



AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello my friends,

The 9th Annual Missouri Liars Contest was fabulous. I hope you were able to catch the tall tales. Each story was so different and so captivating. Thank you, contestants, for sharing your talents. Thank you to all our volunteers who took care of registration, book sales, lunch, coffee, the silent auction, workshop emcee, workshop leader, donors to the silent auction and donors of all kinds. A special to our judges and timekeeper and to Marsha Stifel Mellendorf, the creator of the quilt that was raffled off. Thank you to Shara Storm for photographing the event. Thank you to the Masonic Lodge, who housed our event. There are so many to thank. Thank you to the audience who listened to our stories.

We will begin working on next year's Liars Contest. We will move away from St. Louis but where will we go! Any ideas from you are welcome.

On September 13th, 7 pm Central Time, we will have an online event, New Moons, New Beginnings. More information to come soon.

We have Tellabration to look forward to and then another event on December 12, Helping Hands.

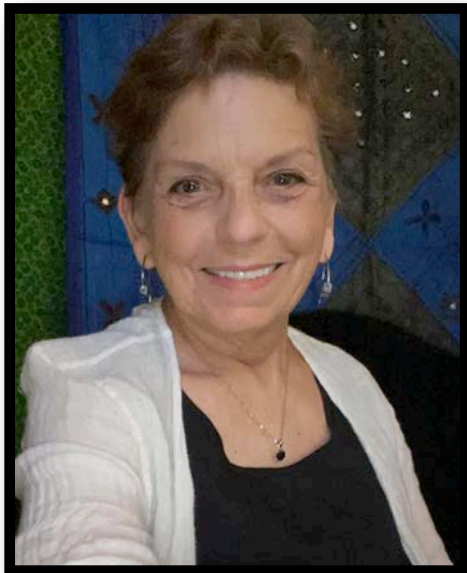
We are continuing with our history page. If you think of a story about your time with MO-TELL, send me an email. Joyceslater2o@gmail.com.

These events leave us with so many memories, so many stories. I love storytelling.

Keep telling your tales.

Love to you all,

Joyce Slater President of MO-TELL



“No, it'll not do just to read the good old tales out of a book. You've got to tell 'em to make 'em go right.”

- Richard Chase
(1904-1988)

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STORIES, GATHERINGS, AND STORY GATHERINGS
AROUND OUR FAIR STATE.

RAPS AUGUST 2023

Thursday August 3, 2023, 7:00 pm
First Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND
on Zoom
Annual Meeting & Officer Election
Ice Cream Sundae Bar (Food!!!! – *In-
person ONLY*)
Story Theme: “**Biggest Blunder**”

Saturday August 19, 2023, 10:30 am
Third Sat. Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Woodneath AND on
Zoom

Thursday September 7, 2023, 7:00 pm
First Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND
on Zoom
Workshop: “**From Thread to Whole
Cloth**” by Ron Stewart
Story Theme: “**Experience, Life’s
Teacher**”

*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person at:

Trailside Center	Woodneath Library Cente
99 th & Holmes Rd.	8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO 64131	Kansas City, MO 64157

If not on RAPS Mailing List,
Contact: RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com for
additional info and Zoom links.

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MAKES YOU WANT S'MORE. DON'T IT?

GATEWAY

Storytellers Reunion
Come to Picnic with us!

Stacy Park Pavilion
9750 Old Bonhomme Rd, Olivette, MO 63132
September 12, 2023 5:30 until dusk
B.Y.O.F and B.Y.O.D.

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A BIT OF MO-TELL HISTORY



My First Real Encounter with MO-TELL by Joyce Slater



I learned about storytelling in 1991. There was a storytelling class listed in the newspaper and I decided to try it. I met so many friends in that class, most of whom became lifelong friends. Jim "Two Crows" Wallen, Steve Otto, Tim Manson, Melva Hargett, Jackie Rozine, Shirley Long and Geneva Greenfield were a part of the group. Those classes led to many storytelling adventures.

Somehow, we became acquainted with Donnis Rogers, a storyteller in the KC area. She was listed as a master storyteller, and she was willing to pass on her knowledge to us. A Master Class was established and most of us joined. We worked hard developing our stories, our voices and our stage presence. In our near future we would be good enough to tell a story at the swapping ground at the MO-TELL Riverboat festival on the Goldenrod in St. Charles, MO. We all did just that. The festival began on a Friday night and continued to Sunday. There were storytellers there from all over the country. It was amazing.

On stage were people I would later get to know, Jackson Gilman, Bobby Norfolk, Michael Parent and more. The place was packed with listeners. We ate dinner together and listened in awe to the talent on stage.

Perrin Stifel was the president of this organization called MO-TELL, Missouri Storytelling Inc. He introduced teller after teller throughout the night. I could tell he loved what he was doing, and I wanted to really make storytelling a part of my life. Sue Hinkel was his second in command. I knew we would become friends too.

