

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



# THE REGISTER

## NOVEMBER 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.)

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

Hello everyone,

Halloween was so different this year. Usually I am out telling stories in parks and libraries. I am still telling lots of stories for all seasons, but currently all online. We are all adapting, aren't we? We cannot do without our stories. They are necessary to get us through this difficult time. So keep telling all kinds of tales: the scary ones, the funny ones, and even the challenging ones. We need them all.

I hope you don't get tired of the stories on Zoom and Streamyard and YouTube. They are holding us together.

**Tellabration! A Night of Stories for Adults**, is coming up. Who knows, your favorite teller may be telling your favorite tale.

We have a program in December for families for Winter. What is your favorite memory of winter? Could you tell that tale?

In January, we will meet on Zoom for a membership meeting. What do you want to ask us? What is important about storytelling and MO-TELL? Let us know.

February is the time for hearts and flowers. We have stories about love. Come and listen and remember your loves.

Stories bring us closer together. Come join us.

Oh, by the way, Happy Thanksgiving! I am so thankful for all of you.

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.

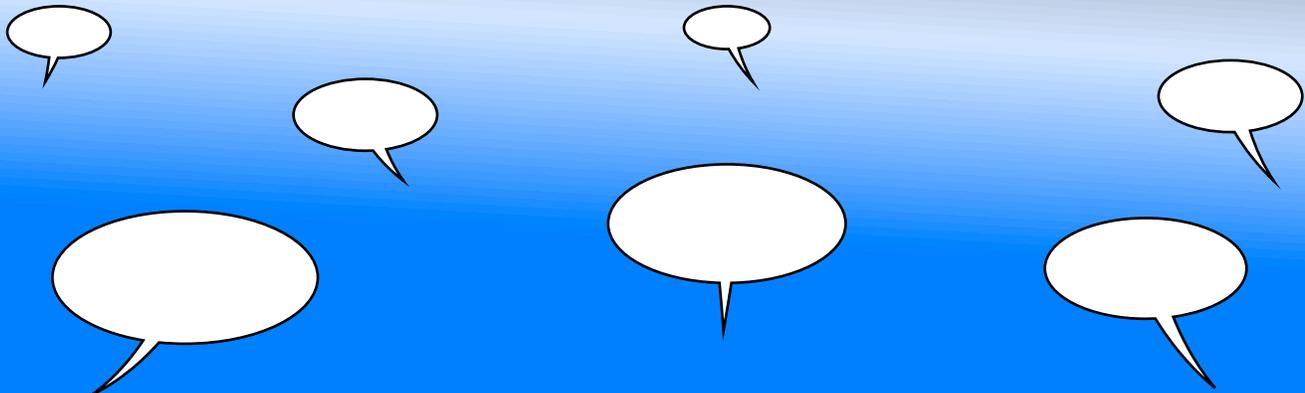
Hundreds of tellers telling fo thousands of people.

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  
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# MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH

*This Could Be You!*



But first you have to join MO-TELL.  
See the membership page in this issue.

## THE GOATHERD AND THE GOAT



A Goatherd was one day gathering his flock to return to the fold, when one of his goats strayed and refused to join the rest. He tried for a long time to get her to return by calling and whistling to her, but the Goat took no notice of him at all; so at last he threw a stone at her and broke one of her horns. In dismay, he begged her not to tell his master: but she replied, "You silly fellow, my horn would cry aloud even if I held my tongue."

It's no use trying to hide what can't be hidden.

**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

# MO-TELL MEMBER OF THE MONTH



## *Anthony Clark*

Vocation: I'm an economics professor, and I also work as a freelance writer.

Hobbies: Tennis, weightlifting, reading, listening to podcasts, playing guitar

Family: I have two beautiful grandchildren, and I'm very close to both of them. My son, who used to be my roadie when I traveled around in the summer as a storyteller, is now 26!

