

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, my friends,



MO-TELL continues to bring you stories online. In February we offered a program with three wonderful storytellers, Patricia Coffie, Connor McMullen and Beth Horner. We called it “What’s Love Got to Do with It?! Part III.” It was so popular a year ago in February and again in June of last year, we brought it back.

There will be another virtual program on April 5. Watch for the announcement next month.

July will bring the in-person Liars Contest. Bring your best lie. If you win you will receive a prize. The prizes are First Prize-\$150, Second Prize-\$100, Third Prize-\$50 in each category. Entry deadline is June 1.

(See the website, www.mo-tell.org)

I hope to see you March 4 at 7 pm. NSN and the Irish Center of KC are collaborating with a storytelling and music event. The storytellers and musicians are Mike and Nancee Walker Micham, Rosie Cutrer and me.

We are so lucky to be a part of a group that connects through storytelling. Keep your stories alive, sometimes that is all we have. I think of the people in Ukraine and Afghanistan and wonder what their stories will be. Will their stories help them survive?

Keep telling your tales,
Joyce Slater, President of MO-TELL

“Storytelling is the essential human activity. The harder the situation, the more essential it is.”

- [Tim O'Brien](#).



PROUDLY PURPORTS

THE 8TH ANNUAL MISSOURI LIARS CONTEST

A TALL TALE-TELLING TUG-O'-WAR TRIED BY TALENTED TALL TALE TELLERS!

FABULOUS FABULISTS FIGHTING FOR CASH PRIZES!



AND INTRODUCING THE WONDROUS FIRST ANNUAL

MO-TELL-A-PALOOZA

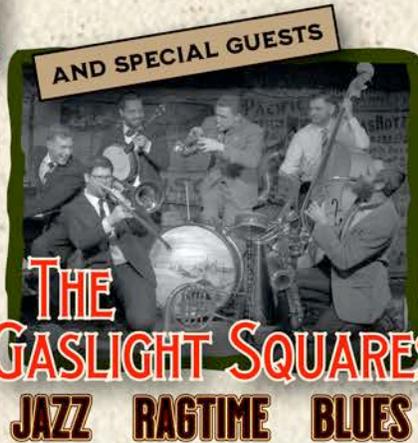
A MARVELOUS ARRAY OF HAPPENINGS TO THRILL THE HEART, ENTRANCE THE MIND, AND DELIGHT THE SENSES!

SO MUCH TO TAKE IN!

LEARN EVEN MORE AT WWW.MO-TELL.ORG

STORYTELLING!

TELLING WORKSHOP
STORY SWAP
LIARS CONTEST



AND SPECIAL GUESTS
THE GASLIGHT SQUARES
JAZZ RAGTIME BLUES

DIVERSIONS!

LUNCH & DINNER
DANCING
SILENT AUCTION

ALL THIS IN THE GLOWING 1908 SPLENDOR OF

OPERA HOUSE OF PACIFIC, MISSOURI

220 S. 1ST ST, PACIFIC, MO 63069

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022

8:30AM-9PM - COME FOR THE STORIES! STAY TO MAKE SOME MORE!



MISSOURI LIARS CONTEST & MO-TELL-A-PALOOZA 2022

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(See our website at www.mo-tell.org for more details on storytelling, the contest, and newsletters.)

Saturday, July 9th, 2022 at the 1908 Pacific Opera House, 220 S. First Street, Pacific, MO, 63069
Enter Opera House on East Orleans (elevator or stairs) to Third Floor ballroom.

- 8:30 am Registration, coffee, and heartily warm greetings.
- 9:00 - 1:45 am Storytelling Workshop for Beginners and Everyone Else!
"Story Shapes" with Anthony Clark - Designed by Anthony to help participants "shape up" their tales and explore the basic shapes stories tend to take, regardless of genre! Anthony Clark is the founder of the Missouri Liars Contest. He has been crafting, writing, and telling stories for years. He has published written work, both fiction and nonfiction, for Simon & Schuster, Adams Media, Rourke Media, and others. He has ghostwritten stories for numerous publishers. He has led story-crafting workshops across the state, most notably at The Story Center in Kansas City.
- 11:00am - ??? Story Swap — 5 minute time limit on stories; likely overlapping lunch.
- 11:30 am - 12:45pm Lunch, \$10 — 1904 World's Fair Lunch — Mercantile Room, Second Floor & Ballroom
- 1:00 - 3:30 pm 2022 Missouri Liars Contest - *Prestige! Renown! CASH PRIZES!*
Emcee T. J. Müller, host of 88.1 KDHX Radio's "Riverboat Shuffle" Tuesdays from 10am-12pm
- 3:30 - 4:00pm Silent Auction ends. — Winners pay for and claim items.
- 4:00 - 5:45pm Dinner, \$10 — Mercantile Room Second Floor & Ballroom
- 6:00 - 9:00pm Ragtime, Jazz, Blues music and Dancing featuring T.J. Müller and *The Gaslight Squares*
\$10 entry
Costumes encouraged (c. 1904 - 1929)

