



President's Message

It has been a busy fall, members attending a fantastic storytelling event in OKC and planning Tellabstractions all over the state! We had a great turnout from Territory Tellers at the Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival! Five members and one hour of fun occurred Saturday for the Oklahoma Olio. Stories, puppets, poetry, moon glow, butterflies, a buffalo tale and Greek drama made up the showcase of stories shared Saturday afternoon. A big thank you goes out to our Oklahoma Olio tellers Teresa Vail, Peggy Kaney, Shaun Perkins and Tony Hardman along with our fabulous MC, Valerie Kimble. The Friday story swap sharing time was great fun, with tellers from both OKC and Tulsa (see photo on page 5).

Tellabstractions will be held across the state. Check our website for more information about those November events. This winter, Territory Tellers will host a retreat in northeastern Oklahoma at the Sequoyah State Park, January 25-26, 2013. We have two workshops set up along with a story swap and Story Concert on Saturday night. The contact phone number is 918-772-2046, the park is located on Ft. Gibson lake near Hulbert, Oklahoma.

We are in the planning stages for our annual storytelling festival, Spirit of Oklahoma in Seminole, OK. Mark your calendars now for June

7-8, 2013! Tim Tingle will be our headliner this year along with tellers from across the state and Texas too! We will offer up table telling, ghost stories, story swaps and mini-concerts to our members and the community; on-site registration will begin Friday June 7th, 2013 at 3:30 PM; Best Western is our host hotel again this year. Our festival committee meets in November to iron out the schedule and other logistics for our annual festival.

I hope your fall has been enjoyable. The weather seems to have taken a step in the right direction. Be sure and check out our new blog at www.territorytellers.com and the website for upcoming information on Territory Teller events and happenings soon! Make a point to join a Tellabstraction event in your city and share the community of story with your family and friends.



TT President Darla L'Allier stopped during a recent vacation to have her photo taken, where else but a library!

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TT winter 2013 retreat – Jan 25-26

Warm us at the fire

We will meet in northeastern Oklahoma at the Sequoyah (Western Hills) Lodge. The phone number for reservations is 918-772-2545; there is a \$50 rate per night until Oct. 29 for Territory Tellers guests.

Friday night workshop will be presented by our Territory Tellers member, Luann Sewell Waters: *Carved in Stone: the hidden meaning of gravestone graphics*. If you have visited Arlington Cemetery, the Pyramids, Gettysburg or Greyfriars Kirkyard, you entered a world where a secret language tells the story of the dead and the living. Gravestones and cemeteries are rich in a language of symbols, a language the translation of which changes over time making it difficult to interpret the original meaning. Graveyard customs also change over time. By studying the symbols on grave markers and cemetery customs, especially those in Oklahoma, you'll learn more than the person's name and dates. You'll walk away with histories, science, art and historic architecture.

Our Saturday morning workshop will be hosted by Tim Couch, one of our Texas Territory Teller members! He will present: *Raising the curtain, master of ceremony tips and tricks for presenting programs*. Tim has been the Master of ceremony at many storytelling events, both in Oklahoma and Texas. He will share his experience on getting your audience ready for any type of presentation! From knowing your event, keeping the crowd engaged and presenting your speakers in a fun, favorable light; Tim will enlighten us with his 90 minute presentation.

In the afternoon on Saturday we will have a story swap with lodge guests and teller members. Saturday night will top off our story events with an evening performance from our "Teller couples" – Pat and Steve Kardaleff & Jeanette and Phillip Harjo! We hope the weather holds for our retreat and will be looking forward to seeing tellers in the new year.

Upcoming dates

Any TT member or potential member is welcome to attend board meetings and the retreat.

TT Board Meeting

Sat, Nov 3
Old Angus Barn, Seminole

TT Winter Retreat

January 25-26, 2013
WesternHills (Sequoyah State Park), Wagoner
\$50 special Lodge rate until Oct. 29 for TT guests
918-772-2545

TT Board Meeting

March 2013 • Lawton

And from our neighbors...

