workshop. (double session)

Brian Jones – “Preserving Personal History: Telling the Story of Terminally Ill Patients”

This workshop will explore various methods to preserve a patient’s story.

Addie Hirschten – “The Purpose Driven Story”

Give your story direction by defining your root message. In this workshop we will dissect messages and morals to reach the heart of storytelling.

Saundra Kelley – “Build a Better Guild”

The ex-president of the Jonesborough Storytelling Guild shares the evolution and tools needed to build a guild. Participants will leave with concrete ideas and visions to take home.

Loren Niemi – “Is the Ghost Story Dead?”

This workshop will explore the telling of nontraditional and/or psychologically disturbing stories, as well as looking at reanimating the shadowy core of traditional stories. Learn the how and why of balancing really creepy content with audience pleasing wit and disarming charm in a well-told story.

Otto and Katie Ross – “Invitation to Participation!”

In this interactive and fun workshop let the Rosses inspire you with tried and true ways to get your audience members participating in your presentations.

Janice M. Del Negro – Word-Smithing; the Practical Construction of Effective Narrative Language”

Focus on practical tools that encourage storytellers at all levels to find their own joyous way through the stories they are called to tell. (double session)

### **Featured teller**

Our featured teller this year is Pat Nease. For information please visit: <http://www.patnease.com/>

### **Volunteers**

Yes, folks. It’s that time of year again. Your conference chair is trolling for volunteers. There are various jobs for all. The goal for conference volunteerism is: one and done! How can you help row the conference boat to keep it afloat?? You can:

Put up outside direction signs.

Set up three workshop rooms – set out easels and markers, evaluations box, and sign-in sheets.

Work the registration table - welcome and give out folders, and receipts if necessary, for Friday night, or on Saturday morning 8-9:15 a.m.

Be a timekeeper - for open mic times on Saturday, or for the late night story slam on Friday night 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Be a judge – need three for the Slam – all you have to do is listen, enjoy, and hold up a number.

Be a score recorder for the Slam – skills needed are simple math and legibility.

Be the “official” photographer for the conference Friday or Saturday or both.

Be the Story Store Manager – the one in charge of the store, need math skills, accuracy in filling out inventory forms, work with clerk.

Be a clerk at the Story Store when it is open – need math skills, pick a shift.

Be the Emcee for Saturday – you will have a script from which to read.

Be the Emcee for Friday night concert.

Be the Emcee for Saturday night concert.

Be the Room Monitor Chair – be in charge of recruiting and scheduling room monitors.  
 Room Monitors help the presenter set up if needed, announce at the beginning of the session about the sign-in sheet and evaluations to be done at the end, arrange with the presenter the signal for 5 minutes left, hand out evaluations and collect, instructions for evaluations will be on the evaluation red box.

Be the Door Prize Chair – solicit story related prizes to create 7 giveaways, set up the prize table, pick a name from basket and give to the Emcee, retrieve name slip.

Be the CEU credit procurer, print out sign-in sheets and documents for CEU and PD.  
 Help with take down on Saturday night.

It takes several, several people to put on your conference and your help can make it fantastic! Please look over the positions above, choose one to volunteer, then contact Betsy Fleischer at 2batqueen@gmail.com with the subject line “KSA volunteer”; or leave a message at 859-734-3194; or text 859-612-8275; or mail at 305 Cole Lane, Harrodsburg, KY 40330-7715. I would like to have the positions filled by August 1 so that I can put the ducks in a row. [Ducks are easier to row up than herding cats.] See you at the conference!

### **Increasing Costs; Increasing Dues** by Mary Hamilton

One responsibility of your KSA Board is to guard and maintain the financial health of KSA while also working to keep KSA accessible to all economically. To that end, your KSA Board has recently decided to increase KSA dues. KSA dues had never been changed in the last ten years. And yet, basic expenses have been changing. For example, the KSA P.O. Box rental that cost \$70 in 2005 will cost \$164 in 2016. And all of us know how much postage has been rising, so even though KSA, like all other organizations, has steadily increased its use of email, there is still a need for postage. Your KSA dues increase is not huge, just \$5.00 in most dues categories and no increase for students. Here are the new KSA dues rates: Students \$15; Elders (over 65) \$20; Individuals \$25; Families (all members living in same household or supported by the family while away at school) \$50; Organizations \$60. While the number of members has risen over the years, the money from dues has still not kept up with administrative expenses.