All events of the day are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

MO-TELL merchandise (shirts, caps, books, CD's, etc.) will be available.

A silent auction benefiting MO-TELL will last all day and end just before dinner.

1904 St. Louis World's Fair collection and souvenirs will be on display.

All attendees should be prepared to show proof COVID vaccination.

WWW.MO-TELL.ORG

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



NSN NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK
Irish Storytelling
Drexel Hall
3301 Baltimore Ave
Kansas City, MO
March 4th @ 7 PM

Irish Storytelling Event in Kansas City

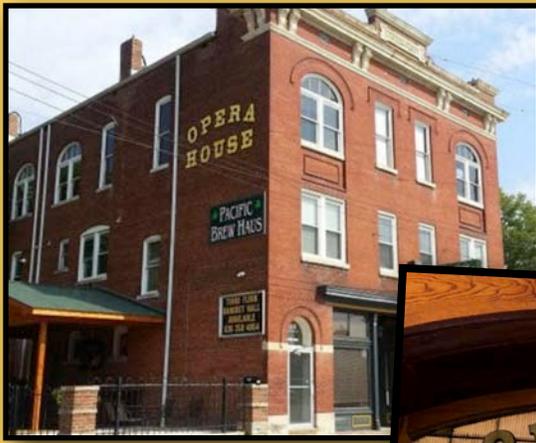
Storytelling is woven into the fabric of Irish culture, encompassing everything from the mundane to mythology to true life adventures - which may or may not have been based on actual facts! The KC Irish Center and National Storytelling Network are delighted to bring this Irish tradition to **Drexel Hall (3301 Baltimore Ave, KCMO) for one evening on Friday, March 4th.**

Enjoy an evening of two (2) 45-minute story and music performances, during which storytellers Rosie Best-Cutrer, Joyce Slater, Mike Micham, and Nancee Micham will tell stories and play Irish music. There will be a 20-minute intermission.

The Irish Center's wee pub will be open to purchase your favorite Irish beverages and snacks. This family-friendly event is open to all ages. **Tickets are \$10, with both an in-person and virtual option, as we will be livestreaming the event.**

NOTE: DREXEL HALL REQUIRES PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR THIS EVENT. YOUR CARD, A PHOTOCOPY OR A PICTURE ON YOUR PHONE WILL WORK. PROOF OF A NEGATIVE COVID-TEST WITHIN 72-HOURS OF THE EVENT IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE. THIS APPLIES TO ALL PERSONS 5 YEARS AND OLDER.

For more information, click the button below.



OPERA HOUSE OF PACIFIC



This year's Liars Contest and Mo-Tell-A-Palooza will be held in a very special place in Sue Hinkel's hometown of Pacific, Missouri.

According to James L. McHugh and Dan Monahan, the Opera House of Pacific has a unique connection with the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, also known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. As the fair closed some train cars were loaded with salvaged materials, and the

McHugh and Daily Mercantile Building was begun. The first floor was a general store, the second floor was apartments for two families, and the third was the famous Opera House of Pacific, Missouri. You may also choose a modern elevator to whisk you up!

The wood floors, tin ceilings, and grand staircase are amazing and a testament to the past when the 1908 opera house was completed. You will see the original curtain as a backdrop for the liars as they spin their tales of "truth." Walk on history as you go up the second step to the stage, which was removable so that bootleggers could hide the booze! Experience the magic of the railroad whistling down the tracks! Vaudeville, opera singers, entertainers, and ragtimers have performed on the stage for 114 years. Harry S. Truman played the full grand piano still being played today. This is the ONLY opera house in the nation still owned by the original family.