That first encounter with MO-TELL and the festival stuck with me. I traveled to St. Charles every year to be a part of it. Friendships grew and my storytelling skills improved until I was good enough to take to the stage of that riverboat and tell my own tale.

There are so many people and organizations to thank for my continued love of storytelling. Perrin Stifel and Sue Hinkel and MO-TELL rank high on my list of reasons I am a storyteller today. Thank you.

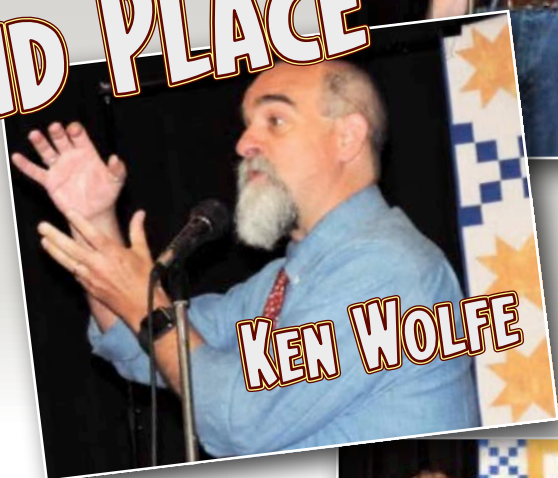
2023 LIARS CONTEST RESULTS

1ST PLACE



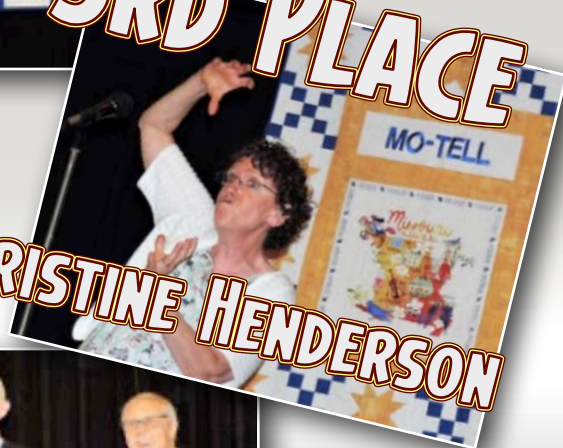
RICH WHITE

2ND PLACE



KEN WOLFE

3RD PLACE



CHRISTINE HENDERSON



WRITTEN CATEGORY
WINNER:
CHESTER WEEMS

THANKS TO
ALL CONTESTANTS!

RIC VICE, LINDA KUNTZ,
GARY KUNTZ, ROGER ROSE,
AND RON STEWART



WRITTEN CATEGORY WINNERS:
CHESTER WEEMS, 1ST PLACE
PATRICIA COFFIE, 2ND PLACE

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MO-TELL 2024 LC Homework

Now that the Liars Contest for 2023 is complete, MO-TELL has an assignment for you. These are the businesses that supported MO-TELL and the LC this year. Go forth now & patronize them, telling them how you appreciate their support of Missouri Storytelling, and spending some dough on them. Let 'em know what good kind of folks storytellers & listener are! Print out this list and check 'em off as you go! You have a year.

- [] Hodak's Restaurant, 2100 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105
- [] Prison Brews, 305 Ash Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101
- [] Madison's Café, 216 Madison, Jefferson City, MO 65101
- [] The Great Frame Up, 31 Allen Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119
- [] The Grove Family Restaurant, 2130 N. Main Ave., Mountain Grove, MO 65711
- [] Garden Heights Nursery, 1605 Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63117
- [] Hotel Frederick, Molly and Zach Simpson, 501 High Street, Boonville, MO 65233
- [] Big Sky Café, 47 S Old Orchard Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119
- [] Boardwalk Café, 600 Lockwood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119
- [] Favazza's On the Hill, 5201 Southwest Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119
- [] May Pop Coffee & Garden Shop, 803 Marshall Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119
- [] Sugar Creek Gardens, 1101 N. Woodlawn Ave, St. Louis, MO 63122
- [] Central Dairy, 610 Madison St, Jefferson City, MO 65101
- [] O'Connell's Pub, John Parker, 4652 Shaw Ave., St. Louis MO 63110
- [] Schnarr's Hardware, 9800 Clayton Road, St. Louis MO 63124
- [] Straub's, 8282 Forsyth Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63105
- [] Campbell House Museum, 1508 Locust Ave, St. Louis, MO 63103
- [] LaFayette Square Chiropractic Center, 1013 S. 18th Street, St. Louis, MO 63104
- [] Amighetti's, 9631 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119

AND SO PERRIN SUMS UP...

Liars Contest Event, Saturday July 8, 2023 at the Masonic Temple, 12 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves, MO.

The Committee started work after the 2022 Liars Contest and MO-TELL-A-PALOOZA held at the Pacific Opera House. Perrin Stifel, Sue Hinkel, Jackie Wright and Joyce Slater met after the board meetings to plan. Ken Wolfe created our flyer for the MO-TELL Register.