I started out as a writer. After seeing Bobby Norfolk perform one New Year's Eve in Columbia, I decided to give storytelling a try. I joined MOST, the storytelling group in MidMo at that time, and quickly became hooked. I began reading stories from all over the world, searching for stories to tell. That process of reading hundreds of folktales and myths really helped me learn about story structure. That process actually helped my writing more than any writing workshop I've ever attended.

I told my first story in public at a MO-TELL event in downtown St. Charles. It was an important day in my life because it put me on a path that has been very enriching. Being involved with MO-TELL over the years has put me in the midst of the most wonderful community of people I've ever know--the community of storytellers. I wanted to help launch the Missouri Liar's Contest as a way to give something back to the community that has given me so much. I've been involved in the storytelling community for over 20 years now! I feel blessed that I found this community, and that I found storytelling all those years ago.

I joined MOST after watching Bobby Norfolk perform, so he's definitely on my list. I learned a lot from Ron Adams, and he actually hosted the event where I told my first stories. Ron was very excited about my performance, and he gave me some very good feedback about how I could restructure one of the stories I told. I followed his advice, and I've told that story hundreds of times over the years, exactly in the manner Ron suggested.

I've been involved in a couple of different work groups with other storytellers. I had the opportunity to see how Beth Horner crafts a story. I've worked with Larry Brown, Roger Rose, Sue Hinkel, and Milbre Burch. I've performed alongside a number of storytellers I admire, such as Gladys Coggswell, Jim Two Crows, Joyce Slater, Ken Wolfe, Tim Manson, Papa and Jackie Wright, Steve Otto, the Kuntzs, Joe Wos, Sherry Norfolk, and Dianne Joy Banks (spelling?).

I never performed in a show with David Novak, but he's also a storyteller who inspired me.

Lastly, I'd have to say that the storyteller who influenced me the most was Greg Tyler. Greg really made me feel welcomed in the storytelling group in MidMo. He and I were involved in a couple of different work groups, and the two of us spent hours and hours working on our stories together. Greg was also my best friend for a good chunk of my adult life. I miss his presence and I miss his stories, as do many other people in the storytelling community. To me the Chicken Fest isn't the same without Greg.

My favorite folktales are Iron John and The Boy Who Drew Cats. I also really dove deeply into several of the stories from 1,001 Arabian Nights and I love those.

My favorite book is Brave New World by Huxley. Favorite movie is probably Braveheart, but it's tough to pick just one.

Memory of Christmas? The year I discovered that Santa actually is real (but Rudolph is a fraud).

Valentine Memory? No comment.

Favorite vacation? Who can remember going on vacation?

**NEWEST BOARD MEMBER OF  
NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK**



**GARY KUNTZ**  
**HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW!**

**(AND WILL KEEP HIS OTHER BOARD ROLES, AS WELL. THANKS, GARY!)**



**SOON.**

**AND VERY 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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# STORYTELLING HERE



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RIVER AND PRAIRIE STORYWEAVERS  
PRE-TELLABRATION CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14 FROM 2-4 PM ON ZOOM.

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***RAPS PRE-TELLABRATION CELEBRATION.***  
FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY STORIES.

COME AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:  
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KUNTZ, ALICE NATHAN,  
TIM MANSON, FRAN STALLINGS,  
RIC VICE AND RICH WHITE.

# STORIES WITH SPIRIT



stories with spirit presents  
**Fairy Tale Variations: SNOW WHITE**

**Saturday  
November 28th  
6pm MST  
Live on zoom**

**One classic story  
Five amazing tellers**

**Janice Del Negro  
Milbre Burch  
Laura Packer  
Cooper Braun  
Rachel Ann Harding**

"Once upon a time there was a girl with hair as dark as ebony, lips as red as blood, and skin as white as snow . . ."

**Adults only** storytelling!

Let **Stories with Spirit** and our dear friends bring you a tale both familiar and strange. Five tellers will bring you five very different versions of Snow White. From the fairy tale classic to the wild west. From the exceedingly humorous to the deeply dark these tellings and re-tellings will range up the emotional gamut.

