

## President's Message

**I**t is hard to believe that this is my last president's Message. The year has gone by so quickly and so much accomplished, it seems difficult to comprehend that my year is almost finished. When I finally did comprehend that this was my last chance to impart some wisdom or make some type of inspired comment, I was reluctant because I was not really sure what it was I wanted to say.

I do feel good about my brief leadership of this great organization. In some ways, I think it has been my best year of the three years I have been fortunate to serve as president. I feel that way, not because I accomplished anything great or moved the organization in a profound way, but simply because I sat back and let things happen. I have been very fortunate in that I have had an incredible board to work with. One of those people is Bonnie Smith, who volunteered to chair the Festival Steering Committee. Bonnie has stepped up and has accomplished great things for our new festival. When she became the Chairperson and she came up with a plan for the direction of the festival, I realized I could relax and let her move forward. It is the best decision I have ever made.

The rest of the board have also been very helpful. Vice President Liz Parker has come up with a great slate of officers for the new coming year and I feel completely confident in their leadership. Kathryn Thurman has been an incredible Parliamentarian, helping us through several difficult situations by showing us the correct procedure to do things and still comply with our by-laws. Thanks to her, we have solved those problems with relative ease and have moved forward to become an even stronger organization because of it. Steve Kardaleff and Paulette Geeslin have been an incredible help serving as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The rest of the board has also been supportive and helpful,

pitching in from everything such as planning a retreat, providing up to date information about our organization's events and happenings, to arranging meeting places and even providing us with meals during these important activities.

I think I can honestly say that this year territory Tellers have soared like an eagle. I often tell a story of an eagle raised with chickens that behaved like a chicken, but when given the right opportunity soared like the eagle it was. Well, never has this story applied more to Territory Tellers than it does right now. We have soared high in the past, but never more so than this year. I am happy to say that I have soared with it; as a storyteller and as a person. In my story, a knowing ornithologist who recognized its true potential helped the eagle. I have soared for the same reason. People in Territory Tellers helped me to realize my true potential and I have relied on them for their advice, their mentorship and support and never had a disappointing result because of it. So from people like Bonnie, Liz, Steve, Paulette, Kathryn and many others countless to name, I want to thank them for being the ornithologist in my life who helped me soar. My last wish as President is that each one of us find our ornithologist, if we haven't already, so that we may all soar. For those of us who have found our ornithologist, I hope that we can follow in those footsteps and help others to soar as well.



*Tony Hardman*

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## *2017 Festival*

# **Territory Teller members to be Featured Tellers**

The Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival will have a new focus this year. ***Territory Teller members will be the featured tellers this year!*** For evening performances, Territory Teller members will be invited to tell. During the day on Saturday there are four storytelling topics:

Personal and Family Stories  
Fairy Tales, Traditional, Fractured or twisted  
Folk Tales from Around the World  
Whoppers, Lies and Tall Tales

We are asking all members to think about these four topics. Please bring stories ready to tell in these categories. At registration, a sign-up sheet will be provided for each topic area. Each member can sign-up in the categories where their stories fit. A strict time limit will be enforced. We are asking that each story not exceed 10 minutes. The Best of the Best from the four story categories will be invited to tell at the Saturday night concert.

There will also be two Table Telling opportunities, one on Friday and one on Saturday. This is an opportunity for beginning storytellers to share stories or for more experienced tellers to tell a new story.

No tellers will be paid this year. We want this festival to be an opportunity to renew our love and excitement of storytelling and share this renewal with one another. Members will have the opportunity to share the Friday evening meal, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch with Territory Teller friends. Please come and participate in a weekend banquet of storytelling.

## ***Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for 2017-18***

During the General Membership Meeting on Saturday of the Festival, members will have the opportunity to vote on officers and directors that will sit on the Territory Tellers Board for 2017-18. Current Vice President Liz Parker has put together the following proposed slate:

President - Bonnie Smith  
Vice President - Liz Parker  
Secretary - Rosemary Czarski  
Treasurer - Paulette Geeslin

Board of directors:

Chester Weems  
Lorie Carmichael  
Richard Czarski  
Sharon Rodgers  
Teresa Vail  
Roxann Yates



# Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival

June 2 & 3, 2017

Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
700 SW 134th, Oklahoma City

*A celebration of storytelling from Oklahoma's  
premier storytelling organization Territory Tellers*