Read more at www.operahouseofpacific.com and click on About and then click on History.

MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Flavia Everman

Flavia participated in speech and drama in high school and even went on to State but didn't know it could be done in the "real world" until much later. Sue Hinkel gave a seminar in her town many years ago, and when she heard her tell the stories and give the workshop, she thought, "I did this in high school, and I can do it now." Flavia contacted Sue Hinkel and Sue inspired her to make the jump and here she is today—telling stories.

Flavia does many different things, but of all of them, storytelling is her most favorite. The look on the people's faces while she is telling, the body language as they lean into the story, the "jump" at the scary parts, the tears at the sad parts, the laughs at the funny parts, all of it delights her.

Flavia said the part that has changed her the most was when she was in Rwanda, Africa and told a Raffe children's story about a spider on the floor. After she was finished the chief stood up and told the members of the tribe that they were like the spider, everyone was trying to squash them.....That event was a powerful lesson to her; that our words, no matter how innocent are more powerful than we think and we need to watch them very carefully, especially as weavers of the spoken word. Flavia takes it as a huge responsibility. She then went on to tell the tribe an inspirational story about resilience containing a turtle and a jaguar, which she hopes in her heart inspired them to keep fighting against the negative attitudes towards them.

Flavia specializes in folklore and fairytales as these are the stories that the cultures have used to teach the morals of their society. By telling these stories, you can teach children and sometimes adults the "rules" of society and the decent and not so decent ways to behave. She is also interested in looking into the "history" of societies through their storytelling and reconstructing the morals through the stories they told.

Flavia found out a few years ago that she is a "Scanner". This is a Jack of All Trades as they used to call them. Flavia can do math and science, write grants, organize budget spreadsheets, yet ballroom dance, story tell, paint, draw and sing. She is not afraid to take dryers, washers, print cartridges apart and fix them. Flavia can garden, process deer and chickens and tend her fruit trees. She is currently teaching 18 different classes this semester from Creative Writing to elementary Astronomy, to pottery to drama. Flavia has a project in Rwanda, Africa collecting original folklore from the Ba'Twa people. Flavia recently participated in the Chennai India Storytelling Festival.

Flavia said she really appreciates that MO-TELL has partnered with the Parks Departments to bring storytelling into the parks. If there was a way to organize a master calendar of storytelling events in the state, that would be great, but she knows that would take some manpower and cooperation from local Chambers and groups of storytellers. She knows about the St. Louis and KC Storytelling Festivals, but it would be fun to have a Missouri event where we could all come together like a family reunion, have seminars and storytelling events, and share to the citizens of our great state. Flavia said she could help MO-TELL with grant writing and organization.

You can reach Flavia Everman on Facebook (with Tigger as the profile picture). People are free to message her from there and she will getback with them.

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

RAPS MARCH 2022

Thursday March 3, 2022, 7:00 pm – First
Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND
on Zoom
Story Theme: “Hero, villain, or sidekick?”

Saturday March 19, 2022, 10:30 am
Hybrid* meeting at Woodneath AND on
Zoom

Thursday April 7, 2022, 7:00 pm First
Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND
on Zoom
Workshop: Joyce Slater: Telling Stories to
Small and Middle School Age Children
Story Theme: “How I learned a hard lesson
in life”

*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person
depending on status of COVID, weather,
and current status of location availability.

Trailside Center

Woodneath Library Center

99th & 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.

SURPRISE PUZZLE!

FIND AND CIRCLE THE PUDDLE OF “WHITE OUT” IN THIS BOX.

GATEWAY

MARCH 2022

Time: Mar 8, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and
Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 862 5322 2002