Rachel Ann Harding and Cooper Braun are so happy to welcome in our dear friends to this new style of show. Janice Del Negro, Milbre Burch, and Laura Packer each bring us deep and abiding love for fairy tales, while at the same time asking what voices might be heard through a classic story that have not been heard before.

This is an **Adults Only** show. The stories range from humorous to very dark retellings, and we recommend this show to only those over 18 years of age.

The show will take place Saturday November 28th at 6:00pm MST (Denver) or 5:00pm PST (Los Angeles), 7:00pm CST (Chicago), 8:00pm EST (New York)

Copy and paste this link for tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairy-tale-variations-snow-white-tickets-127082450029?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

# THE FOX & THE CROW



Master raven, on a perched tree,  
Holds a cheese in his beak.  
Master fox, by the enticing smell,  
He held more or less this language:  
Hey hello, sir of the raven.  
How pretty you are! you seem to me beautiful!  
No lie, if your ramage  
relates to your plumage,  
You are the phoenix of the hosts of these woods.  
At these words, the crow does not feel joy;  
And, to show his beautiful voice,  
he opens a wide beak, drops his prey.  
The fox seizes it, and says: My good sir,  
Learn that every flatterer  
Lives at the expense of the one who listens to him:  
This lesson is well worth a cheese, no doubt.  
The raven, ashamed and confused,  
Jura, but a little late, that he would not be caught  
there again.

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# FOR YOUR FRIDGE

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

## RAPS

### November, 2020 Calendar

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

**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. (SEE SPECIAL RAPS PAGE FOR DETAILS!)**

**Thursday, December 3, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
– **First Thursday Meeting**  
Story Theme: **Warm Fuzzies – (Stories to make you feel good. This year especially, we could all use a little of this.)**

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.)

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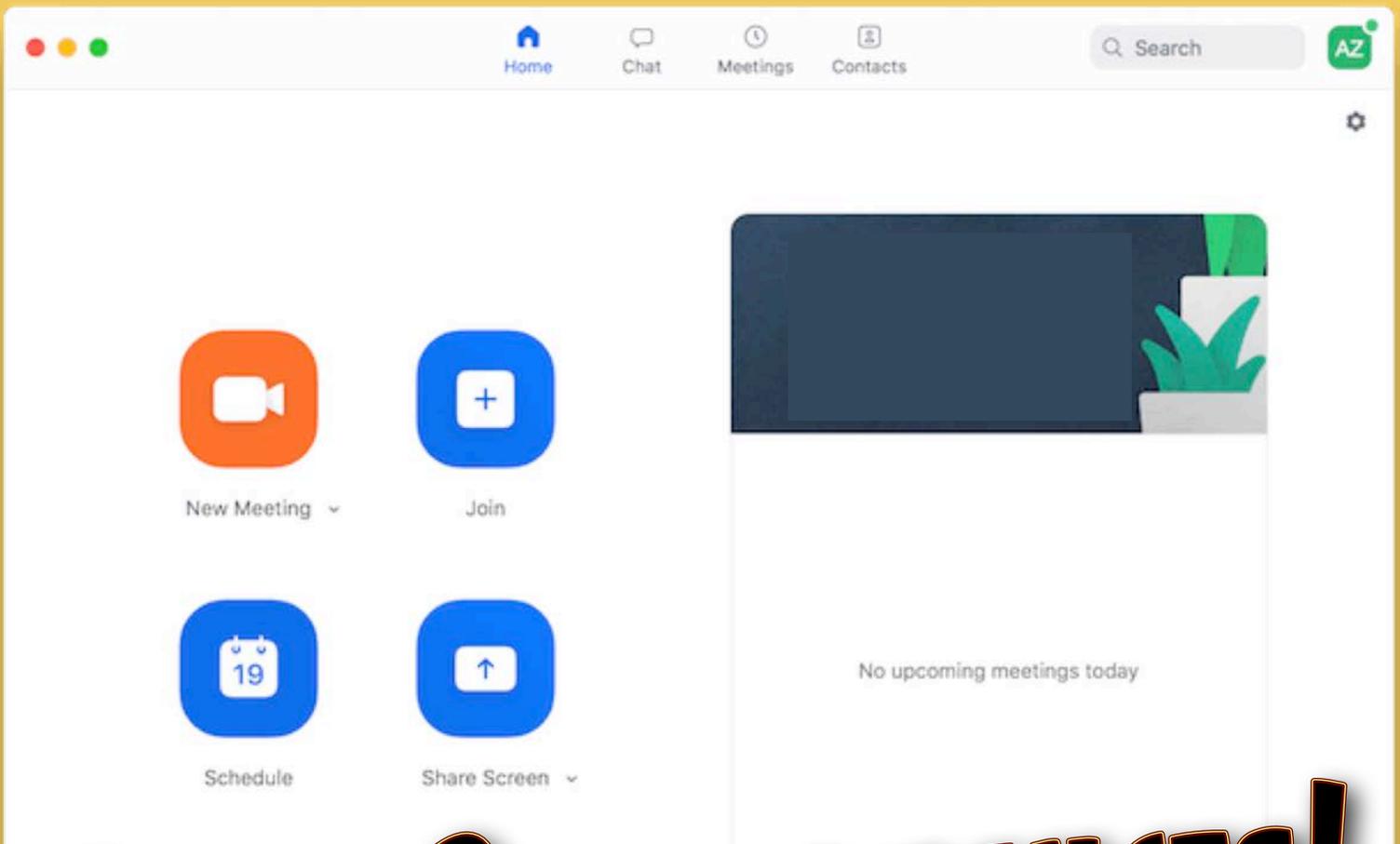
Nothing listed for the time being.

