

WE'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE...WE REJOICE IN THE RETELLING.



# THE REGISTER

## OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



(NEVER FEAR! JOYCE IS UNMASKED IN THIS PHOTO, BUT SHE'S OUTSIDE, 12 FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS, AND SITTING BEHIND A VERY CLEAN SHEET OF PLEXIGLASS SHIELDING.)

"STORIES ARE LIGHT.  
LIGHT IS PRECIOUS IN  
A WORLD SO DARK.  
BEGIN AT THE  
BEGINNING. TELL  
GREGORY A  
STORY. MAKE SOME  
LIGHT."

— KATE DICAMILLO,  
THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

Hello everyone,

It is officially Autumn. The blooms of summer are gone. They have been replaced with pumpkins and mums. Halloween candy fills the grocery store shelves and tellers are practicing their favorite ghost stories. It is a great time of year. The colors are beautiful. There are rich oranges, reds and yellows everywhere. I love it.

What could be better than a Halloween storytelling concert? MO-TELL is having two of them on October 30, one for kids and one for adults. I hope you will be there.

We will have several storytelling events this year. Watch for *Tellabration!* in November, *Wintertales* in December and *Love Stories* in February. They will all be virtual until we get out from under the threat of Covid-19.

What stories are you telling this year? Let us know what is happening in your story-filled lives.

Joyce

# NON OBLIVISCI NOS HAEC

WE WILL NOT FORGET THEM.  
WE REMEMBER THEM WITH MEMORIAL GIFTS TO MO-TELL.

**MEMORIALS:** FROM PERRIN STIFEL

BRENDA AYUSO  
RUTH BADER GINSBERG  
JACK PARKER  
JOHN SHAUGHNESSY

**MEMORIAL:** FROM JOYCE SLATER

SANDY KIRBY

NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK'S

## HALLOWEEN GALA

OCT. 30 - NOV. 1, 2020

HAUNTED STORY SLAM, COSTUME CONTEST,  
PERFORMANCES FOR FAMILIES & ADULTS,  
WORKSHOP, STORY SWAP, SOCIAL GATHERINGS,  
& MORE

REGISTRATION & DETAILS:  
[STORYNET.ORG/GALA](http://STORYNET.ORG/GALA)

 NATIONAL  
STORYTELLING  
NETWORK

AN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION OF STORY

# TELLABRATION!

NOVEMBER 21ST, 2020  
7 P.M.

Words from the founder of the event,  
J.G. Pinkerton:

In 1988, I dreamed of having a night each year when storytellers in each community got together and told stories to their families and friends. I called the idea TELLABRATION!™

Friends of storytelling liked the idea and began making it happen. Each year the circle of friends has grown and now TELLABRATION!™ happens all across America as well as in other lands.

I am only the man who had the idea . . . it is the friends of storytelling who have made the event a success.

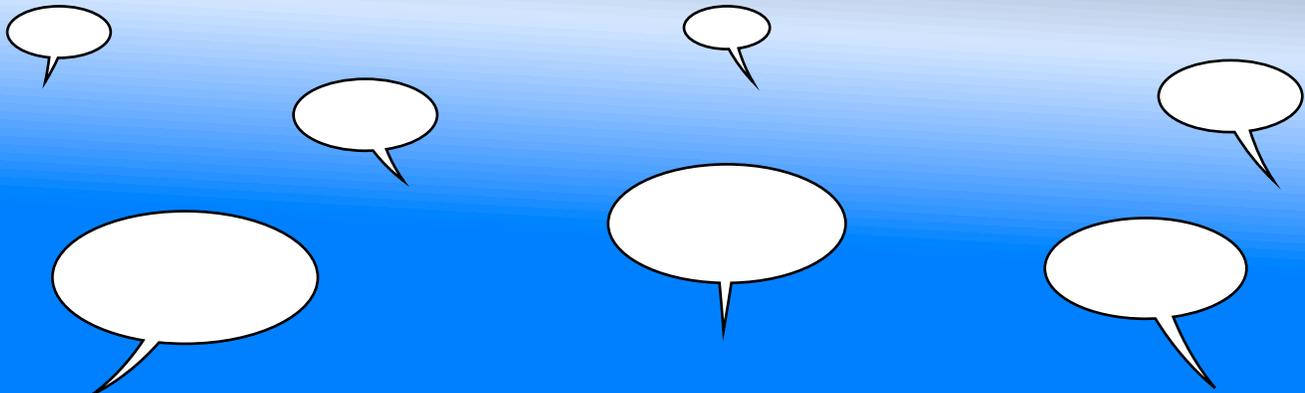
Hundreds of tellers telling fo thousands of people.

May what the tellers share bring joy to many people and may the listeners come to know that . . . through storytelling, we can draw closer together in peace . . . and in friendship . . . and in love.