Passcode: gateway

NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK LONG-TERM EVENT CALENDAR

THE NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK CALENDAR

- February 11, 2022 11:00 AM – Julia Child, Bon Appetit! Free live show portrayed by Karen Vuranch, Location: Wade Hampton HS Auditorium
- February 12, 2022 6:00 PM – My Stories Life featuring Carol Birch and Ray Christian, Location: Zoom
- February 16, 2022 8:30 PM – Hidden Memory: An American World War II Story, Location: Zoom
- February 19, 2022 5:00 PM – Fringe Performance: Nick Baskerville, Location: Zoom
- February 19, 2022 7:00 PM – Fringe Performance: Aunt Li-Anne, Location: Zoom
- March 10, 2022 7:00 PM – Texas Storytelling Festival, Location: Denton Civic Center
- March 19, 2022 5:00 PM – Fringe Performance: Flora Le, Location: Zoom
- March 19, 2022 6:00 PM – Minton Sparks and Manón Voice: Bold Lineage, Location: Zoom
- March 19, 2022 7:00 PM – Fringe Performance: Katie Green, Location: Zoom
- April 9, 2022 6:00 PM – The Ninth Best Storyteller told by Antonio Sacre, Location: Zoom
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- April 16, 2022 5:00 PM – Fringe Performance: Emil Guillermo, Location: Zoom
- April 16, 2022 7:00 PM – Fringe Performance: Sandra Measels, Location: Zoom

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE STORY CENTER...

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

Thu, Mar 10 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm Central

Story Center Event

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

Thu, Mar 17 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm Central

Story Center Event

[Marketing for Storytellers, Part One \(ZOOM\)](#)

Wed, Mar 23 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm Central

Story Center Event

[Marketing for Storytellers, Part Two \(ZOOM\)](#)

Thu, Mar 24 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm Central

Story Center Event

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

Mon, Apr 11 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm Central

Story Center Event

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

Thu, Apr 14 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm Central

Story Center Event



UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn more at Storynet.org/Events



COMPLETE
Featuring Fringe Performer [Name]
[Name] Zeng



COMPLETE
Clever [Name]
Featuring Fringe Performer Priscilla Howe



COMPLETE
[Name]
Featuring Fringe Performer [Name]
[Name] erville



COMPLETE
Lead [Name]
Featuring Fringe Performer Aunt Li-Anne



Sadec 1965
March 19th | 5 pm Central
Featuring Fringe Performer Flora Le



Sweetful & The Magic Circus
March 19th | 7 pm Central
Featuring Fringe Performer Katie Green



Earth Up Conference
April 8th - 10th
Learn More at Storynet.org/Earth-Up

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ENGRAVED INVITATION
FROM MO-TELL TO

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THE MO-TELL BILL OF FARE

OFTEN IMITATED, NEVER DUPLICATED

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FISCAL YEAR, FEBRUARY 1-JANUARY 31

MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL DUES	COMES WITH
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$25	MO-TELL PRESTIGE
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$40	MO-TELL PRESTIGE
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$35	FAMILY-WIDE MO-TELL PRESTIGE
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$50	TWICE AS MUCH OF THE SAME!!
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP -60	\$250	LOGO BAG PLUS MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP 60+	\$200	LOGO BAG PLUS MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)

RENEW TODAY!

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THE BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE FOR YOUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

1. MISSOURI STATE PARKS STORYTELLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE
2. MISSOURI LIAR'S CONTEST
3. WEB SITE PRESENCE FOR STORYTELLERS
4. MONTHLY STORYTELLING PROGRAMS
5. LOADS OF MERCH (HATS, CAPS, CUPS, MUGS, BAGS, AND WHATNOT!)
6. NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK AFFILIATION
7. A WORLD CLASS NEWSLETTER (HUZZAH!)
8. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (AND A VOICE THEREIN!)
9. CONNECTION TO THE OTHER STORYTELLING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION

THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO OFFERING:

A MO-TELL LOGO BAG FOR ALL NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS, YOU LUCKY LUCKSTERS, YOU!

JANUARY-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY-JUNE, AUGUST-DECEMBER- MONTHLY PROGRAMS

JULY-THE ANNUAL MISSOURI STATE LIAR'S CONTEST

RENEW TODAY!

Story of the Month

HE NEVER LIED

A FOLKTALE FROM AFRICA

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE LIVED A WISE MAN BY THE NAME OF MAMAD. HE NEVER LIED. ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE LAND, EVEN THE ONES WHO LIVED TWENTY DAYS AWAY, KNEW ABOUT HIM.

THE KING HEARD ABOUT MAMAD AND ORDERED HIS SUBJECTS TO BRING HIM TO THE PALACE. HE LOOKED AT THE WISE MAN AND ASKED, "MAMAD, IS IT TRUE, THAT YOU HAVE NEVER LIED?"

"IT'S TRUE."

"AND YOU WILL NEVER LIE IN YOUR LIFE?"

"I'M SURE IN THAT."

