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President's Column

President Steve Lanham

"How do I become a better storyteller?" Have you ever asked yourself that question?

Storytelling is an art and a craft and there's more to it than just saying whatever comes to mind. While some people are just naturally funny or are intuitive storytellers, most of us have to work at it if we want to become better. Remember the old joke about how you get to Carnegie Hall? The answer: Practice, practice, practice.

That seems obvious, but WHERE do you practice? Of course, you may stumble on such venues as schools, libraries, and sports events where you may hone your craft. You can also make yourself available on the KSA website in the directory of storytellers and find opportunities to tell. However, those really aren't practice opportunities. Telling in public is more like game time instead of practice.

One place that you can practice in a safe, supportive environment and develop not only your storytelling skills but also other communication skills is in Toastmasters. I have been active in this organization for more than a decade and I can testify that it has improved my communication and meeting management skills across the board. Other KSA members involved in Toastmasters are former KSA board member Jerry Young, Al Edington, Kerry Boudreaux, Steve Nussbaum, Bill Miller, and current KSA board member Cynthia Lanham.

Toastmasters offers a structured, self-paced program that provides regular stage time to its members. And that's what many of us need, especially less experienced storytellers. Most Toastmasters clubs meet weekly or twice a month. A typical meeting will feature 2-3 prepared speeches, usually 5-7 minutes long. The speeches are based on projects in the basic communication manual that covers the basic elements of good speech craft or they are on projects in advanced manuals, which include storytelling.

But that's not all! In every Toastmasters meeting, there's also an evaluation segment in which another club member provides feedback to each speaker or teller. Believe me, feedback is a gift. Over the years, I have found that the feedback I have received at Toastmasters events has helped me grow as a speaker and as a storyteller. And this is a place where you can receive positive feedback on what really works in your story and constructive feedback which provides specifics on areas of improvement.

I consider Toastmasters a life-long learning laboratory where members can practice experiments in storytelling and in public speaking. I suggest you give it a try. There are clubs all over the state of Kentucky (Louisville, Lexington, Richmond, Midway, Winchester, Frankfort, Paducah, Murray, Owensboro, Henderson, Bowling Green, and northern Kentucky) and in neighboring states. To find a club near you, go to toastmasters.org and select **Find a Club**. Dues at most Toastmasters clubs are \$100 a year or less, which I consider a bargain.

Are there other ways and other places you can hone your storytelling skills? Sure, there are. There are always Open Mic segments at our monthly Wandering Storytelling events in Lexington and in Madisonville. Another educational hot spot is the KSA website under the **Storytelling Links** tab. There's a lot of good information there. And you can find telling and listening opportunities at the **Event Calendar** tab on the website too. Learning opportunities and Open Mic times also abound at our annual conferences. Conference Chair Betsy Fleischer and her committee are working hard right now to assemble an educational program to help us take our telling abilities to the next level. You may also check the continuing education programs in your communities for your storytelling topics.

I encourage each one of you to investigate the possibilities for learning more about storytelling and for places to practice.

How do we get better? Stage time, stage time, stage time! Take advantage of it.

Kentucky Youth Storytelling Gwenda Johnson & Mary Hamilton

Hooray for KSA volunteers! When the call for volunteers went out, six KSA members stepped up to judge the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Competition entries. Thank you, volunteer KYS judges: Cynthia Lanham, Steve Lanham, Bill Watson, Debra Kumar, Regan Wann, and Cynthia Changaris. These fine folks have completed their evaluations, but the new Torchbearers cannot be announced until all entrants have been notified of results. Everyone, watch for a newsletter supplement announcing the new Kentucky Youth Storytelling Torchbearers.

Greetings From Wandering Storytellers by Cynthia Lanham

We have had some exciting meetings at Farish Theatre, Lexington Public Library. In February, Ed Bryson delighted us with some folk tales and fairy tales. Gwenda Huff Johnson packed the house in April and shared stories of Appalachian Life. In May we met on the 3rd Monday instead of the 4th due to Memorial Day. To make it even more fun we had a joint meeting of Toastmasters and Kentucky Storytellers and again had a great turnout. We heard some wonderful storytellers and we thank Billy Goldsmith for sharing some funny stories as featured teller. Octavia was a huge smash with her Jack stories and we had great attendance. Thank you Octavia for also providing her CD's as door prizes. Everyone was hoping their name was drawn for those prizes. I am saving the best for last. In March we had a story lab. All that attended gave great feedback. Next story lab will be in September so put it on your calendars. It's a great way to get feedback on your stories and help your fellow storytellers.