All KSA members will continue to receive substantial discounts on Kentucky Storytelling Conference pre-registrations. In 2015 KSA member pre-registration will be \$55 for Individuals and \$110 for Families as compared with Non-member pre-registration rates of \$75 for Individuals and \$190 for Families. As in the past, KSA's Organization/Institution Members can authorize Conference pre-registrations for individuals affiliated with their organization at KSA Individual Member pre-registration rates. Conference “at the door rates” for 2015 will be \$80.00 for individuals, and \$200 for families.

If you have questions or concerns about these changes in KSA fees, please contact Mary Hamilton, your current KSA President at 502-223-4523 or [president@kystory.org](mailto:president@kystory.org) . She will do her best to answer your questions and will share your concerns with the KSA Board.

### **KSA Survey** by Bob Thompson

The Membership Committee will be sending a survey, via email or mailing, to all KSA members sometime in mid-July. The intent of the survey is for the KSA Board to better understand and serve KSA members. Please give some thought as to what KSA means to you and how it could, in the future, better serve storytelling.

## **Spotlight On Kentucky Youth Storytelling** by Russ Conrad

Each year Kentucky Storytelling Association sponsors the Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition, a statewide effort to develop, encourage, and highlight the talent of our young storytellers. From this competition each year, up to five Torchbearers are selected from entries across our state.

This year we had fifteen entries and the five new Torchbearers for Kentucky Storytelling Association are: Chloe Esmeier of Lakeside Park, Cameron Arnold of Bowling Green, Andy Peeples of Philpot, Sarah Hardy of Alamo, and a tandem team: Brad and Alec Delaney from Louisville. Note the spread of communities and recognize this is a state-wide competition.

The chairman of the KY Youth Storytelling Committee, Gwenda Johnson, prepared forms and solicited entries through many avenues, all across our Bluegrass State, including schools, libraries and Extension Service. Each entrant provided a DVD video of them performing a story. Some of the stories were new material written by the entrant. There were some stories told that were written by other storytellers and credit was given to the original author.

Some of the Youth Storytellers used parodies of old children's stories such as Little Red Riding Hood. The parodies can be quite entertaining. This year the entries exhibited a wide variety of storytelling methods and talents.

Mary Hamilton and Russ Conrad were the volunteer judges for the day. We met Gwenda at the Nicholas County Extension Office in Carlisle. It was very kind of this office to allow us to use a room that was a central travel point to our group for the day. The screening process requires that we view each video, discuss the performance a bit and then individually score each entry. Each judge also wrote notes to every entrant advising as to what was done well in their performance and to provide information as to how to improve the story and its telling.

Each Torchbearer receives a plaque commemorating their accomplishment and is awarded a \$100.00 cash prize. They are provided a free one year membership to Kentucky Storytelling Association and invited to our Annual Conference with an opportunity to share a story during that conference.

The Torchbearer title also opens the door to other telling experiences. The winners will be invited to tell a story at Storytelling In The Mountains, a much anticipated annual spring event in Harlan, KY. Most years these students will also have the privilege to tell a story at the Kentucky State Fair in August.

As KSA members, each of us have friends and acquaintances that we should invite to participate in the next Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition. Please pass this information along to your young friends as well as their parents, teachers and mentors.

Thank you Gwenda for organizing and managing the 2015 competition. Thank you Mary for volunteering as a judge for this day.

Note to all KSA members: "You will enjoy working with this Youth Storytelling Committee. Volunteer as a committee member or as a judge for 2016. You will be rewarded!"