"OKAY, TELL THE TRUTH, BUT BE CAREFUL! THE LIE IS CUNNING, AND IT GETS ON YOUR TONGUE EASILY."

SEVERAL DAYS PASSED AND THE KING CALLED MAMAD ONCE AGAIN. THERE WAS A BIG CROWD: THE KING WAS ABOUT TO GO HUNTING. THE KING HELD HIS HORSE BY THE MANE, HIS LEFT FOOT WAS ALREADY ON THE STIRRUP. HE ORDERED MAMAD, "GO TO MY SUMMER PALACE AND TELL THE QUEEN I WILL BE WITH HER FOR LUNCH. TELL HER TO PREPARE A BIG FEAST. YOU WILL HAVE LUNCH WITH ME THEN."

MAMAD BOWED DOWN AND WENT TO THE QUEEN. THEN THE KING LAUGHED AND SAID, "WE WON'T GO HUNTING AND NOW MAMAD WILL LIE TO THE QUEEN. TOMORROW WE WILL LAUGH ON HIS BEHALF."

BUT THE WISE MAMAD WENT TO THE PALACE AND SAID, "MAYBE YOU SHOULD PREPARE A BIG FEAST FOR LUNCH TOMORROW, AND MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T. MAYBE THE KING WILL COME BY NOON, AND MAYBE HE WON'T."

"TELL ME WILL HE COME OR WON'T HE?" ASKED THE QUEEN.

"I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE PUT HIS RIGHT FOOT ON THE STIRRUP, OR HE PUT HIS LEFT FOOT ON THE GROUND AFTER I LEFT."

EVERYBODY WAITED FOR THE KING. HE CAME THE NEXT DAY AND SAID TO THE QUEEN, "THE WISE MAMAD, WHO NEVER LIES, LIED TO YOU YESTERDAY."

BUT THE QUEEN TOLD HIM ABOUT THE WORDS OF MAMAD. AND THE KING REALIZED THAT THE WISE MAN NEVER LIES, AND SAYS ONLY THAT, WHICH HE SAW WITH HIS OWN EYES.

A HEARTY HUIZZAH FOR OUR NEWEST MO-TELL BOARD MEMBER

Nancee Walker-Micham

THE NEWEST MO-TELL BOARD MEMBER IS NANCEE WALKER-MICHAM. SHE OFFICIALLY JOINED THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022. SHE DECIDED TO JOIN AFTER LISTENING TO THE JANUARY 15, 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WHERE THERE WAS A CALL TO THE MEMBERSHIP TO INCREASE BOARD REPRESENTATION.

NANCEE AND HER HUSBAND MIKE HAVE BEEN PERFORMING MUSIC FOR OVER 30 YEARS BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL 2004 WHILE WORKING AT SILVER DOLLAR CITY THAT SHE REALLY STARTED TELLING STORIES WITHOUT THE MUSIC. OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS SHE HAS BEEN DOING MORE STORYTELLING. WHEN ASKED WHY SHE DECIDED TO BECOME A BOARD MEMBER OF MO-TELL SHE SAID SHE REALLY WANTED TO GET MORE SERIOUS INTO STORYTELLING AND TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH STORYTELLING IN MISSOURI AND THIS AREA OF THE COUNTRY.

SOME THINGS SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MO-TELL DO ARE:

❑ GET MORE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT MO-TELL AND WHAT THE ORGANIZATION DOES.

❑ TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO A WIDER (NON-STORYTELLER) AUDIENCE THAT STORYTELLING IS NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN. THAT IT IS FOR EVERYONE, NO MATTER THEIR AGE.

