

President's Message

What a year we have had with our members and storytelling. Our group has met all over the state at libraries, in an ole' barn, on a lake shore, and at the bottom of Sherman's mountain to name just a few venues. We did fulfill our mission this past year, to preserve and promote the oral tradition of storytelling. Our members opened their homes to our group for board meetings and planning sessions with food, fun and camaraderie.

We are about two months away from our annual festival. this year the Spirit of

Share a story this month

Oklahoma festival will be held in Seminole for the last time. It will be upon you sooner than you think; on that note I am putting a call out for our silent auction. We are looking for auction items, and you can contact Paulette Geeslin via our website, if you would like to donate to the auction this spring. If you would like a vendor table, the cost is a silent auction item; we have tables available to share with other tellers. Let Paulette know if you need an vendor table, as they are limited.

Our general membership meeting is on Friday this year prior to the evening concert at the festival. There will be a pre-festival workshop presented by Greg

Rodgers, from 1:30 – 3 pm Friday, the fee is \$20. Our early fee deadline for the festival is May 17th. You can pay by PayPal or send a check in advance. We are looking for sponsorships for our festival. Please think about your partnership with storytelling and help us by sponsoring a session during the festival. Contact me, via the website if you would like to make a donation to our festival this year, as we are operating on a paycheck to paycheck basis with fees and expenses for this event.

I would like to end this message with a challenge! Share a story this month with a friend, colleague or family member; one that makes you laugh out loud or reflect on the times. Bring that story to the story swap or the table telling session at the festival this spring; we will be expecting to hear it!

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L'Allier*



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Festival Workshop

Coloring with Words: Creating Effective Images and Image Patterns

Friday afternoon starting at 1:30 pm Greg Rodgers will present the workshop *Coloring with Words: Creating Effective Images and Image Patterns*.

As tellers, our goal is to recreate our stories in the minds of listeners. Compared to other mediums, our crafting tools are limited; we have voice, gesture, facial expression, and well-chosen words. Our biggest advantage, however, is the ability to relate directly to the audience, providing a story experience of enormous power. Instead of merely witnessing a scene unfold, our audiences can feel the events. They take the images provided and personalize them emotionally. So how is this done? Using the combination of familiar and new materials, this highly interactive workshop will explore multiple techniques for developing richer images and ways to use them more effectively.

The cost to attend this workshop is \$20 and is in addition to the Festival Pass cost. Please plan to pay Greg directly for the workshop.

Upcoming dates

Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival

June 7 & 8, 2013 • Seminole, OK
www.territorytellers.org

2013 National Storytelling Conference

August 1-4 • Richmond, Virginia
www.storynet.org/conference/

Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival

August 22-24 • Oklahoma City
www.artscouncilokc.com

Southwestern Christian Storytellers Jubilee

June 20-23 • Granbury, Texas
www.storytellersjubilee.com

ROMP Tellabration

Nov 16 • Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, Locust Grove
Contact Shaun Perkins: okiestoryteller@gmail.com

Apache Tellabration

Nov 23 at 7 pm • Clark-Hobert Community Building

Check out the new Territory Tellers Store!

You can get there via our website
or direct at
<http://www.cafepress.com/territorytellers>





Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival

June 7-8, 2013

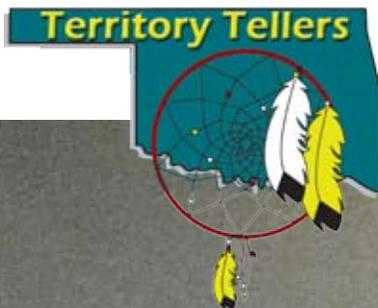
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Tim Tingle

award winning author and
acclaimed storyteller, is our Featured Teller

*Dozens of regional tellers, including Teresa Black, Jeanette Harjo,
Tony Hardman, Greg Rodgers, Elizabeth Parker,
Nancy Lenhart Matthews and Kathryn Thurman*

Story swaps • concerts • ghost tales • silent auction • workshops



Learn more at our web site

www.territorytellers.org/SpiritOfOklahoma/StorytellingFestival



SOSF welcomes Tim Tingle as featured teller

This isn't Tim Tingle's first appearance at the Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival. And it certainly isn't his second trip to share stories with Oklahoma audiences. Tingle has ties to our state.

His first children's book, *Crossing Bok Chitto*, (Cinco Puntos Press, 2005), was a Texas Bluebonnet Award finalist and garnered over twenty state and national awards, including Best Children's Book from the American Indian Library Association, and was an Editor's Choice in the New York Times Book Review.

In 2010, Tingle welcomed the release of two books; *Saltpie*, a children's illustrated story of his childhood, and *More Spooky Texas Tales*, the second in a series for upper elementary grades. Also in 2010, Tingle contributed a story, "Rabbit's Tail Tale," to a multiple award-winning anthology, *Trickster*. Both *Saltpie* and *Trickster* were selected as 2011 American Library Association Notable Books. He has authored four books of Southwestern and Indian ghost lore, including *Spirits Dark and Light*, ghost stories of the Five Tribes.