We have some fantastic speakers coming up this summer. Cynthia Lanham will be sharing childhood stories in July and Mike and Maggie Beville will tell fun cowboy stories in August. Remember that Wandering Storytellers is also a time you can share YOUR stories. Plan on attending this summer and bring a friend.

Important Announcement:

Beginning in July, Wandering Storytellers will be meeting on the last Thursday of each month. You spoke and we listened. I have heard from many that Monday's are very difficult to attend Wandering Storytellers so we are hoping Thursday might be a better day for more storytellers. With the exception of Thursday, November 24th which is Thanksgiving. We will be meeting on November 17th that month.

KSA Board Meeting Announcement

The next KSA board meeting will be August 6th at the Tates Creek Library, 3628 Walden Drive, in Lexington. All KSA members are welcome to attend KSA Board meetings. For time or other questions? Contact Steve Lanham, president@kystory.org, 502-319-0252 for details.

Dates and contact persons for other 2016 KSA Board meetings are posted on the KSA website at: [Board Meeting Dates](#).

Kentucky Storytelling Conference News by Mary Hamilton

Make your travel plans now for the 2016 Kentucky Storytelling Conference in Pikeville, Kentucky. Conference begins Friday evening November 4th and continues all day and evening Saturday November 5th. This year we are partnering with the Pike County Public Library District for our conference location – the top floor meeting rooms of the Lee Avenue Branch of the Pike County Public Library, 126 Lee Avenue, Pikeville, KY.

Conference Lodging: Beside the library parking lot, you'll find the nearest hotel, the newly renovated Brookshire Inn, 123 Alexandria Drive, Pikeville, KY 40501. A conference rate of \$82.71 including all taxes is available until October 23rd or until all rooms are booked. So call now, 1-606-433-0888, to reserve your room. Be sure to tell the reservation clerk you are calling about the Kentucky Storytelling Conference so you'll receive the discounted rate.

Conference Food: As in the past, you'll be on your own for food, and there are many, many food choices in the nearby area from a Burger King just across the parking lot to nearby shopping areas that include Applebee's, Penn Station, Arby's, McDonald's, Steak and Shake, Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, Moe's Southwest Grill, Texas Roadhouse, and more. If you travel on into downtown Pikeville, you'll find lots of additional options. No matter what your dietary needs, you are sure to find something. Expect a list of the many very nearby possibilities in your conference packet.

Conference Events: You'll find workshops on varied aspects of the art of storytelling. Abundant workshop proposals were received, and at press time, proposal reviewers Betsy Fleischer, Maryann Zoll, and Ed Bryson were busy reading and evaluating them. As soon as they complete their work and all who submitted have been notified of the results, the selected conference workshops will be posted to the KSA website and an announcement will go out to all KSA members, so watch for that upcoming Conference news. New this year was a request specifically for a workshop for beginning storytellers, so if you are a beginner, please know there will be a workshop session especially for you. Evening storytelling concerts, lots of open mics, a Friday night Story Slam, featured teller performances, and our yearly membership meeting are also planned.

Conference Registration: Pre-registration *is required* for this year's conference. If you register before Oct 28th, you'll receive an early bird discount. Online registrations, payable through PayPal, can be received as late as the morning of the Conference. To register by mail, please allow time for your payment to reach KSA before the Conference. You'll find a Conference Registration Form in this newsletter.

Conference Volunteers: Yes, volunteers are needed during the Conference. Below are some of the many jobs that need filling if our conference is to be successful. If you see something you'd like to do, please contact Conference Chair, Betsy Fleischer and sign up. Reach her via email at conference@kystory.org or by phone 859-612-8275.

Emcees: Needed for the Friday and Saturday evening events and for several short open mic segments during the day on Saturday. You will have a script of useful information to help you with your emcee duties.