## Schedule of Events

**Friday, June 2**

**3:30 pm**

**Registration** begins

**4:00 pm**

**Table-Telling** - informal storytelling from anyone

**Silent Auction** begins and continues until Saturday at 3:30 pm

**5:00-6:30 pm**

**Dinner**, hosted by congregation, \$8 per meal

**7:00 pm**

**Pre-Concert Music**

**7:30-8:30 pm**

**Story Concert**

**9:00-10:00 pm**

**Ghost Tales**

**Saturday, June 3**

**8:30 am**

**Registration** begins

**8:30-9:30 am**

**Breakfast:** Coffee & Kolaches provided by Paulette Geeslin

**9:30-10:30 am**

**Story Swap:** Personal & Family Stories

**Saturday** con't

**10:45-11:45 am**

**Story Swap:** Fairy Tales: Fractured or Traditional

**Noon-1:00 pm**

**Lunch** hosted by congregation, \$7 per meal - *Chicken Salad or Turkey Sandwich* accompanied by musical jam

**1:15-2:15 pm**

**Story Swap:** Folk Tales

**2:30-3:30 pm**

**Story Swap:** Whoppers, Lies & Tall Tales

**3:30 pm**

**Silent Auction** ends

**4:00-5:00 pm**

**TT General Membership Meeting** or **Table-Telling** - informal storytelling from anyone

**7:00 pm**

**Pre-Concert Music**

**7:15 pm**

**Remembrance of TT Members:** Susie Beasley, Rodger Harris and Jerry Young

**7:30 pm**

**Story Concert:** Best of the Best

**8:30 pm**

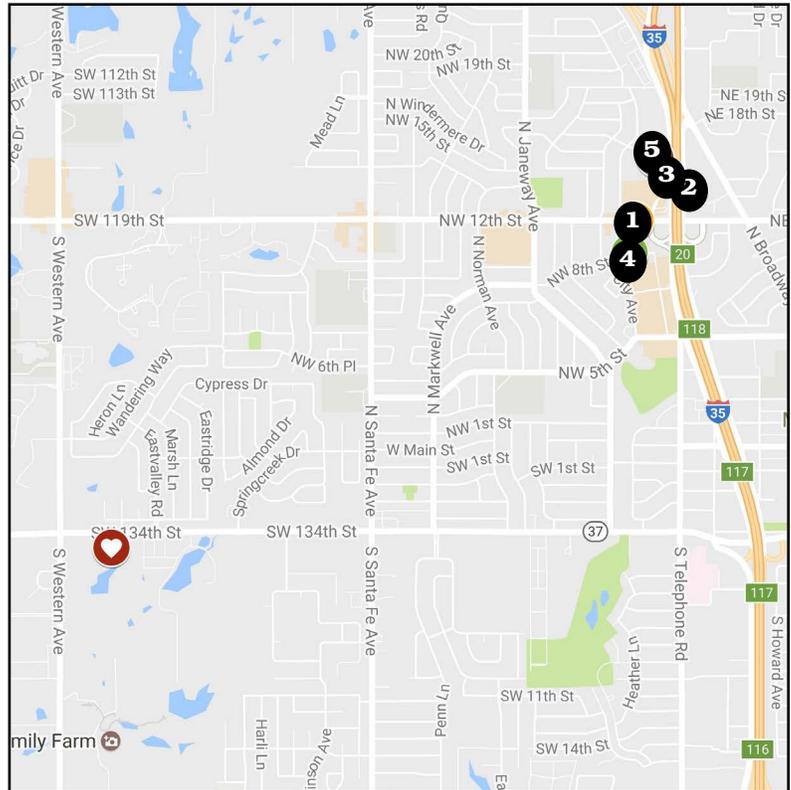
**Reception**

# Need a place to rest your head during the Festival?

This year we won't have an official hotel in connection with the Festival. However, we've got a list of rooms close to the Festival site, mostly along the I-35 corridor.

You can contact these hotels individually to see which one best meets your needs:

- 1. Motel 6:** NW 12th Street and N Moore Avenue, 405.799.6619 - has a continental breakfast
- 2. Super 8:** 1520 N Moore Ave (I-35 & 12th Street), 405.794.4030 - has a continental breakfast
- 3. Comfort Inn & Suites:** 1401 N Moore Avenue, 405.735-6200 - has a free hot breakfast
- 4. Springhill Suites:** 613 NW 8th Street, 405.759.2600 - has a complimentary breakfast
- 5. Candlewood Suites:** 1701 N Moore Avenue, 405.735.5151.



## MO-TELL announces '17 liars contest

It's time once again to get ready for the MO State Liars Contest. This year will be the third annual, and we're adding a new element.

Last year the contest was open to non-Missouri residents (who are MO-TELL members). The contest is still open to non-Missouri residents who are MO-TELL members. This year we're adding a second category to the completion.

The 2017 MO State Liars contest will feature an Oral Category and a Written Category. The Oral Category will operate the same as last year. You'll email in a recording of your story by the deadline date; ten finalists will then be selected to perform live in the finals in July. For the Written Category, there is no performance requirement; however, the first-place winner in the Written Category will be invited to read his or her

story at the live event in July. The July event, which will be held at The Story Center at Woodneath in Kansas City, will feature workshops and a story swap leading up the Liars Contest Finals (more details to come).

Note that you may enter in the Oral Category and the Written Category--up to three stories in each category, as the rules sheets explain. These documents are also available on the MO-TELL website, <http://www.mo-tell.org>.



Story entries will be accepted until May 21, 2017

Good luck preparing your fantastic lies for the 2017 contest! If you have questions you may email [moliarscontest@gmail.com](mailto:moliarscontest@gmail.com). And please pass this along to your creative writer friends!



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**MAIL-IN DEADLINE:  
May 27 Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE from the following options if you are attending a whole day or the whole weekend:

**FESTIVAL PASS**

*(Includes all events except Friday dinner & Saturday lunch)*

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY PASS**

*(Includes all Friday events except dinner)*

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY PASS**

*(Includes all Saturday events except lunch)*

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE from the following if you only plan to attend an evening concert and are NOT buying a festival pass:

**Friday** Evening Concert

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday** Evening Concert

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS**

The Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church is hosting a Friday night meal and a Saturday afternoon lunch. Please indicate if you are interested in these by checking below. This will help us provide them with accurate numbers. You will pay the Church in person at meal time. **The Friday night dinner is \$8, and the Saturday lunch is \$7.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ dinners on Friday night.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ lunches on Saturday afternoon.

My choice of lunch is : \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad or \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Sandwich

**Join/Renew Territory Tellers Membership**

*Your membership dues help make our festival and other events possible.*

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE = \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please send this form and payment made out to Territory Tellers to:*

Territory Tellers Festival  
6619 S 4382  
Locust Grove OK 74352

*For more information, contact Registration chairwoman: Shaun Perkins  
oki storyteller@gmail.com, 918-864-9152*

# Is your membership current? Send in your renewal today!

**T**erritory 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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