Storytelling reaches around the world and across all generations . . . reminding us of our common humanity. I know storytelling creates experiences . . . and . . . shared experiences are the basis of all relationships. My best wishes go with all who join in this common endeavor.

FEATURING:

BOBBY NORFOLK  
SHERRY NORFOLK  
KEN WOLFE  
AND A HEARTY BEVY OF  
REGIONAL TELLERS



NOVEMBER

13-15, 2020

Wow!

Northeast  
Storytelling  
presents

# NEST Fest

GOOD  
TIMES

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every  
moment.

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STORYTELLING  
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with  
performances,  
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storytelling  
panels, swaps,  
and happy hours

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THE  
DATE!

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**SOON.**

# OUR IN-BOX IS YOUR IN-BOX!

From: **Meghan Montez** <[MMontez@mymcpl.org](mailto:MMontez@mymcpl.org)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:07 PM  
Subject: Bicentennial Workshop Opportunities

Dear Storyteller,

Thank you for joining The Story Center and the University of Missouri Extension's Community Arts Program for Bobby Norfolk's workshop, "Teaching History Through Storytelling," on August 29. His workshop was the first of four storytelling workshops planned as part of the State of Stories programming that commemorates the Missouri Bicentennial. We encourage you to join us for these three future workshops:

- Researching Historical Stories: An Introductory Workshop, with Marideth Sisco. Saturday, November 14, 10:30am-12:30pm.
- Community Collection of Stories: A Workshop on Story Collection, with Dr. Gladys Caines-Coggsell and Angela J. Williams. Saturday, February 20, 10:30am-12:30pm.
- From Fact to Fascination: Telling Tales of True-Life and Historical Events, with Beth Horner. Saturday, May 15, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Our hope is that you will complete all four workshops and work toward performing a story as part of the state's Bicentennial activities in 2021. Read more about our Bicentennial programs here: <https://www.mymcpl.org/events/state-of-stories>.

To help you continue developing skills between workshops, Kansas City-based storyteller Joyce Slater will be leading special coaching programs. Intended specifically for storytellers participating in the State of Stories workshops, the first coaching program is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28, from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Zoom**. Please let Meg Montez of The Story Center know by Monday, October 26, if you plan to attend. Both the workshops and the coaching programs are eligible for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the University of Missouri Extension. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know.

Best,

**Meg Montez**

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NO-TELL PRESENTS...

# SPOOKY & SCARY STORIES

FRIDAY, OCT. 30TH

ON ZOOOOO-OOOOO!