Room monitors: Needed for every workshop session. Room monitors watch the time to help the workshop leader end at the correct time, assist the workshop facilitator if needed in such tasks as distributing handouts, hand every participant a workshop evaluation form, and collect the evaluation forms at the end of the workshop. Complete instructions are provided in every workshop location, so don't worry about trying to recall the details of this job. Here's a suggestion: When the workshop list comes out, read it

over, select a workshop you know you want to attend, then contact Betsy and volunteer to serve as the room monitor for that workshop.

Door monitors: Because we are using the carpeted meeting rooms of the public library, the evening performances and all the workshop sessions will be in rooms where no food or drinks are allowed. Don't worry; there is another room where drinks are allowed. Coffee, tea and water will be available there. Drinks are also allowed in the general hallway area, but not in the meeting rooms. Food is not allowed anywhere in the library. So, folks who are willing to stand at the doors and gently, but firmly, remind folks that drinks are not allowed inside the meeting rooms are needed. When a session begins, you'll be able to step right inside, and just sit near the door in case anyone arrives with a drink they'll need to remove.

Story Store workers: Late Friday afternoon and early evening, help is needed to check in materials Conference presenters and attendees provide for sale in the Conference Story Store. If you are good at counting items and filling out a form to make an accurate record, this brief job will be a good match for you. During the Conference, Story Store sales help is needed before and after the evening performances and during the breaks throughout the day on Saturday. Charles Wright has agreed to once again serve as the Story Store manager, so you'll be helping him with sales. Saturday evening, folks are needed to inventory out unsold merchandise – accurate counting and subtraction skills are needed for that job.

Set-up help: Can you arrive on Friday afternoon? If so, help is needed to set up the meeting rooms, put the supplies in place for coffee and tea, set up the registration table, and complete any last minute packet stuffing.

Take-down help: On Saturday night, after the evening performance, help is needed to pack up KSA's conference supplies.

Registration Table Workers: Two people are needed for the Registration Table on Friday evening before the opening performance and on Saturday morning before the workshops begin (you'll likely miss any opening icebreaker or welcome, but you won't miss any workshops). You'll have a list of everyone who has registered for the Conference. You'll be checking them off the list and giving them their conference packet and name tags.

Door prize donors: KSA uses door prizes to reward prompt attendance at all general sessions. A variety of prizes are welcome. If you are willing to make a door prize donation, please let Betsy know what you are willing to donate.

Timekeepers: Do you have a good timepiece and are you willing to sit on the front row of the audience and pay attention to that timepiece? Volunteer to serve as a timekeeper. You'll be provided with the necessary materials to hold up so tellers during open mics and the Story Slam will know when they are running out of time. Several timekeepers are needed, one for each evening performance, the Story Slam, and for each Saturday daytime open mic session.

Story Slam Judges: Three judges are needed for the Story Slam on Friday evening. During the Slam each teller has up to five minutes to tell a story. Each judge assigns the story a score from 1 – 10 immediately after hearing the story. If you or one of your close relatives plans to enter the Slam, you are not eligible to judge.

Photographers: Do you enjoy taking photos? Are you willing to attempt to get a photo of each teller during performances, of each workshop presenter in those workshops you attend, as well as some audience and other conference related pics? Yes! You would be an ideal Conference photographer. Conference photos will be used on KSA's Facebook page, and if high enough quality (sometimes phone/tablet cameras are not high enough resolutions) some will also be included in future montages on the opening page of the KSA website.

Begin now! Book your hotel room. Claim your job. Register for the Kentucky Storytelling Conference at www.kystory.org or using the form in this newsletter. Watch for the workshop details coming soon in a newsletter supplement to all KSA members. Let's have a wonderful time together in Pikeville on November 4th and 5th.

Registration Form for 2016 Kentucky Storytelling Conference

(For online registration or credit card payment via PayPal, go to www.kystory.org)

Early Bird Registration discount - Deadline October 28th	Single	Family of 3 or More
KSA Members	\$55	\$110
Non-members	\$75	\$190
After October 28th	Single	Family of 3 or More
	\$80	\$200

Name: _____

Name for Conference name tag if different from above:

Do you need a sign language interpreter or other form of accommodation for this conference?

Please circle: Yes No

If yes, please describe your need: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email (optional): _____

Telephone: _____

Additional Comments for the Conference Organizers: _____

Mail this form and your check or money order to:

KSA, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148.

Privacy: KSA does not share, rent, sell or distribute your private personal information.