In 2012, Tingle was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters, an honor reserved for Texas' most renowned authors.



Tim Tingle, 2013 Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival's Featured Teller is a gifted storyteller, author and speaker.

From his early college days, Tingle began collecting family Choctaw stories. His great-great grandfather, John Carnes, walked the Trail of Tears in 1835, and his paternal grandmother attended a series of rigorous Indian boarding schools in the early 1900's.

He plays the American Indian flute and whale skin drum, and he sings chants in the Choctaw language. He has been a featured storyteller at festivals in forty-two states and toured Germany eleven times sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 2003, Tingle wrote his first book, *Walking the Choctaw Road*. It was selected by both Oklahoma and Alaska on the "One Book, One State" program.



The Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival Official Hotel will be the **Best Western Seminole Inn and Suites** in Seminole. The rate for

Festival participants will be \$80.00, \$91.00 with tax. The hotel contact number is 405-382-3139. Tell them you are with Territory Tellers for the Storytelling Festival. Last year the hotel did fill up so we suggest early reservations.

So many books

The Last American Gladiator CD by **Slash Coleman**. Eccentric Elephant 2011. Available from CD Baby.

With his latest CD, *The Last American Gladiator*, Slash Coleman revisits his childhood and shares stories and songs that run the gamut from chasing impossible dreams to realizing his worst fears. His self-effacing delivery and captivating way with words entice us to come along with him on this journey. Enthralled listeners will gladly travel with him as he relives earning his degree from the school of hard knocks and gladly shares the wisdom learned therein.

The Last American Gladiator, the first story on the CD, extols the virtues of having to “wait it out,” as a young Slash schemes to become a gladiator and, simultaneously, get the attention of his third grade teacher, on whom he has a crush. This story delivers the best story quote I have heard in a while: “Every dream should come with a comma.”

Major League Pop Fly is a humorous yet touching tale of baseball, love, and “white man’s perm.” This story is followed by *Perpetual Underdog*, a dark tale of misplaced trust that almost destroys a family, set in a time where picking up hitchhikers was the norm. As a

fan of the dark side, this is the story that settled in my head and traveled with me for days.

The Acquisition of Skipper highlights a clever use of “extreme marketing” at a flea market type event that ends with mom getting a hero and dad becoming a pirate. *High School Musical* features Slash as a football player wannabe who finds release in the marching band and wrestling, before realizing that he is his own worst enemy.

The CD also features two songs. *Believe* is an ode to faith in oneself. *Flying Lessons* is a musical celebration of living one’s dreams.

While I found minor problems with the sound in a few places, the stories are tightly written and memorable. Slash’s delivery is heartfelt and endearing. The responses of his live audience clearly show that they love his tales, as well they should. First and last, Slash Coleman is a gladiator. He knows his arena, and he is not afraid to welcome others into his world.

—reviewed by *Linda Goodman*

Sponsorship for individual Festival events

We are blessed to have several “festival angels” - those donors who have given funds not earmarked as sponsorship for festival events. However, we do offer sponsorship of specific events. If you are interested in sponsoring a specific event, please contact Darla L’Allier, djtelz@hotmail.com, and let her know which session you are interested in. These sponsorship funds help cover the cost of the festival. Please make your checks payable to “Territory Tellers Storytelling Festival.”

Workshop	\$175 ⁰⁰	Pryor Petroleum, Inc.
Fri Night Performance..	\$250 ⁰⁰	
Ghost Tales	\$100 ⁰⁰	
Story Swap	\$75 ⁰⁰ each	
Table Telling	\$75 ⁰⁰ each	
Mini Concert	\$75 ⁰⁰ each	

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*:

July 15, 2013 • October 1, 2013
January 15, 2014 • March 1, 2014

A Day with Tim Tingle

Writer and storyteller Tim Tingle offers up a day of whatever you’d like, certainly not within reason.

Storytellers on any level are welcome. Writers of fiction and those that hope to be, you are welcome, too. Bring a fresh and open mind, a plethora of questions, expect to be stimulated, and we will share a day of brainstorming and learning a variety of techniques for the stage and for the page.

The world will be a different color when you emerge from the barn.

June 6, 2013 • 9 am to 5 pm

Cost: \$100

Limited to 6 participants

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

Old Angus Barn Guest House Wolf, Oklahoma 12 miles south of Seminole, OK

Contact Jeanette Harjo for additional information or to make reservations
405-398-4310 or jmharjo@hotmail.com

Annual Meeting includes vote on slate of officers

All TT members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, June 7th, 4 pm at the Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival in Seminole.

One piece of business will be voting on the officers and board members for the next term. The proposed slate of officers and board members have

been contacted and are willing to serve the organization:

Tony Hardman, President
 Lorelee Cooley, Vice-President
 Paulette Geeslin, Treasurer
 Elizabeth Parker, Secretary
 Al Rodgers, Board Member
 Minoma Littlehawk Sills, Board Member
 Carson Guthrie, Board Member
 Barbara Jones, Board Member
 Bonnie Smith, Board Member
 Steve Kardaleff, Board Member

Silent Auction Your donation can help the festival

Members are beginning to respond to the need for items for the silent auction at the festival. but there is plenty of room for your items on the table.