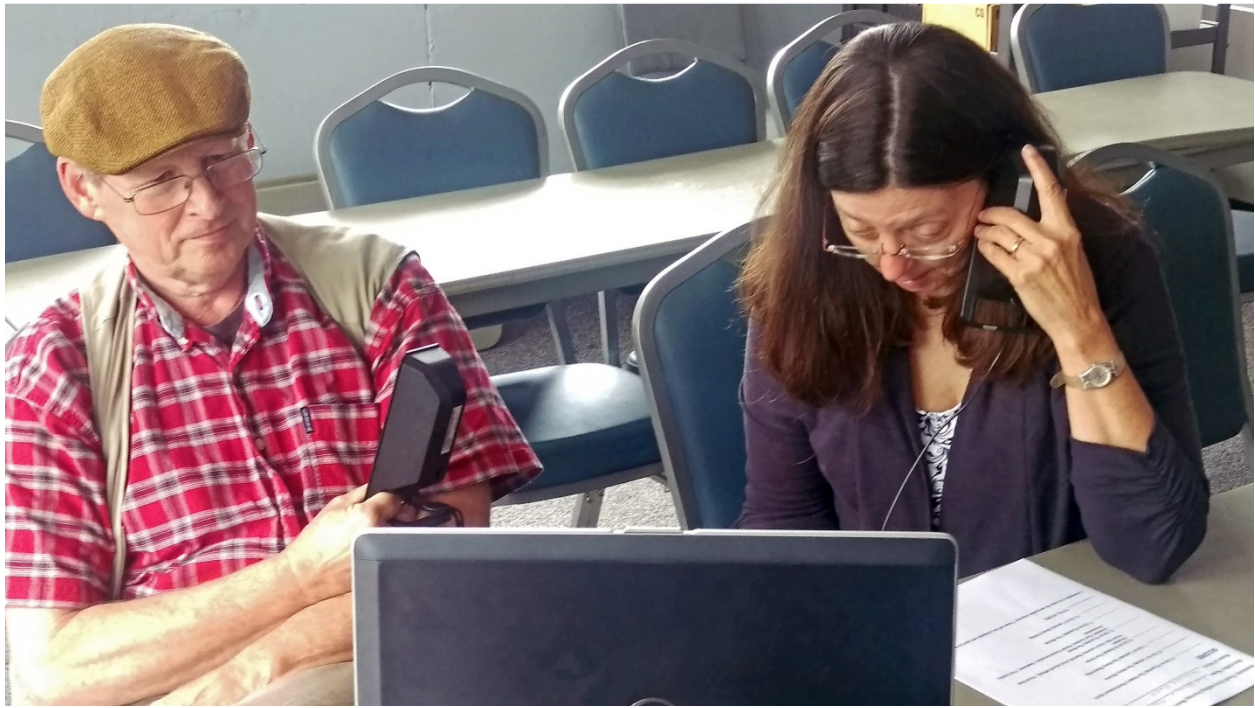
## **KSA Board Meeting Announcement**

The next KSA Board meeting will be Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Bob Thompson's residence, 7712 Briarwood Drive, Crestwood, Kentucky. The time has not yet been decided because of the Youth Storytelling Torchbearers being at the State Fair that day. Please contact Bob for the time. All KSA members are welcome to attend KSA Board meetings. Questions? Contact [Quad1@kystory.org](mailto:Quad1@kystory.org) or call Bob at 502-553-3406.

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.



Russ Conrad and Mary Hamilton judging Kentucky Youth Storytelling applications. Photo by Gwenda Johnson.

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

In April Mary Hamilton filled in for Betsy Fleischer who was unable to be the featured teller due to illness; and again in June Mary Hamilton filled in for Paschal Baute who was also unable to be the featured teller due to surgery.

There was no Wandering Storytellers in May due to the library being closed for Memorial Day.

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

August 31<sup>st</sup> will feature Paschal Baute. There will also be open mic telling.

September 28<sup>th</sup> will feature Charlie Hardy. There will also be open mic telling.

October will be a Story Slam with the theme of "Spooky". There will be cash prizes for the top three winners. Volunteer judges (not affiliated with the tellers) will be needed.

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)

### **Youth Storytelling at State Fair** by Charles Wright

The Kentucky Youth Torchbearers will be able to perform at the Kentucky State Fair, in Louisville, at the Performing Arts Showcase at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support our youth storytellers and enjoy a day at the fair.

## **Nominations Needed** by Charles Wright, Nominating Committee Chair

Nominations are needed for the following KSA positions: President-Elect, Secretary, Quadrant 2 Director, Quadrant 3 Director, and At-Large 1 Director. Any KSA member in good standing can run for these positions. Preference will be given to residents of the quadrants for the two quadrant director positions.

Nominees should plan on attending nine (9) board meetings over a two year period with the first being training/learning at the November Board Meeting in conjunction with the conference on November 6-7, 2015. There would then be four board meetings each year in 2016 and 2017. The board meetings are spread out across the state so there would be travel involved.

For further information on the positions and basic responsibilities, please refer to the bylaws on the KSA website: [www.kystory.org](http://www.kystory.org). Additional information, including detailed job descriptions are available from Mary Hamilton, Board Orientation Chair, [president@kystory.org](mailto:president@kystory.org) or 502-223-4523.

If you would be interested in any of these positions please contact Charles Wright at [Nominating@kystory.org](mailto:Nominating@kystory.org) or 502-223-4523 before August 1.

## **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.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](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 Payne Street, 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.

## July 2015

**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, July 21**, Graham Shelby telling stories collected during his three years of living in Japan, including ancient folk tales and ghost stories like “The Inch-High Samurai” and more. 10:00 a.m. Location: Grand Theatre, 308 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY. \$5.00. Information: [info@grandtheatrefrankfort.org](mailto:info@grandtheatrefrankfort.org), 502-352-7469. [www.grandtheatrefrankfort.org](http://www.grandtheatrefrankfort.org).