The River and Prairie Storyweavers "Chicken Festival"
in Emporia, KS January 16-19, 2013
www.riverandprairiestoryweavers.weebly.com

Oklahoma boasts multiple Tellabration events in 2012

1 The Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, in conjunction with the Mayes County Storytellers, will host a Tellabration event of interactive poetry and storytelling on **Saturday, November 10, from 4 to 8 pm** at the museum in rural **Locust Grove**

The event will include a tour of the museum, an interactive poetry experience, storytelling around a bonfire, and smores. Everyone is invited. Admission is by donation. All proceeds benefit the development of the museum as it nears its completion.

The museum is located on Perkins Road, off 438 Rd, west of Locust Grove.

For more information, visit the museum website rompoetry.com or phone curator Shaun Perkins at 918-864-9152 or email her at rompoetry@gmail.com.

2 Apache OK won't be left out of the Tellabration fun. A great selection of the communities surrounding Apache will gather at the **Clarke-Hobart Building starting at 7 pm, November 17, 2012**. Along with featured storytellers, there will be youth singing groups from the area. For additional information, please email Sam McMichael, Sam & Terree McMichael mcmichael@wichitaonline.net or Steve Kardaleff, skardaleff@aol.com.

3 Choctaw Public Library, 2525 Muzzy, will host a Tellabration on **November 13 at 6 pm**. Wayword Tellers is sponsoring featured tellers to transport their audience to another place and time. Those scheduled to tell are Rosemary Czarski,

Carol Roberts, Susie L. Beasley, Liz Parker, Marilyn Hudson, Molly Lemmons, Kathryn Thurman, and Barbara Jones. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Choctaw Library at 390-8418 for more information.



4 Cordell is the site for another event. **November 18 at 4pm**, at the **Integris Village Retirement Center**, 701 E. 12th Street (near the intersection of E 14th Street and Crider Road).

Featured Tellers are Molly Lemmons, Straw (Laverne) Berry--cowboy poet, Chester Weems, Lorelee Cooley, Ed Cooley, and some local folk that are just itching to share a good story.

For additional information contact Lorelee Cooley at storyspinning@sbcglobal.net.

5 Seminole will celebrate Tellabration, a world wide celebration of storytelling and music, on **November 17 at 6:30 pm in the Ole Angus Barn** (go 12 miles south of Seminole or north of Ada on Hwy 99 until you reach EW 134, cemetery road, turn west and go approximately 1 mile. Lights will be on in the barn, go past the barn, and you'll see the driveway on the south.)

Friends, neighbors, family, and storytellers are invited to gather together for a grand evening of fun. Featured storytellers will be western humorist award recipient, Sky Shivers, and multi-talented Teresa Black. Host and hostess, Phillip and Jeanette Harjo, will share a story. A couple of guest pickers, storytellers and a poet may also join the party. Tellers and listeners alike will gather at the campfire near the entrance of the Ole Angus Barn. There will be some seating, but you may want to throw in a lawn chair or blanket. In the case of inclement weather everyone will move into the main aisle of the barn. For additional information contact: Jeanette or Phillip Harjo at jmharjo@hotmail.com, 405-398-4310 or 405-380-3633



Chester Weems

Lorelee Cooley and her husband Ed Cooley provide those gathered at last year's Colony Tellabration an evening experience they didn't soon forget.

More opportunities for Territory Tellers to weave stories

The festival planning committee is working on two sessions of ghost stories for the 2013 festival. The teller selection committee has picked the tellers for the Friday night session. The four Saturday night session spots

are open to any TT member who is interested.

Please complete the application below and send in a CD or tape to the address at the bottom of the application.

