

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello my friends,

November is traditionally the month for Tellabration! A night of storytelling! It is also, of course, the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. We celebrate both events with stories. Have you ever been to a Thanksgiving dinner where there were no stories? If you have, it must have been a sad occasion indeed. There may be some gossiping, some bragging, maybe even some lying. We share our stories of gratitude. I am so grateful for my family and my friends. So many of my friends are storytellers. Tellabration! is such a wonderful time to listen to our friends tell stories. Will you be telling a story for Tellabration? I will. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Tellabration!

This year three organizations will join with the National Storytelling Network to celebrate Tellabration on November 19th . The organizations are River and Prairie Storyweavers, Missouri Storytelling Inc. and Gateway Storytellers. The storytellers, friends, are listed below.

Heather Harlan
Joyce Slater

Sue Hinkel
Asia Starr

Carole Shelton
Marilyn Sue Warren

“Tell me the facts and I’ll learn. Tell me the truth and I’ll believe.

But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever.” -

Native American Proverb

Put this on your calendar: **Tellabration! A Night of Storytelling**

November 19, 2022, 7 pm

Tellabration on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64131 AND on Zoom at 7:00 pm (central)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYpd-CrrjwvG919CEoJLpojAss2Kw69LmxW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please keep telling your tales and stay in touch.

Joyce Slater

President of MO-TELL

I-70 Tellabration

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Join the I-70 Missouri Tellabration
November 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM

In-person and on Zoom:
Trailside Center
9901 Holmes,
Kansas City, MO 64131

Register on Zoom in advance!!

Featuring

ASIA STARR



HEATHER HARLAN



JOYCE SLATER



SUE HINKEL



CAROLE SHELTON



MARILYN SUE WARREN

Hosted By



RIVER AND PRAIRIE STORYWEAVERS

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MO-TELL (MISSOURI STORYTELLING, INC.)

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MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Denise Grow

Our storyteller for the month of November is Denise Grow, dedicated entertainer, writer and educator from Cass County, Missouri with a passion for historical lives of everyday people.

Born in Kansas City, Kansas but before she was 5 the family moved to Belton, MO. where she grew up, to a two-room shack, outhouse and all! Denise was the oldest of 6 and remembers her humble beginnings. Eventually though there would be indoor plumbing and a bathroom of sorts in the corner of the kitchen, just draw the curtain.

She wasn't exposed to a lot of storytelling in her early days, although she does remember an Uncle who had a dry sense of humor and could spin a good yarn. There was more music in her household; her father was a jazz musician, as well as many of her uncle's. Daddy didn't make a living playing his trumpet, a gig player in Kansas City on the weekends mostly, she fondly remembers he loved his family more than his music and made a living as a bricklayer. She also remembers the family cramming into an old Studebaker Flatbed Truck to visit Grandma who still lived in Kansas City, KS. Yes 6 children and 2 adults!

Denise would marry and have 3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter and was fine with being a stay at home Mom. She did odd jobs here and there but her love was raising her children. Her storytelling journey would begin later in life; she had always enjoyed writing, and is a published author of short stories and essays in magazines, literary journals and periodicals. It was when she began working as the Schoolmarm for The Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead that her storytelling began. She did extensive research on one room schools that led to doing presentations and programs for schools, senior homes and other places about the one room schoolhouse.

While doing her programs for the farmstead she partnered up with The Cass County Living History Guild who wanted to do a major production of The Orphan Train History. Many children came to that area and a living granddaughter of one of the Orphan Train Riders arrived in Cass County. Denise was tasked with writing the drama, with her skills as a writer and a researcher, she delved into the history of the Orphan Trains of America, and the drama was presented on the platform of the Belton, Grandview and Kansas City railroad train station in 2005 and numerous times throughout 2006.

The actors, "orphans" actually arrived on the train, the kids leaning out the windows and pulled in to the station! It still gives her chills talking about it.