**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/>

**ASL (if requested), O – Thursday, July 23**, The Franklin Story Slam, Theme: Courage. Featuring emcee & 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, July 27**, Wandering Storytellers, Program – to be announced. 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](http://www.ksa.org).

**C, O – Tuesday, July 28**, The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: Balance. 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=2015-07>

**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/>

**P – Thursday, August 6**, Shively Library, featuring Thomas Freese telling Tales from the Sea, from 1-2:00 p.m. Location: 3920 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY, 40216. Information: (502) 574-1730. Free. Children grade school through adults welcome.

**O – Thursday, August 6,** SpeakEasy: I saw the sign! Stories about intuition, red flags, and B. S. detectors. 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>

**P – Saturday, August 8,** Middletown Library, featuring Thomas Freese telling Tales from the Sea, from 2-3:00 p.m. Location: 200 North Juneau Drive, Louisville, KY, 40243. Information: (502) 245-7332. Free. Children grade school through adults welcome.

**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.

**C, O – Tuesday, August 25,** The Moth Louisville Story Slam. Theme: The Fast Lane. 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=2015-08>

**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, Crestwood, KY. Information: Bob Thompson 502-553-3406.

**K, Y – Saturday, August 29,** 4:00 p.m. Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers at the Performing Arts Showcase, The Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, KY

**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.

**P – Monday – Friday, September 14 – 18,** The Tilghman Tellers, Paducah Tilghman High School's storytelling troupe will be entertaining children at local elementary schools.

**O – Monday, September 21,** Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**C – Monday, September 21,** Kentucky Liars Contest, Paul Sawyer Public Library, 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort, KY. 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. Contact Diane Dehoney, Community Service Librarian, 502-352-2665, ext. 108 or [diane@pspl.org](mailto:diane@pspl.org).

**P – Friday – Saturday, September 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>,** Cave Run Storytelling Festival, featuring Spencer Bohren, Peter Cook, Regi Carpenter, Donald Davis, Dolores Hydock, David Novak, Sue O'Halloran. Location: Twin Knobs Campground, 5195 KY Hwy 801 South, Morehead, KY GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude): 38.09472, -83.51694; 38°5'41"N, 83°31'1"W Pre-register for the 2015 Cave Run Storytelling Festival and save! 2015 Pre-Registration Forms and Information: <http://caverunstoryfest.org/index.html>

**C, K – Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>,** Family Friendly Story Slam at the Cave Run Storytelling Festival (see event above), KSA hosts a Story Slam from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes awarded. Sign up in the Festival Resource Tent; only one entry per teller.



**K, O, P – Monday, September 28**, 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](#).

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## **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/>

**O – Thursday, September 3**, SpeakEasy: MIX TAPE! Stories about the songs that define us. 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>

**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.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 22 -- 26**, Tom Lee, 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/tom-lee/>

**P – Monday -- Thursday, September 28 – October 1**, Donald Davis, 2:00 p.m. every day. Details: See Teller in Residence listing, Weekly events above, or visit: <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/storytelling-live/matinee-performances/donald-davis/>

## **October 2015**

**P – October 2 – 4, Friday – Sunday**, National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN. Information: 800-952-8392, 423-753-2171, <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/events/national-storytelling-festival/>

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 6 -- 10**, Antonio Rocha, 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/antonio-rocha/>

**P – Friday, October 9**, Jeffersontown Senior Citizens Center, featuring Thomas Freese telling local ghost stories (Jeffersontown/Louisville), from 6-8:00 p.m. Location: 10416 Watterson Trail, Jeffersontown, KY, 40299. Information: (502) 261-8290, Rhonda Rowland, [rowland@jeffersontownky.gov](mailto:rowland@jeffersontownky.gov). Free. Adults and accompanied children welcome.

**B – Saturday, October 10**, Kentucky Homefront, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 13 -- 17**, Alton Chung, 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/alton-chung/>

**P – Thursday, October 15**, Shelby County Library, featuring Bryan Bush and Thomas Freese, authors of *Haunted Battlefields of the South*. Civil War ghost stories on the lawn, from 6:16-7:15 p.m. Location: 309 8<sup>th</sup> St., Shelbyville, KY. Information: (502) 633-3803. Free. Children and adults welcome.

**O – Monday, October 19**, Tale Talk, Louisville, KY. See Monthly events above.

**P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 20 -- 24**, Tim Lowry, 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/tim-lowry/>

**O – Wednesday, October 21**, River Town Story Tellers, Newburgh, IN. See Monthly events above.

**C, K, O, P – Monday, October 26**, 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, October 27 -- 31**, Michael Parent, 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/michael-parent/>

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