## RIVERWINDS

Riverwind Storytellers (Metro East) are on hiatus until further notice. Stay safe and mask up everyone so we can get rid of this pandemic.

## GATEWAY

St Louis Gateway Storytellers will meet virtually via Zoom on Sunday November 15th at 1 :00 PM to share stories. An open invitation is open to all who would like to listen the stories. Holiday stories are a suggested theme. If you want to share a story please contact Marilyn Sue Warren at [justpeacenjoy2all@gmail.com](mailto:justpeacenjoy2all@gmail.com) by November 10th.



# ZOOM PERFORMANCES!

## Storyteller Beth Horner

Tales of Raucous Humor and Tender Courage  
Thursday, November 12 6-7:15 p.m.

### Live event via Zoom

Nationally renowned storyteller Beth Horner will revive our funny bones, touch our hearts and brighten our evening. She is a spoken word artist noted for “a wit so sharp you can shave with it” and a knack for crafting tales of hilarity and heart-felt depth.

Beth has performed for the International Art of Storytelling Festival, the National Storytelling Festival and Live From National Geographic. She has toured with Taiwan’s Starlight Educational Foundation, collected the stories of NASA’s Apollo geologists, taught NASA astrobiologists how to tell their stories and served as storyteller for Dollywood’s DreamMore Resort’s Lyrics & Lore Songwriting Conference where Nashville songwriters demonstrated the techniques of successful songwriting by using Beth’s stories as inspiration. From her home in Chicago to our homes in Mid-Missouri, she is looking forward to meeting us all in the Zoom room. Adult and teens. Please register to get a link to this Zoom event. If you miss the live event, watch for the recording which we’ll make available for two weeks after the show. Link to register: <https://events.dbrl.org/event/4643501>



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## 2020 Storytelling Celebration



### **November 2–7**

For 21 years, the Kansas City [Storytelling Celebration](#) has brought national and regional storytellers to ignite interest in the art of sharing stories—from the mythical to the personal.

Join us for performances, workshops, and concerts by local storytellers, as well as featured performers Beth Horner, Carrie Sue Ayvar, Oba William King, and Gene Tagaban.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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

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

# 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?

# 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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Treasurer: Sue Hinkel, shinkel@mail.win.org (Membership)

Secretary: Linda Kuntz, lharilag@gmail.com

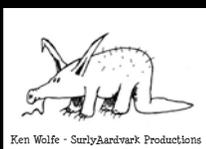
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