The Orphan Train is a controversial subject in our history. Some say it was not right for the children to be exploited and taken away to strangers. Some say it was a blessing for these poor wretches of human society, living on the streets of New York City. The Orphan Trains began in 1854 and lasted 75 years ending in 1929. Dr. Charles Loring Brace started an orphanage in New York City, seeing the need, but the need was too great for that. He realized as the trains went further and further to the west that maybe there was a better life for these children and started a grass roots movement, spreading the word. Some children even went as far as Alaska. Of course with any movement like this there is going to be good and bad but Dr. Charles's heart for these children was in the right place.

Nowadays Denise makes her home in rural Cass County near Harrisonville, MO, on a little hobby farm where she raises heritage poultry and heirloom vegetables. Due to health issues has not been able to tell in recent years but hopes to return to it soon. She joins us on Zoom as often as she can and looks forward to tell her favorite personal story *Larry the Lizard* with her original song that goes with it, in fact Denise writes and sings an original song for all the stories she tells which distinguishes her from many tellers!

Denise's favorite song is the Bluegrass Classic, *There is a Time*, by Rodney Dillard and we will end with that great last verse!

So do your wanderin' in the Springtime, find your love in the summer sun
Frost will come and bring the harvest; you can rest when day is done.

IT'S HAIKU TIME!

WRITE A HAIKU ABOUT DENISE GROW AND HER ADVENTURES.

REMEMBER: SENSORY DETAILS, 3 LINES:
5 SYLLABLES, 7 SYLLABLES, 5 SYLLABLES.

MAGNET
HERE

FOR YOUR FRIDGE

MAGNET
HERE

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

RAPS NOVEMBER 2022

RAPS Meetings for November 2022 for MO-TELL Newsletter.

Thursday November 3, 2022, 7:00 pm First Thursday
Meeting

Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
Story Theme: “**What Happened to the Turkey?**”

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

Saturday November 19, 2022, 7:00 pm
I-70 Missouri Tellabration sponsored by MO-TELL,
Gateway Storytellers, and RAPS
Hybrid* event at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
(**Advanced registration required to attend on Zoom.**)

Thursday December 1, 2022, 7:00 pm First Thursday
Meeting

Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on Zoom
Dessert Bar (for in-person attendees ONLY)
Story Theme: “**The Best Present EVER!!!!**”

SAVE THE DATE: RAPS CHICKEN FESTIVAL

In-Person ONLY - January 13-15, 2023

Americas Best Value Inn & Suites
Nevada, MO

*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person at:

Trailside Center	Woodneath Library Center
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.

SOLVE THIS SECRET MESSAGE!

SIMPLY SPRAY THIS BOX WITH LEMON
JUICE AND HOLD IT UP CLOSE BEFORE A
GENTLE FIRE TO REVEAL THE SECRET
MESSAGE OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

THEN, OF COURSE, GET YOURSELF A NEW DIGITAL DEVICE AS YOU'LL HAVE JUST MELTED YOUR LEMONY SCREEN.

GATEWAY NOVEMBER 2022

No meeting this month!



[Performance Showcase & Masterclass \(Hybrid\)](#)

Wed, Nov 9 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Story Center Programming Room Story Center Event Registration Required

Bring your best seven-minute story to perform and get feedback from expert storyteller Angela J. Williams. This class is part of the Oral Storytelling Certification Program.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Story Swap](#)

Thu, Nov 17 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Story Center Programming Room Story Center Event Registration Required

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 enjoy the show.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Bringing History to Life](#)

Thu, Dec 1 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm Story Center Programming Room Story Center Event **Full (waiting list)**

Storyteller, educator, and interpreter Mary L. Schmidt will discuss ways to interpret our past.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

[Storytelling Certificate Celebration: Oral Storytelling](#)

Sat, Dec 3 2022 10:30am - 12:00pm Woodneath Community Room 2 Story Center Event Registration Required

Join The Story Center as we recognize the participants that have earned their certificate from The Oral Storytelling Certificate Program.

EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW

**NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND MO-TELL
DON'T LET GO!**



NORMALLY, WE'D SAY "DON'T LOOK DOWN" BUT, IN THIS INSTANCE, THE DETAILS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE BELOW.

**LOOK DOWN &
JOIN UP!**

THE MO-TELL BILL OF FARE

OFTEN IMITATED, NEVER DUPLICATED

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FISCAL YEAR, FEBRUARY 1-JANUARY 31

RENEW TODAY!

<i>MEMBERSHIP</i>	<i>ANNUAL DUES</i>	<i>COMES WITH</i>
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 <i>PLUS</i> MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP 60+	\$200	LOGO BAG <i>PLUS</i> MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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C/O
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PACIFIC, MO 63069

OR PAY VIA MO-TELL'S PAYPAL ACCOUNT: SUEHINKEL1@GMAIL.COM



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

RENEW TODAY!

TURKEY JOKE MATCHING GAME

MATCH 'EM UP AND LAUGH!

1. WHAT DID THE TURKEY SAY TO THE COMPUTER?

YOUR NOSE, OF COURSE.

2. WHAT IS A PUMPKIN'S FAVORITE SPORT?

THE OUTSIDE

3. WHAT WAS THE TURKEY SUSPECTED OF?

SQUASH

4. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO OVERSTUFF A TURKEY?

*HE GOT THE STUFFING
KNOCKED OUT OF HIM.*

FAST FOOD!

5. WHICH SIDE OF THE TURKEY HAS THE MOST FEATHERS?

GOOGLE, GOOGLE, GOOGLE!

6. WHAT SMELLS THE BEST AT THANKSGIVING DINNER?

FOWL PLAY

7. WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE TURKEY GOT INTO A FIGHT?

*TAMARA WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
TURKEY LEFTOVERS...*

8. WHAT DO YOU CALL A RUNNING TURKEY?

*IT WAS THE CHICKEN'S DAY OFF!
NEVER FEAR! THE CHICKEN FESTIVAL IS
COMING SOON!*

9. KNOCK KNOCK.
WHO'S THERE?
TAMARA.
TAMARA WHO?

*GIVE HIM LOTS OF PIZZA
AND ICE CREAM.*

10. WHY DID THE TURKEY CROSS THE ROAD?

BONUS:

*KNOCK KNOCK!
WHO'S THERE?
DEWY?
DEWEY WHO?*

DEWEY HAVE TO WAIT LONG TO EAT?

Story of the Month

AN EXCERPT FROM JOHN STEINBECK'S THE GRAPES OF WRATH

CHAPTER 23

The migrant workers scuttling for work, scrabbling to live, looked always for pleasure dug for pleasure, manufactured pleasure, and they were hungry for amusement. Sometimes amusement lay in speech and they climbed up their lives with jokes. And it came about in the camps along the road, on the ditch banks, beside the streams, under the sycamores, that the storyteller grew into being, so that the people gathered in the low fire light to hear the gifted ones. And they listened while the tales were told, and their participation made the stories great.

I was a recruit for Geronimo---

And the people listened, and their quiet eyes reflected the dying fire.

Them Injuns was cute - slick as snakes, an quiet when they wanted, could go thru dried leaves and make no rustle, you try doin that sometime" and the people listened and remembered the crash of dry leaves under their feet

And the people listened, and their faces were quiet with listening. The storytellers, gathering attention into their tales, spoke in great rhythms, spoke in great words because the tales were great, and the listeners became great through them.

As we celebrate the holidays and are grateful for our blessings let us remember the migrants and the immigrants and those running from persecution. Be sure to share their tales and pray that they find a warm hearth to reflect in their eyes.

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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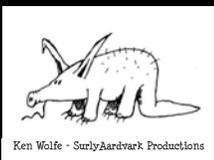
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