Refunds: A written refund request must be received by October 15th and 50% of your registration will be returned on receipt of such notice.

Deadlines: **Early** Bird discount registration payments must arrive online or be postmarked by October 28th. **Mailed full fee** registration payments must reach KSA by November 3rd. **Online full fee** registration payments can be accepted as late as the morning of the Conference.

DeaFestival 2016

DeaFestival 2016 will take place at The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, 501 West Main, Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday, September 3rd. This event includes a craft festival, exhibitors, visual arts gallery, and performers. Storytellers are always among the included performers. If you don't understand signed language, don't worry. All performances are also captioned or otherwise interpreted so everyone can enjoy them. At press time, details of the event schedule were not yet posted, so visit the DeaFestival website www.DeaFestival.org as the day draws near to learn more about what to expect. At past DeaFestivals all events have been free! Knowledge Center of Deafness, an important long-term Kentucky Storytelling Conference partner, engages in the production of this event. So, let's all turn out, support our partner, and have a fun time too.



SAVE^{the} DATE

DeaFestival 2016

There's no place like home!

Louisville, KY

-September 3, 2016-

*#Poetry * #Storytelling * Theatre * Music * Arts*

www.deafestival.org

The poster features a green background with white and red text. At the top, 'SAVE^{the} DATE' is written in a white, hand-drawn font. Below it, 'DeaFestival 2016' is in large, bold, red letters with a black outline. A pair of red high-heeled shoes is shown in the center. To the right of the shoes, the phrase 'There's no place like home!' is written in a cursive font. Below the shoes, 'Louisville, KY' and '-September 3, 2016-' are written in bold, red letters. At the bottom, there are several stylized hands in black and white, some with colorful patterns. Above the hands, the words '#Poetry * #Storytelling * Theatre * Music * Arts' are written in a cursive font. At the very bottom, the website 'www.deafestival.org' is written in bold, white letters with a black outline.

Congratulations KSA Members by Mary Hamilton

Your KSA colleagues have much to be proud of! New books by KSA members Donna Slaton and Eddie Price were featured in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* article "Keep Kids Reading Over the Summer with Local Books" by Jayne Moore Waldrop. Donna's book, *Ben Beagle Plays* is picture book which introduces readers to this dog breed by telling of Ben's adventures via a rhyming text. Eddie's picture book *Little Miss Grubby Toes Steps on a Bee!* is the first in a series designed to teach values, self-discipline, and safety lessons in a light-hearted way. KSA member Mick Parsons's short story "Scalloped" earned an Honorable Mention designation in the Very Short Fiction category (for stories 300 – 3000 words) from *Glimmer Train*, a respected short story journal. Bravo and congratulations to these KSA members for their accomplishments and accompanying well-deserved recognition.

If your efforts have earned an honor, an award, or other recognition lately, and you'd like your KSA colleagues to know about it, please tell your KSA newsletter editor by sending word of the event to newsletter@kystory.org.

Kentucky Storytelling Month by Mary Hamilton

Once again, September is Kentucky Storytelling Month.

Kentucky Storytelling Month encourages programming statewide -- at schools, libraries, parks, community events, wherever people gather -- 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. Tell around the table, tell at the library, listen at the nursing home, listen at the Veteran's Center, or at the state park. Inside or out, storytelling is FUN, portable, and sometimes life changing.

The above paragraph can also be found on the Kentucky Storytelling Association website. Feel free to use it to help you publicize your Kentucky Storytelling Month activities. On the KSA website [Kentucky Storytelling Month](#) page, you'll also find a brief description of storytelling, and a link to publications by the Producers and Organizers Special Interest Group of the National Storytelling Network. Those publications include advice on creating a variety of storytelling events.

What's already planned for September?

DeaFestival in Louisville (see article in this newsletter) will include storytelling on September 3rd. Storytellers will visit Wayne and McCreary County schools during the week of September 12th courtesy of the Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival produced by Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area along the KY/TN border. KSA member Mary Hamilton will tell stories at Paintsville Elementary in Johnson County and at The Academy in Frankfort. The Cave Run Storytelling Festival, an event that regularly features some of the best storytellers in the nation, takes place at Cave Run Lake near Morehead, September 23-24th.