APPLICATION - Saturday night Ghost stories

Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival Saturday, June 8, 2013, 9:30 pm

1. Applicant must be a current member of Territory Tellers. Join or renew membership at www.territorytellers.org
2. Story must be no more than 12 minutes in length.
3. Story must be submitted on CD or cassette tape, and in print, please.
4. Applications must be received by November 15, 2012

Four tellers will be selected by the Teller Selection Committee. (Members of the Teller Selection Committee cannot apply to tell.)

Name _____

Address _____

e-mail _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Name of story on CD _____

If chosen to tell at an evening concert, give name of story you will tell: _____

_____ (time limit of 12 minutes)

Please include a bio for the MC to present if you are chosen to tell, three or four sentences about yourself. Thank you.

Applicant signature: _____

Please send your story registration to Darla L'Allier 1954 W 48 pl Tulsa OK 74107

Member news, notes and events

Tallgrass Tellers observed 'World Changing Stories Day' June 24th at the Bartlesville Library. Storytelling groups in other states and countries also celebrated this unique day. Each teller related stories of people and events that caused a change in the world. **Nancy Matthews** told stories about her days as a linewoman, **Dianne Fallis** shared the Cherokee Rose Story on the Trail of Tears, and Nikki Austin told a family story related to emancipation.

Guymon Community Theater in Guymon, OK sponsored a storytelling program during the weekend of July 24 and July 25. "Storytelling Just for You" was the opening event for their 34th annual season. The program was put together by **Tony Hardman**, who has been active in the community theater since he moved to a neighboring community, Goodwell. Featured storytellers for the event included Tony Hardman as well as **Liz Parker, Teresa Black, Eldrena Douma and David Titus**. The event was well received and it is hoped that it will become an annual part of the GCT season. The event was sponsored by Guymon Arts and Humanities Commission, Guymon Convention and Tourism, Oklahoma Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

David Titus will be in Germany, Netherlands, and Belgium doing string and storytelling workshops from Oct until Dec 8.



Herjo

Four Territory Tellers told at the 2012 TT Olio at the Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival. From left to right: **Peggy Kaney, Tahlequah, Tony Hardman, Goodwell, Shawn Perkins, Locust Grove, Teresa Vail, LeQuire** and host/mc **Valerie Kimble, Norman** (see President's Message on page 1).

Dianne Fallis and Nancy Lenhart Matthews, Green Country Tellers, told Indian stories at the Bartlesville Indian Summer Festival on September 21. It was the second year for Dianne and the fourth for Nancy.

Fran Stallings and Dianne Fallis of Tallgrass Tellers were at the Price Tower, Bartlesville, for Family Day on October 13.

Valerie Kimble provided seasonally appropriate stories October 26 at the Goddard Center's *Legend has it...* fundraiser. The event was billed as "Ardmore's biggest Halloween event."

On April 6, 2013, Doug Bennett will be hosting a first time storytelling festival in Pittsburg, Kansas' Public Library. **Darla L'Allier and Nancy Lenhart Matthews** from Territory Tellers will be among the tellers. Before the festival several of the tellers will be going to Pittsburg to tell stories for an advance preview of this event.



Photo submitted by Tony Hardman

David Titus, Tony Hardman, (back row) **Liz Parker, Eldrena Douma and Teresa Black** (front row) were featured in Guymon's "Storytelling Just for You."

Tattler Deadlines

We want to include the information you are interested in! Please have information in by the following dates for inclusion in the *Tattler*:

January 18, 2013 • March 8, 2013
July 7, 2013 • October 1, 2012 •



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Is your membership current? Send in your renewal today!

Territory Tellers is a growing network of individual tellers, listeners and local storytelling circles. Get connected by joining our statewide organization! Dues are \$25 for individual and \$40 for family membership per year.

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Country _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

e-mail address _____

Web site (optional) _____

Are you a storyteller? _____ a story listener? _____

\$25 individual \$40 family \$40 organizational

Please complete this form and mail it with a check payable to Territory Tellers to:
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