



President's Message

For those of you who attended the Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival, you will see that it was a great success. I am not just talking about the success of the festival itself, but for Territory Tellers as well. Territory Tellers, as always, hosted an open mic "Story Swap" and a mini-concert, "Oklahoma Olio." We had a great turnout for both events, some of the highest ever that I can remember. We had twelve tellers volunteer to share stories at the swap, at least half of which were new to Territory Tellers. We had a great showcase of talent at our "Olio" with storytellers Connie Fisher, Shaun Perkins, Lorelee Cooley,

and me. The emcee was wonderfully performed by Barbara Jones. Many new people were exposed to our organization and hopefully our membership has increased as well.

As each event closes, others open up and we

continue to move forward. Halloween is approaching and will present many storytelling opportunities to our telling mem-

bers. In November, we will see Tellabstractions throughout the state and of course the Christmas holidays present even more storytelling possibilities. Storytelling and Territory Tellers are thriving and will continue to thrive. But as always there is much more to do.

Many artistic events such as festivals are relying more and more on private sponsorships and grants. We have made great strides in this area. Our steering committee has recruited new members to help us and we have also found people willing to devote time to grant writing. But we need more. So I am asking our members who are willing to step forward and share their time and energy in helping us raise funds and to make our festivals better than ever.

Our festivals have been incredible. It has been praised by nationally known tellers such as Tim Tingle and Elizabeth Ellis as having the talent and capability of being a great festival. The main thing that holds us back is funding. Since the beginning our festival has been a great festival and we have accomplished marvels with the funds we have had available, but it seems every year we "settle" for less because of lack of funds. If you have fund raising skills or just time and a willingness to help, give me a call, shoot me an email, and as a result, help to make our festival better than ever.

Tony Hardman



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Ideas being gathered for bylaw updates

At the last board meeting, a committee was appointed to begin the process of updating our bylaws. There have not been major changes to this governing document for a number of years. While there are several ideas already on the list, any ideas that the general membership have regarding changes are extremely welcome.

A copy of the bylaws will be posted to our website so that members can access the document.

Suggestions need to be sent to Steve Kardaleff (skardaleff@aol.com) by November 18th.

Workshop Art of Storytelling

"After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world."

Philip Pullman

Tips and techniques of storytelling will be the nexus of this informal gathering of storytellers. Rosemary Czarski with WayWord Tellers and Oklahoma Territory Tellers will lead both sessions. The first one was completed on August 3rd. The next scheduled session will be on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10-11:30 am at the Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy in Choctaw. Sessions are free and open to those interested in the art of storytelling. Resource materials and refreshments will be provided.

Please call 390.8418 ext 3 to register for the November event.

Have you thought about an expanded profile?

As a benefit of TT membership, you can have an expanded profile on our website. When people click on our FIND A MEMBER page, they see a list of current members and can click on your name to read your profile.

If you would like a brief description and photo of yourself on your page, please email it to Shaun Perkins (okiestoryteller@gmail.com).

Some members already have profiles on the website. You can look at these pages to see some samples: Barbara Jones, Darla L'Allier, Molly Lemmons and Stella Long

Please email Shaun if you have questions or comments. She looks forward to receiving your information!

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 15, 2014 • March 1, 2014

July 15, 2014 • October 1, 2014

Upcoming events include six Tellabtrations across the state!

Additional details on our website for many of these events

Art of Storytelling Workshop
Nov 2, 10-11:30 am • Choctaw Library
Call 390.8418 ext 3 to register

ROMP Tellabtration
Nov 16, 6-9 pm • Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, Locust Grove
Stories, poetry, and more at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry. See the ROMP website for more information or contact Shaun Perkins.

Cordell-Colony Tellabtration
Nov. 17, 3:00 p.m • Village Retirement Center, Cordell
For more information, contact Lorelee Cooley.

WayWord Tellers Tellabtration
Nov 19, 6-8 pm • Choctaw Library
For more information, contact Susie Beasley.

Apache Tellabtration
Nov 23, 7 pm • Clark-Hobert Community Building
Contact Steve Kardaleff for more information.

Old Angus Barn Tellabtration
Nov 23, 6 pm • Old Angus Barn Event & Cultural Center, Wolf
Storytelling around a fire pit with refreshments. For more information, email Jeanette Harjo or call 405-398-4310.

Oklahoma Association of Storytellers Tellabtration
Nov 23, 6-8 pm • Wesley United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City
Admission fees from this storytelling event fund the preservation of the church. For more information, contact Marilyn Hudson.

Have a Mare-eee, Merry Christmas
Dec 21 • Old Angus Barn Event & Cultural Center, Wolf
A Cowboy Christmas and tour of historic barn with great stories and refreshments. For more information, email Jeanette Harjo or call 405-398-4310.

Territory Tellers Storytelling Retreat
Jan 24-25, 2014 • Roman Nose State Park, Watonga
A relaxing weekend at one of Oklahoma's beautiful state parks--storytelling, workshops, and more. For more information, email Tony Hardman.

