



President's Message

Saturday, October 12 was a beautiful autumn day. It was briskly cool in the morning and warmed up as the day passed. It was a special day, not because of the weather, but because I got to spend the morning through early afternoon with a group of special friends. As president of Territory Tellers, I got to chair one of our regular board meetings. As I sat at the table, organizing materials for the meeting, I looked around at people who have become special friends in my life since I became a Territory Teller member in the fall of 1997. I smiled as I remembered many stories I have heard from this group of people over the years. I remembered traveling with many of them to storytelling events. On every trip something crazy would happen and someone would say, "Well, this would make a good story." I remembered Territory Teller events these people helped organize. They put in long hours to make an event successful, not to get paid, but to share stories with anyone who was willing to come and listen. I looked again and remembered life events shared with these people, some events brought great joy and some brought pain and tears. I knew I was in the midst of friends. I smiled and called the meeting to order. It was truly rewarding to work through the club's business with these friends. We tried to discuss all sides of an issue before we voted to do what we thought was best for the club and the members. I ask all of our members to keep telling stories anywhere and anytime you can. I encourage everyone to cherish the special relationships developed through storytelling.

Your current president,
Liz Parker



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The Arts Council of Oklahoma City Membership Benefits for Territory Tellers

The Arts Council of Oklahoma City has changed its membership format for organizations this year. There is now a “one form and one price membership format” for organizations. This format brings specific benefits to members of those member organizations.

This year, the Arts Council has agreed to charge a reduced fee for the Territory Tellers in exchange for the Territory Tellers not pairing with a food vendor at the Festival of Arts.

Some of the benefits for the organization include:

- The Territory Tellers website will be linked in the Arts Council’s on-line Member Agency Directory.
- The Arts Council will list our events in their on-line monthly newsletter if the information is to them by the 15th of the previous month.
- The Arts Council will promote some of our events on social media.

Some benefits for the individual active members include:

- Members may have eligibility to enroll in dental, vision, life, and long-term disability insurance by calling Gallagher Insurance at 405-471-5000. You must say that you are a member of a member agency of the Arts Council of Oklahoma City.
- Members may have eligibility for membership at the Oklahoma Educators Credit Union. Once again you must mention that you are a member of a member agency of the Arts Council
- Members that go to the Arts Council office can get a 50% discount on Opening Night tickets.

For information direct from the Arts Council, contact Kristin Frosco, Development Coordinator, Arts Council OKC, 405-270-4881, *kfrosco@artscouncilokc.com*.

You can contact Territory Tellers’ member Rosemary Czarski at 405-399-9470 or email at *rarczarski@yahoo.com*.

Tattler Deadlines

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

January 15 • March 1 July 15 • October 1

News and notes of interest

From **David Titus**: “I’ve returned from Europe where I did personal story workshops using string of course. The 12 step recovery programs exist totally on personal stories. What it was like, what brought us to the program, and what it is like now. I did workshops in Italy, Lithuania, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia. The power of story is so Amazing. They picked me up at the airport, I stayed at their homes, and spent a great five weeks just sharing our lives. It feels good to be uncle Dave visiting.”

Hall Duncan is now at the Lawton Veteran’s Home where he spends his time regaling the staff and other veterans with his tales; the staff have affectionately given him the nickname of “Daddy Duncan.”

From **Fran Stallings**: “In September I resumed Tuesday storytelling sessions for 2nd grade students at my local elementary school, with the magical Mr C leading his students in story-based activities for the rest of each week. I told green stories at Roaring River State Park in Missouri, arranged by MO-Tell, and survived teaching two 90min workshops (Stealth Eco-Telling) on-line via the Zoom platform, arranged by NEST (Northeast Storytelling). I told green stories for kids at the Prairie Festival of The Land Institute in Salina KS.”

“Gordon and I are looking forward to what amounts to an eastbound trip around the world! First fly to Bangalore India (via UK) for the FEAST conference and

festival (two workshops, a keynote, and an olio), then east to Singapore (two intensive workshops and several olios). On the way home we’ll visit briefly with Hiroko Fujita in Japan. We’ll miss Thanksgiving but will be home in plenty of time for Christmas.”

Tellabration!™ in Oklahoma

November 22

Wonder City Chautauqua & Tellabration!™

Wonder City Coffee, Locust Grove

6-7:30 p.m.

918-864-9152

This event, sponsored by the Locust Grove Arts Alliance, is in conjunction with the Smithsonian exhibit Water/Ways, which is in Locust Grove from Oct. 21-Dec. 7. The evening will feature a variety of stories and performances from Locust Grove history—all on the theme of water. Free and open to the public.

Check the Territory Tellers website for any additional Tellabration!™ event around the State.



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Territory Tellers Winter Retreat

Friday, February 7, 2020 - Sunday, February 9, 2020

Lake Murray State Lodge

Room rates: \$99 per night

Call: (800) 257-0322 and mention Territory Tellers for that rate. **Rooms must be reserved by Tuesday, January 7.**

Events will begin on Friday evening and there will be storytelling in the lobby. There will be a board meeting and activities on Saturday. Jeanette Harjo will be presenting a workshop on Saturday afternoon at the retreat. Storytelling again in the lobby by the fireplace Saturday evening.

There is no registration fee for the Winter Retreat.



Board members listen as Sheron Rodgers gives information she gathered about the Winter Retreat at the Board Meeting on October 12th at the Old Angus Barn in Maud.

Chester Means

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

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