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At the temple on July 8 we met Mike, who unlocked the door, and we began to bring in supplies and silent auction items, etc. With help from volunteers it was quick! The AC was at 82 degrees so we endured the humidity and slow cooling process. Also, we had a warm and welcoming workshop, led by Sherry Norfolk, about using your voice in storytelling. Karen Young served as emcee. Comments from attendees were very positive, such as “She’s wonderful!” and “How does she do those voices?” Following a short break came the story swap with Cosy Wright as emcee. Fun!

We sold shirts, books, coffee, and tickets for the Amighetti’s lunch. The silent auction began at 11:30 as we began to eat. By the time lunch ended about 12:50 we were getting ready for the spoken contest. First we honored David Schlamb, Mo-Tell co-founder, with an honorary lifetime membership. He was very happy with the honor and shared how he helped numerous students to become young storytellers at Old Bonhomme School in Ladue. Marsha Stifel Mellendorf was given a special thank you as well by the board for the quilts she has made and donated.

Joyce Slater as emcee introduced the tellers, who shared wit and humor. First place went to Rich White, followed by Ken Wolfe (2nd) and Christine Henderson (3rd). Ric Vice, Linda Kuntz, Gary Kuntz, Roger Rose and Ron Stewart competed as well. Chester Weems read his 1st place written entry and Patricia Coffie won 2nd place. Awards of money and medals were distributed. Everyone loved the Liars Contest!

The silent auction ended, and winning folks waited with excitement to pay! Karen and Michael Potts did a great job with the silent auction. This event takes a lot of work and raised the most money. And Sue Bravo of Chicago won the quilt raffle.

Other wonderful volunteers made the day a marathon of fun...

Here is a list: Joyce Slater, Sue and John Hinkel, Gary and Linda Kuntz, Jackie and Papa Wright, Cosy Wright, Patty Carlton and her delicious cookies, Heather Murphy, Jan and Bob Jensen, Alice Stifel, Liz Lyons, Rich White and Alice Nathan, and Shara Storm, photographer. And many thanks to judges Melissa Bauer, Rebecca Clarke, Jan Dolan, Wynn Miller, Chris Mullen, and Prince Wells III. ALL our donors for the silent auction are listed in the program. We made our financial goal because of them.

Where will it be next year? Will you enter? It’s a hard act to follow but you can do it!



[Marketing for Storytellers \(Zoom\)](#)

Wed, Aug 9 2023 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

Entrepreneurial expert Kimberly Beer will teach you how to cultivate a brand that speaks to your audience as a writer or storyteller.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Copyright Basics \(Zoom\)](#)

Mon, Aug 14 2023 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

Learn the basics of copyright law, what rights copyright holders have, the exceptions to those rights, and the proper application of fair use from Chris LeBeau, a member of the faculty for the University of Missouri.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Story Swap \(Hybrid\)](#)

Thu, Aug 17 2023 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

This open-mic storytelling event is open to anyone! Put your name in the hat for a chance to share a seven-minute story, or just come to enjoy the show.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Starting to Tell Stories \(Zoom\)](#)

Thu, Aug 24 2023 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Story Center Event **Virtual Event**

You have a great story to tell, and the Library wants to help you tell it!

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

THE 2023 MO-TELL LIARS CONTEST QUILT RAFFLE WINNER!



NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND MO-TELL
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2. MISSOURI LIAR'S CONTEST
3. WEB SITE PRESENCE FOR STORYTELLERS
4. MONTHLY STORYTELLING PROGRAMS
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7. A WORLD CLASS NEWSLETTER (HUZZAH!)
8. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (AND A VOICE THEREIN!)
9. CONNECTION TO THE OTHER STORYTELLING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION

RENEW TODAY!

Story of the Month

THE BIRDWATCHER, THE PARTRIDGE, AND THE COCK

A birdcatcher was about to sit down to a dinner of herbs when a friend unexpectedly came in. The bird-trap was quite empty, as he had caught nothing, and he had to kill a pied Partridge, which he had tamed for a decoy.

The bird entreated earnestly for his life: “What would you do without me when next you spread your nets? Who would chirp you to sleep, or call for you the covey of answering birds?” The Birdcatcher spared his life, and determined to pick out a fine young Cock just attaining to his comb. But the Cock expostulated in piteous tones from his perch: “If you kill me, who will announce to you the appearance of the dawn? Who will wake you to your daily tasks or tell you when it is time to visit the bird-trap in the morning?”

He replied, “What you say is true. You are a capital bird at telling the time of day. But my friend and I must have our dinners.”

Necessity knows no law.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Missouri Storytelling, Inc (MO-TELL) is an organization of storytellers and other interested persons dedicated to spreading the joy and art of storytelling throughout Missouri.

MISSION STATEMENT

We envision that every Missourian will hear and share stories and keep the oral tradition alive.

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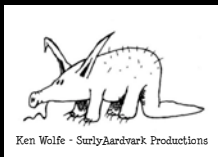
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