Regular monthly events (see monthly section of the Calendar) include:

- In Louisville -- The Homefront Radio Show where KSA member Bob Thompson tells a story, Tale Talk where all are welcome and anyone may tell any type of story, and The Moth a competitive story slam featuring true personal experience stories.
- In Lexington -- Wandering Storytellers will feature a Story Lab, an opportunity to receive feedback on a work in progress.
- In Madisonville -- Wandering Storytellers West also provides open mic opportunities.

What are you planning? Where will you be telling and listening in September? Send information on your September storytelling -- whether open to the public or private events -- so your event can be included on our KSA website event calendar. Send information to calendar@kystory.org or mail to KSA PO Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148 by August 15th so your event will be included in the listings of Storytelling Month events. Why include private events if the public cannot attend? Not only does the calendar let folks know where they can hear stories, but when visitors look at the Kentucky Storytelling Month section, they can also gain ideas about types of events celebrating the art of storytelling they could plan. So, please, send your events and let's make storytelling available to as many people as possible throughout September -- Kentucky Storytelling Month.



Maggie Beville, Donna Slaton, and Mike Beville, at the inaugural Wandering Storytellers West in Madisonville, at the Hopkins County -- Madisonville Public Library. Mike and Maggie Beville were the featured tellers. Donna Slaton is the emcee for the event.

Upcoming Storytelling Events

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

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B – Kentucky Voices and Views - a podcast about interesting people, places and activities around Kentucky hosted by Tom Hailey from Lexington. Topics vary & include interviews with storytellers. <http://www.kentuckyvoicesandviews.com/>.

Weekly

B – A Time for Tales, Sundays, - 3:00 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 <http://wmky.org/programs/time-tales>.

B -- Kentucky Homefront, Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. on WFPK 91.9 FM, Louisville, KY. Radio show, taped in front of a live audience. All live tapings include storytelling and music; half of broadcasts include storytelling. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.

B - Kentucky Homefront, Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. streamed on Crescent Hill Radio. Details: www.CrescentHillRadio.com. and www.kentuckyhomefront.org.

P –Teller In Residence, May – October, Jonesborough, TN. 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 includes 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

O – River Town Story Tellers, 1st 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 or Mary Jo Huff, 812-455-1558.

O – SpeakEasy, 1st Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. \$5.00. An open-mic event for adults co-sponsored by Storytellers of Central Ohio (SOCO) and Wild Goose Creative, 2491 Summit Street, **Columbus, OH** 43202. Wild Goose Creative believes everyone has a story to tell. To give those stories a voice we're proud to offer, Speak Easy, Columbus's premier event for live storytelling! It's simple: an audience, an open microphone, and great stories. Hilarious, gripping, poignant, you'll hear it all. Come to listen or come to tell as people from across Columbus offer their stories live on stage! Always something unexpected--a different topic every month! For more info contact Sarah Fulmer: SpeakeasySarah@gmail.com

O – As I Recall Storytelling Guilds, 2nd Mondays, Hancock County Public Library, **Greenfield, IN**, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

P – Jabberwocky, 2nd Tuesdays, September – December & February –May a gathering of people willing to share and listen to life stories based around a theme.. Doors open 5:30 p.m., stories begin at 6:00 p.m. Indy Eleven IndyFringe Theatre, 719 E. St. Clair St. **Indianapolis, IN** 46202. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

P – Kentucky Homefront, 2nd Saturdays, February – June and August – December, a radio show, taped in front of a live audience. All live tapings include storytelling and music. 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 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 and at 2:00 p.m. streamed on Crescent Hill Radio.

K, O, P – Western Kentucky Wandering Storytellers, 3rd Mondays, Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library, 425 E. Center, Madisonville, KY 42431. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Stories for and by adults and older teens – humor, inspirational, emotional, history, and more. Featured tellers for 30 minutes every other month followed by open mic. Open mic storytelling every month; 8 – 10 minute story length. FREE Details: Ashley Buchanan, 270-825-2680 .

O – Tale Talk, 3rd Mondays, 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/>.

O – As I Recall Storytelling Guilds, 3rd Wednesdays, Glendale Library in **Indianapolis, IN**, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

O – Traditional Storytelling Guild, 3rd Wednesdays, Nora Library, **Indianapolis, IN**. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Information: www.StorytellingArts.org.