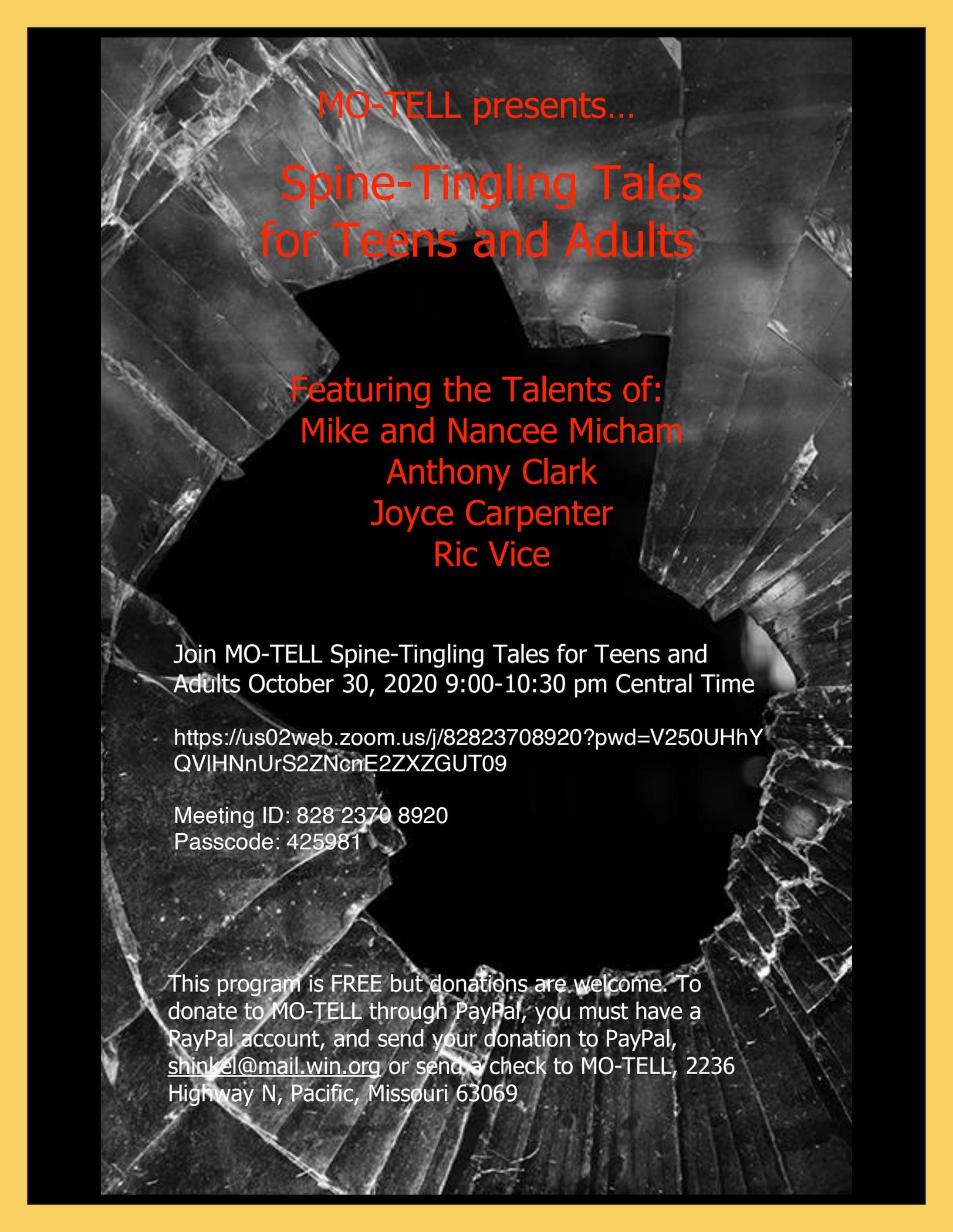
SPOOKY (NOT-VERY-SCARY)  
STORIES FOR CHILDREN  
START AT 7PM (UNTIL 8PM) CDT

SPINE-TINGLERS SCARY STORIES  
FOR TEENS & ADULTS  
START AT 9PM (UNTIL 10:30) CDT

DO JOIN US, WON'T YOU?

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS ON THE STORYTELLERS WHO CAN  
MAKE US LOCK THE DOOR, CHECK UNDER THE BED, AND  
SLEEP WITH THE LIGHT ON.

ADDRESSES & PASSCODES LISTED IN THE NEXT EVENTS PAGES, BELOW.



MO-TELL presents...

# Spine-Tingling Tales for Teens and Adults

Featuring the Talents of:  
Mike and Nancee Micham  
Anthony Clark  
Joyce Carpenter  
Ric Vice

Join MO-TELL Spine-Tingling Tales for Teens and  
Adults October 30, 2020 9:00-10:30 pm Central Time

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[shinkel@mail.win.org](mailto:shinkel@mail.win.org) or send a check to MO-TELL, 2236  
Highway N, Pacific, Missouri 63069

MO-TELL PRESENTS ...



**Spooky (Not Too Scary)  
Tales for Children**

FEATURING  
BECKY EVERLY,  
RIC VICE AND  
FRAN STALLING

Friday, October 30, 2020 from 7:00 pm  
to 8:00 pm on Zoom. Join Zoom  
Meeting

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Meeting ID: 828 5830 2568  
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# AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR..



SPOILER: TECHNICALLY, YOU'RE OUR SPONSOR.

## STORYTELLERS & STORY LISTENERS!

Missouri Storytelling, Inc. celebrates storytelling and Missouri history around the entire state of Missouri, with members from all over the region. Our membership includes storytellers, listeners, and enthusiasts alike.

We are proud of the benefits we offer our members: Missouri State Parks Storytelling, the Missouri Liars' Contest, website presence for storytellers, National Storytelling Network affiliation, and a world class newsletter replete with snazziness.

Our fiscal year runs from February 1st through January 31st. We're glad to offer flexibility in memberships as single or dual, the dues of which we collect annually or biennially by January 31st. (Ahem. Has it passed without your dues?)

Whether you're a...

- New member
- Current member whose 2019 dues are expiring
- Current member with dues expiring in 2020
- Former member with an eye to re-enlist

...we want to keep you as a member. We want to hear from you.

(Like it'd kill you to call every once in a while....)

## PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OR REJOINING MO-TELL TODAY.

### WHAT HAVE YOU TO LOSE BUT YOUR ANONYMITY AND THAT VAGUE, HAUNTING SENSE OF NOT BELONGING?

OMIGOSH! DIDJA  
HEAR?  
WELL, DIDJA!?



## Applications Open for J.J. Reneaux Mentorship Award

Are you - or do you know - a talented younger storyteller who could benefit from a year's work with an experienced professional mentor?