Please, everyone check your closets and storage areas. Find an item that would appeal to someone else and donate it for the auction. The silent auction has been a great fundraiser at the festival. This is a way for each member to contribute to the festival. While you are at the festival, don't forget to check out the items and add your bid to the list. Each year we have a few items that develop a good-natured bidding war.

Paulette Geeslin, pdgeeslin4701@yahoo.com, is in charge of the silent auction this year. If you have something to donate, please let Paulette know about the item. If you live in the metro area, you can contact her about picking up your items. At the latest, items need to be brought to the festival by Friday morning. Bids on items will be accepted until 3:00 pm on Saturday. Winners of items will be announced at 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon.

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!

Festival Schedule Friday Snapshot

1 pm	Registration Opens Vendors and Silent Auction Open
1:30 pm	Greg Rodgers Workshop
4 pm	Territory Tellers Annual Meeting
5 pm	Supper Break
6:30 pm	Pre Concert Music
7 pm	Spotlight Story Concert
9:30 pm	FREE Ghost Stories <i>Campus Pavilion, bring your lawn chairs</i>

Saturday Snapshot

8:30 am	Registration opens Vendors and Silent Auction Open
9:45 am	Table Telling 1 Mini Concert A
11 am	Story Swap 1 Mini Concert B
12 pm	Lunch on your own
1:45 pm	Table Telling 2 Mini Concert C
3 pm	Story Swap 2 Mini Concert D
	Silent Auction bidding ends
4 pm	Silent Auction winners announced
5 pm	Supper Break
6:30 pm	Pre Concert Music
7 pm	Spotlight Story Concert

Tellers perform different stories at each Evening Concert. Bring a sweater or light wrap. Temperatures vary from room to room. A full, detailed schedule will be available on-line at www.territorytellers.com.

Hear 19 Territory Tellers at 2013 Festival

Seven years ago when plans were made for the first festival, one of the goals was to give Territory Teller members opportunities to tell their stories. This year a minimum of 19 members will be featured in different venues. We want other members to come prepared to share a story at the two table telling events or at the two story swaps. We have many talented members. Come and hear them. *(Tellers are only listed once even if they are telling multiple times.)*

Friday Spotlight Story Concert

Teresa Black
Elizabeth Parker
Fred Peters

Ghost Tales

Kareth Bodman Moore
Nancy Lenhart Matthews
Kathryn Thurman

Saturday Spotlight Story Concert

Tony Hardman
Jeanette Harjo
Greg Rodgers

Saturday Mini Concerts

Phillip Harjo
Minoma Littlehawk Sills
Fran Stallings
Chester Weems
Paulette Geeslin
Molly Lemmons
Cynthia Calloway
Shaun Perkins
Barbara Jones
Dianne Fallis



June 7 & 8, 2013

Registration Form

Early registration ends Friday, May 17

(after early registration closes, Festival Pass will be \$35 for TT members and \$45 for non-members)

Name _____

Complete address _____

Email address _____ Home phone _____

Where did you hear about our Festival? _____

Festival Pass includes all concerts, mini concerts, swaps/table telling. Does **not** include Friday workshop indicated in blue below.

TT Members _____ @ \$30⁰⁰ = _____
Non-Members _____ @ \$40⁰⁰ = _____

Friday - Individual Event Pricing

Workshop - Greg Rodgers (not included in the Festival Pass - Please pay Greg directly the \$20 fee)

Spotlight Story Concert _____ @ \$10⁰⁰ = _____
Senior citizens and students _____ @ \$5⁰⁰ = _____
Free

Ghost Tales Concert at 9:30

Saturday - Individual Event Pricing

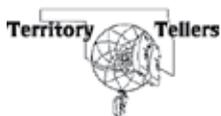
Mini Concert A Mini Concert B
Mini Concert C Mini Concert D *circle session(s)* _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Story Swap 1 Story Swap 2 *circle session(s)* _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Table Telling 1 Table Telling 2 *circle session(s)* _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Spotlight Story Concert _____ @ \$10⁰⁰ = _____
Senior citizens and students _____ @ \$5⁰⁰ = _____
_____ @ \$20⁰⁰ = _____
_____ @ \$25⁰⁰ = _____

Saturday only pass includes all Saturday events

Join Territory Tellers/renew your membership

TOTAL DUE _____

Paid Cash _____ Ck# _____ P.O. # _____ Pd online _____



Territory Tellers Membership Please complete your personal information above and mark one of the selections:

I _____ am a professional teller and set my own fees _____ will tell for small fee
_____ like to listen to a good story

Please submit form (and payment payable to Territory Tellers, if needed) to: **Al Rodgers, 6601 Cherokee Dr., Warr Acres, OK 73132**
Official motel for the festival: **Best Western Inn Seminole and Suites • 1525 N Milt Phillips Ave • Seminole, OK • 405-382-3139**



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Address Correction Requested

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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