O, The Moth, last Tuesdays, Louisville, KY. Details: 7:00 p.m. door open, 8:00 p.m. stories begin, Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Rd., Louisville, fee charged.

P, O (sometimes W), Wandering Storytellers, last Thursdays, Lexington, KY. Details: 7-8:30 p.m., in the Farish Theatre at the main branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main Street.

Quarterly

Louisville Storytellers events – specific dates to be announced. Louisville Storytellers, a Courier-Journal newspaper sponsored event to be held at various venues including bars, restaurants and theatres, is meant to provide a forum for both notables and neighbors to share personal stories on topics about which the community is passionate. Unlike story slams or competitions, each Louisville Storytellers night will be curated by a team of C-J storytelling reporters and will focus on Louisville-centered themes. Below are descriptions of upcoming events. For more information or to join a mailing list: [Louisville Storytellers](http://LouisvilleStorytellers.org)
Upcoming Louisville Storytellers Events (As specific dates and locations become available, information below will be relocated within the Event Calendar.)

Fall 2016 – Entrepreneurs: Triumphs, flops and hard-won wisdom from the world of entrepreneurs, from risk-taking money makers to millennials redefining the notion of a career.

Winter 2017 – LGBTQ: Personal stories from the gay, lesbian and transgender community in the wake of high-profile legal and cultural battles.

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W – Tuesday – Thursday, July 5 – 7, Johnson City, TN. “Exploring Ancient and Epic Tales”. Instructor: Heather Forest, PhD. East Tennessee State University. Details: [ETSU Summer Storytelling Institute](http://ETSUSummerStorytellingInstitute.org).

P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 5 – 9, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Motoko. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

O – Wednesday, July 6, Newburgh, IN. River Town Story Tellers. Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

O – Thursday, July 7, Columbus, OH. Speak Easy. Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

B – Saturday, July 9, Louisville, KY. Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.

W, Y – Sunday – Saturday, July 10 – 23, Jackson, KY. “The Art of Storytelling” a class for Grades 7 – 12. Instructors include Ed Bryson. Oakdale Christian Academy. For admission information: Melissa Johnston, Admissions (606) 666-5422 ext 104, admissions.rep@oakdalechristian.org. For other information: [Oakdale Christian Summer LEAD Program](http://OakdaleChristianSummerLEADProgram.org).

C – Monday, July 11, Berea, KY. Storytelling throughout the Curriculum, taught by Octavia Sexton, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 18 & up. Limited to 15 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitberea.com/storytelling-throughout-the-curriculum/>

C – Tuesday, July 12, Berea, KY. Beginning Storytelling taught by Octavia Sexton, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 12 & up. Limited to 12 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitberea.com/beginning-storytelling/>

P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 12 – 16, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Diane Edgecomb. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

C – Wednesday, July 13, Berea, KY. Storytelling throughout the Curriculum, taught by Octavia Sexton, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 18 & up. Limited to 15 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitberea.com/storytelling-throughout-the-curriculum/>

C – Wednesday, July 13, Berea, KY. Intermediate Storytelling taught by Octavia Sexton, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 12 & up. Limited to 12 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/intermediate-storytelling/>

C – Thursday, July 14, Berea, KY. Advanced Storytelling taught by Octavia Sexton. 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., \$55.00. Ages 12 & up. Limited to 8 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/advanced-storytelling/>

C – Thursday, July 14, Berea, KY. Viking History and Storytelling for Kids and Educators, taught by Jereme Zimmerman, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$39.00. Ages 8 & up (under 18 must be accompanied by participating adult). Limited to 10 participants. To register, visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/viking-history-storytelling-for-kids-educators/>

P – Saturday, July 16, Owensboro, KY. Octavia Sexton telling tales for Adult Summer Reading Program 10:a.m. – noon. Free. Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica Street. Information: 270-684-0211, Ext. 232.

C – Monday, July 18, Berea, KY. Beginning Storytelling taught by Octavia Sexton, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 12 & up. Limited to 12 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/beginning-storytelling/>

C – Monday, July 18, Berea, KY. Storytelling throughout the Curriculum, taught by Octavia Sexton, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 18 & up. Limited to 15 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/storytelling-throughout-the-curriculum/>

K, O, P – Monday, July 18, Madisonville, KY. Western KY Wandering Storytellers. Details: See Western KY Wandering Storytellers in “Monthly”.