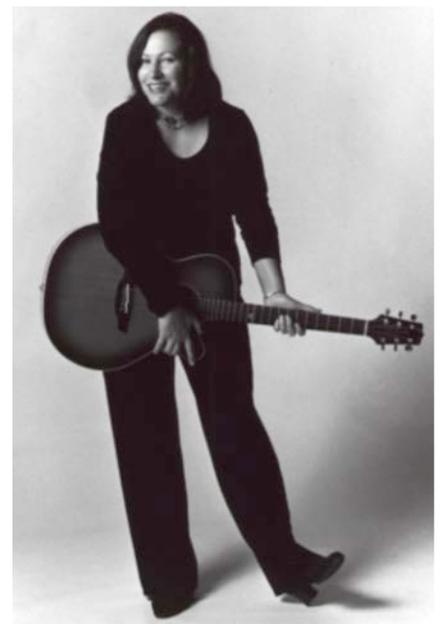
If so, NSN wants you to know that we are now accepting applications for the 2021 J.J. Reneaux Mentorship Award - a grant that provides \$1,250 to enable a year's work between a storytelling mentor and a gifted younger teller (18-30 years old).

Check out the grant description and application instructions at <https://storynet.org/about-nsn/awards/jj-reneaux-award/mentorship-award/>.

DEADLINE for applications: MIDNIGHT (CENTRAL time), OCTOBER 26, 2020.

Please share this announcement far and wide! Applicants need not be current members of NSN.

For more information, email Jo Radner at [jradner@american.edu](mailto:jradner@american.edu).



# **MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE WOODNEATH... WONDERFUL THINGS ARE HAPPENING!**

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, USE YOUR CURSOR TO HIGHLIGHT,  
THEN COPY, AND PASTE INTO THE URL BAR IN YOUR BROWSER:



[HTTPS://WWW.MYMCPL.ORG/EVENTS/68437/INTRODUCTION-PLAYWRITING-ZOOM](https://www.mymcpl.org/events/68437/introduction-playwriting-zoom)

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**THREE GREAT ORGANIZATIONS  
BRINGING STORYTELLING  
TO OUR GREAT STATE!**

# MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH

## Alice Nathan



In the short time Alice has been associated with storytelling she has accomplished a lot, both as a storyteller and as someone who is willing to use her skills to help foster storytelling.

In less than 3 years, as she has been a member of MO-TELL she has won the written portion of the MO-TELL Liars Contest in 2019 and took Second Place in the 2020 contest.

She has also been on the Board of River and Prairie Storyweavers (RAPS) for the past two years as Treasurer, helping keep RAPS fiscally sound. And, she has received both the Written and Oral Storytelling Certification from The Story Center, a part of the Mid-Continent Public Library.

Alice started her journey in storytelling via the written word instead of oral storytelling. Her favorite types of stories to write are personal stories. But lately she has been telling more stories, both personal stories and folktales. When asked what interests her she said she "cares about people and why they do the things they do". She thought one of the reasons she got so interested in storytelling is that stories are a way to illustrate and understand that behavior.

Fun little known fact about Alice (actually 2 of them): She was the Ping-Pong champion of her high school. Also, she held the record for the most free throws in a row.

As for her future in storytelling, she said she wants to have fun with it. To enjoy listening to, writing, and telling the stories that interest her.

**ONCE BONGO HEARD ABOUT 'EM**



**HE JUST HAD TO GO WITH!**

## MO-TELL EVENTS UPCOMING!

NOVEMBER 21, 2020, 7 PM, TELLABRATION!

DECEMBER 8, 2020, 7 PM, WINTERTALES

JANUARY 16, 2021, TIME TBD, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2021, 7 PM VALENTINE STORIES

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# FOR YOUR FRIDGE

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

## RAPS

### October, 2020 Calendar

Thanks to COVID-19,  
*River and Prairie Storyweavers*  
is going virtual  
on Zoom again in October.

**Saturday, October 23, 2020, 10:00 am –  
Fourth Saturday Meeting**

**Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7:00 pm –  
First Thursday Meeting**  
Story Theme: **Turkey Stories**

**Saturday, November 14, 2020, 2:00 pm -  
Second Saturday Meeting**  
Story Theme: **Pre-Tellabration Celebration**  
– Please  
contact [RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com) to  
submit your best story to be a part of this  
special program.

Contact: [RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com) for  
Zoom Meeting ID and Password for each  
meeting  
(If you are on the RAPS email list, meeting  
ID and password  
for each meeting will be sent to you  
automatically.)

## SOTO

Nothing Listed

## RIVERWINDS

Nothing Listed

## GATEWAY

We are participating as a part of MoTel Halloween  
stories and November Tellabration so we are not  
having regular Gateway meetings until January.

# 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.

## VISION STATEMENT

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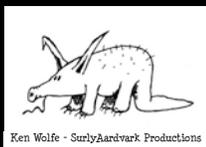
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