Wild Onion Tales
Mar 22, 2014, 6 pm • Old Angus Barn Event & Cultural Center, Wolf
Enjoy a wild onion dinner followed by Native American stories. \$5 donation for entrance. For more information, email Jeanette Harjo or call 405-398-4310.

Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival
June 13-14, 2014 • Southern Nazarene University, Bethany



TT members taking part in the 2013 Territory Tellers Olio at the Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival were Lorelee Cooley, Tony Hardman, Shaun Perkins, Barbara Jones and Connie Neil Fisher. This year the olio was at the Oklahoma History Center.

Chester Weems

The Apple Seed

Opportunity for your stories on air

Krista Collins, assistant producer of The Apple Seed, a new national storytelling program, is reaching out to tellers across the country to submit their stories to be considered for airing on the show. All you need to do is send them your best stories on CD.

Besides traditional telling, the storytellers they feature will also include those who sing their stories, gear their stories to children, do historical stories, tell

tall tales or ghost stories. Story content can include everything from Native American trickster tales to urban legends to life on the family farm. Collins states that their credo is that everyone has a story to tell. Let us know what kinds of themes or stories you'd like us to bring to our audience!

Any interested tellers need to send a CD with stories saved (ideally) in a .wav file format, as well as their name and contact info (phone and email) and story titles. An .mp3 would be a second choice for voice only, but not for music. Mail the CD to; Krista Collins, The Apple Seed, BYU Broadcasting, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602. Those whose stories are chosen will be contacted and sent a standard performance release and the air date. They will also highlight and promote the tellers and their work on the show's web page. If you'd like to talk to the producer, Andy Bay, you can email him at andy.bay@byu.edu.

The Apple Seed debuted on September 2, It currently airs every weekday at 2 p.m. ET on BYU Radio (Sirius XM radio channel 143 or on www.byuradio.org), with rebroadcasts at 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. ET. The host is Utah storyteller and musician Sam Payne.

So many books

In The Groves (CD). Diane Edgecomb with Margot Chamberlain. Living Myth Audio 2013, www.living-myth.com. ISBN 978-0-9651669-5-3.

This CD would be worth getting for the ethereal vocal harmonies and harp music alone. Edgecomb and Chamberlain have found traditional songs in English, Russian, and Welsh to complement the folktales, every one about humanity's ancient kinship with trees. Their voices twine and blend together against the accompaniment of celtic harp and occasional accordion. Each of the tales is eloquently realized and vividly retold by 2011 NSN Regional Excellence (Northeast) award winner Edgecomb, sometimes with environmental background sound or harp music blended in: "The Dancing Spirit of the Birch" (Czech), "Three Green Ladies" (Cornwall England), a Japanese cherry tree legend, an Australian Aboriginal myth, and Edgcomb's own melding of Cherokee evergreen myth with Shaker hymn.

This recording grew out of a project undertaken for Boston's Arnold Arboretum, to honor the spirit of trees. Its Parents' Choice award assures us that it will appeal to young listeners; but I recommend its ancient stories and haunting songs to all ages. Don't wait for Arbor Day.

--reviewed by Fran Stallings.

Have you encountered a storytelling resource you'd like to review?

If so, please send your 200-300 word review to Fran Stallings at fran@franstallings.com. Many Tattler readers have commented that the review section is valuable to them in determining what materials to purchase. Your thoughts on a work could help someone finalize a purchase decision!



Chester Weems

On September 7 the Watonga Community Theatre had their annual Membership Party and asked five storytellers to provide the evening entertainment. During the day the storytellers provided several workshops on storytelling. That evening Loralee Cooley, David Titus, Liz Parker, Chester Weems and Kathryn Thurman presented a variety of storytelling.

Make plans for the 2014 TT Winter Retreat

Once you've soaked in stories at the Tellabration nearest you, it's time to plan for the Territory Teller's Winter Retreat. The 2014 Retreat will be January 24 - 26 at Roman Nose State Park near Watonga.

Anyone attending will need to make their own room reservations. The direct line to the Lodge is 580.623.7281; be sure to let them know you are part of Territory Tellers. Cost for the rooms are \$65 plus tax per room, per night. Lodge rooms with 1 king bed or lodge room with 1 queen bed and 1 twin bed. Cabins also available, please check their website for availability and cost.

For additional information about the park, including a list of activities and photos, go to the Oklahoma Tourism website: <http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.6460>

We'll be following the same format as in prior years. There will be a Festival Steering Committee Meeting on Friday afternoon, a Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday afternoon, and story concerts both nights. Story activities are planned for Saturday morning and afternoon. All meals will be on your own. The website given earlier also carries a listing of menu items at the Lodge restaurant.

Attendees at our prior retreats have really enjoyed their time away from their regular responsibilities and being surrounded by stories. The State Parks offer nature trails and other outdoor activities and views are great. Please call and make your reservations soon to join your fellow story enthusiasts!



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