O – Monday, July 18, Louisville, KY. Tale Talk, Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

P – Monday, July 18, 2016 Cincinnati, OH. True Theatre: true stories told by real people. Theme: trueANIMAL. Know Theatre, 1120 Jackson Street. Details: www.cincinnati-storytelling.com.

C – Tuesday, July 19, Berea, KY. Intermediate Storytelling taught by Octavia Sexton, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., \$33.00. Ages 12 & up. Limited to 12 participants. To register visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/intermediate-storytelling/>

P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 19 – 23, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: The Storycrafters. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

C, O, P, W, Wednesday – Saturday, July 20 – 24, Kansas City, MO. National Storytelling Conference and Pre-Conferences, Details: [Conference](#).

C – Thursday, July 21, Berea, KY. Viking History and Storytelling for Kids and Educators, taught by Jereme Zimmerman, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., \$39.00. Ages 8 & up (under 18 must be accompanied by participating adult). Limited to 10 participants. To register, visit: <http://www.visitbera.com/viking-history-storytelling-for-kids-educators/>

C, O – Tuesday, July 26, Louisville, KY. The Moth Story Slam. Theme: Neighborhoods. Details: [Louisville Moth July](#).

P – Tuesday – Saturday, July 26 – 30, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Andy Offut Irwin. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

K, O, P – Thursday, July 28, Lexington, KY. Wandering Storytellers. Theme: Stories From My Youth. Featured Teller: KSA Member Cynthia Lanham, plus open mic. Details: 7-8:30 p.m., in the Farish Theatre at the main branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main Street.

August 2016

W – Monday – Wednesday, August 1 – 3, Johnson City, TN. “Telling Stories with Wit” Instructor: Andy Offut Irwin. East Tennessee State University. Details: [ETSU Summer Storytelling Institute](#).

P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 2 – 6, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Noa Baum. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

O – Wednesday, August 3, Newburgh, IN. River Town Story Tellers. Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

P – Wednesday, August 3, Cincinnati, OH. #CincyStorytellers: My Biggest Mistake. Details: [CincyStoryTellersAugust](#).

O – Thursday, August 4, Columbus, OH. Speak Easy. Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

K – Saturday, August 6, Lexington, KY. Kentucky Storytelling Association Board meeting. Contact president@kystory.org for meeting details.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 9 – 13, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Bobby Norfolk. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

B – Saturday, August 13, Louisville, KY. Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.

K, O, P – Monday, August 15, Madisonville, KY. Western KY Wandering Storytellers. Details: See Western KY Wandering Storytellers in “Monthly”.

O – Monday, August 15, Louisville, KY. Tale Talk, Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 16 – 20, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: David Holt. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 23 – 27, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Dovie Thomason. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

K, O, P – Thursday, August 25, Lexington, KY. Wandering Storytellers. Theme: Cowboys. Featured Tellers: KSA Members Mike and Maggie Beville, plus open mic. Details: Details: 7-8:30 p.m., in the Farish Theatre at the main branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main Street.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, August 30 – September 3, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Jim May. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

September 2016 – Kentucky Storytelling Month

To celebrate [Kentucky Storytelling Month](#), this calendar includes both public and private in-Kentucky storytelling events, so let KSA know what you are doing to celebrate, and your event will be posted below. **All in-Kentucky events are highlighted.** Email your event information to calendar@kystory.org or submit it [here](#).

ASL, P – Saturday, September 3, Louisville, KY. DeaFestival 2016. Poetry, Storytelling, Theatre, Music, Art. Details: <http://www.deafestival.org/>

P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 6 – 10, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Minton Sparks. Details: See listing under “Weekly”

O – Wednesday, September 7, Newburgh, IN. River Town Story Tellers. Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

O – Thursday, September 8, Columbus, OH. Speak Easy. Details: See listing under ‘Monthly’.

B – Saturday, September 10, Louisville, KY. Kentucky Homefront. Details: www.kentuckyhomefront.org.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 13 – 17, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Oba William King. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

F, P – Saturday, September 17, Oneida, TN. Big South Fork Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival, featuring Linda Gorham, Priscilla Howe, Fran Stallings, and Madafo Lloyd Wilson. Bandy Creek Campground, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 151 Stable Road, Oneida. Free. Information: (423) 286-7275.