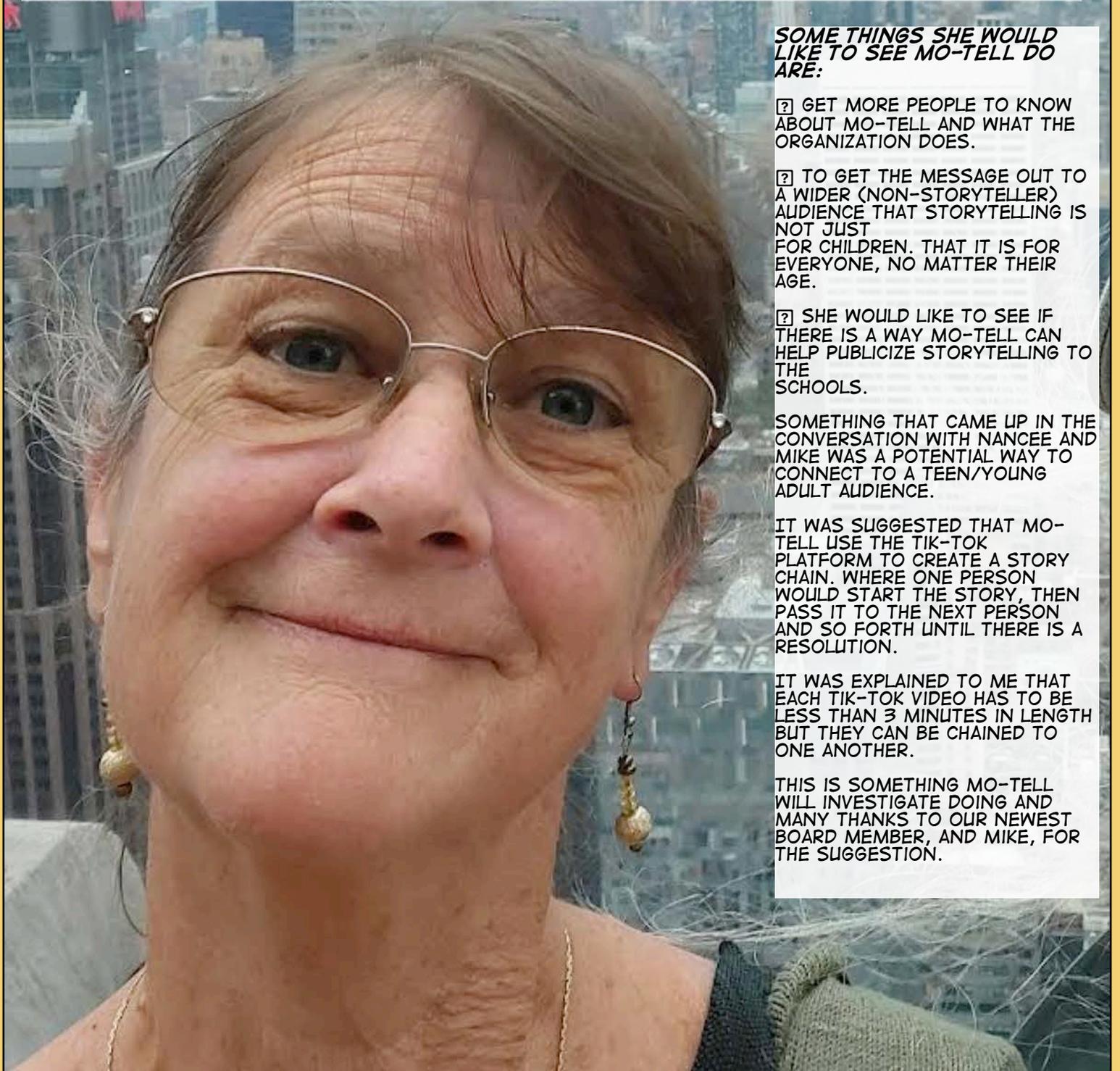
❑ SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THERE IS A WAY MO-TELL CAN HELP PUBLICIZE STORYTELLING TO THE SCHOOLS.

SOMETHING THAT CAME UP IN THE CONVERSATION WITH NANCEE AND MIKE WAS A POTENTIAL WAY TO CONNECT TO A TEEN/YOUNG ADULT AUDIENCE.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MO-TELL USE THE TIK-TOK PLATFORM TO CREATE A STORY CHAIN. WHERE ONE PERSON WOULD START THE STORY, THEN PASS IT TO THE NEXT PERSON AND SO FORTH UNTIL THERE IS A RESOLUTION.

IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME THAT EACH TIK-TOK VIDEO HAS TO BE LESS THAN 3 MINUTES IN LENGTH BUT THEY CAN BE CHAINED TO ONE ANOTHER.

THIS IS SOMETHING MO-TELL WILL INVESTIGATE DOING AND MANY THANKS TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER, AND MIKE, FOR THE SUGGESTION.



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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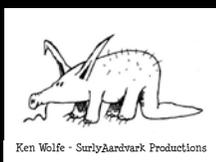
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