K, O, P – Monday, September 19, Madisonville, KY. Western KY Wandering Storytellers. Details: See Western KY Wandering Storytellers in “Monthly”.

O – Monday, September 19, Louisville, KY. Tale Talk, Details: See listing under “Monthly”.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 20 – 24, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Tim Lowry. Details: See listing under “Weekly”.

P – Friday and Saturday, September 23 – 24, Morehead, KY. The 18th annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival featuring Kim Wietkamp, Kevin Kling, Bil Lepp, Josh Goforth, Baba Jamal Koram, Geraldine Buckley and Diane Ferlatte. Details: www.caverunstoryfest.org.

P – Tuesday, September 27, Mary Hamilton telling tales at Painstville Elementary School, Paintsville, KY.

P – Tuesday – Saturday, September 27 – October 1, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Don White. Details: [Teller In Residence](#)

K, W – Monday, September 26, Lexington, KY. Wandering Storytellers Story Lab – You can bring your stories and present them and receive feedback on ideas to help make them be even better. Details: 7-8:30 p.m., in the Farish Theatre at the main branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main Street.

October 2016

P – Monday – Thursday, October 3 – 6, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Donald Davis. Details: [Teller In Residence](#)

O – Wednesday, October 5, Newburgh, IN. River Town Story Tellers. Details: [River](#).

O – Thursday, October 6, Columbus, OH. Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

F, P – Friday – Sunday, October 7– 9, Jonesborough, TN. National Storytelling Festival, Details: [National Storytelling Festival](#), 800-952-8392, 423-753-2171.

B – Saturday, October 8, Louisville, KY. Kentucky Homefront. Details: [www.kentuckyhomefront.org](#).

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 11 – 15, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Clare Muireann Murphy. Details: [Teller In Residence](#)

O – Monday, October 17, Louisville, KY. Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).

K, O, P – Monday, October 17, Madisonville, KY. Wandering Storytellers West. Details: [Wandering](#).

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 18 – 22, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Laura Simms. Details: [Teller In Residence](#)

P – Tuesday – Saturday, October 25 – 29, Jonesborough, TN. Storyteller in Residence: Sheila Kay Adams. Details: [Teller In Residence](#)

K, O, P – Thursday, October 27, Lexington, KY. Wandering Storytellers. Theme: Spooky Tales. Featured Teller: KSA Member Betsy Fleischer, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

November 2016

O – Wednesday, November 2, Newburgh, IN. River Town Story Tellers. Details: [River](#).

O – Thursday, November 3, Columbus, OH. Speak Easy. Details: [SpeakEasy](#).

ASL (provided for evening events; provided upon request for daytime events) **C, O, P – Friday, Saturday, November 4 – 5, Pikeville, KY.** Kentucky Storytelling Conference, Lee Avenue Branch, Pike County District Library, 126 Lee Avenue, Pikeville. Storytelling performances, a Story Slam, Workshops, Open mics and more. Details: (posted as they become available) [KY Storytelling Conference](#).

B – Saturday, November 12 Louisville, KY. Kentucky Homefront. Details: [www.kentuckyhomefront.org](#).

K, O, P – Thursday, November 17, Lexington, KY. Wandering Storytellers, Theme: Back in the Day. Featured Teller: KSA Member Bill Watson, plus open mic. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

O – Monday, November 21, Louisville, KY. Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).

K, O, P – Monday, November 21, Madisonville, KY. Wandering Storytellers West. Details: [Wandering](#).

December 2016

O – Thursday, December 1, Columbus, OH. Speak Easy. Details: [Speakeasy](#).

O – Wednesday, December 7, Newburgh, IN. River Town Story Tellers. Details: [River](#).

B – Saturday, December 10 Louisville, KY. Kentucky Homefront. Details: [www.kentuckyhomefront.org](#).

O – Monday, December 19, Louisville, KY. Tale Talk, Details: [Talk](#).

K, O, P – Monday, December 19, Madisonville, KY. Wandering Storytellers West. Details: [Wandering](#).

C, K, O, – Thursday, December 29, Lexington, KY. Wandering Storytellers, Story Slam. Details: [KSA Wandering Storytellers](#).

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