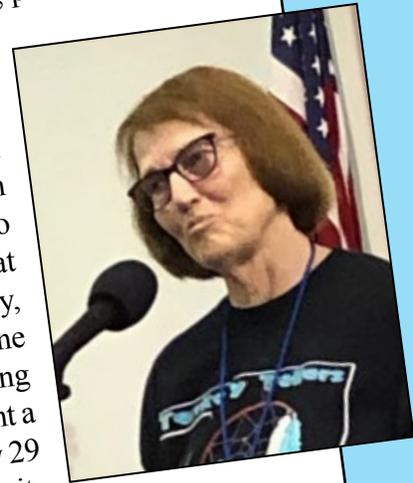


President's Message

On Saturday, October 24, I spent two hours with the Territory Tellers board. We conducted the business of Territory Tellers. This meeting proves that Territory Tellers is willing to embrace new ways of doing things. Members participating in the on-line meeting were from far southeastern Oklahoma to Goodwell in the western part of the panhandle of our state and from Yukon to Jones in the central part of the state and two board members were joining us from Texas. During the pandemic, technology has allowed us to continue the business of Territory Tellers. I am so proud that we have members who are current on the use of technology, so we can have meetings on-line and present programs to the membership on-line. Territory Tellers has two events coming up for members. On Sunday, November 22, we will present a Tellabration Concert for members at 7:00 pm. On January 29 and 30, we will present the Winter Retreat on-line. A committee is working now on events that will be presented on-line. There is no cost for either of these events. The board hopes that members will put these dates on your calendar and participate in both. This is a way for Territory Tellers to advance our goal as an organization – to promote the oral tradition of storytelling. Chester Weems, NSN state representative on our board, and Fran Stallings, member of the NSN board will keep us informed about national and international online programs available to us. I speak from personal experience. It is exciting to sit in my living room and log on to my computer and see and hear storytellers from all around the world. As this pandemic continues, I challenge you to keep telling and listening to stories.



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An NSN Report

A few things about happenings with the National Storytelling Network (NSN). Please remember that Territory Tellers belongs as an organization, plus we have TT members who are also NSN members. Check out the new website, it's clean and easier to navigate.

Last summer when the NSN conference in Georgia was cancelled due to Covid the future of this premiere storytelling organization looked a little uncertain, even a little bleak. Then the virtual conference zoomed around the world over 8 days with over 600 stories from places many of us can only dream of seeing. We heard tellers from all sorts of places and discovered a commonality, people are quite similar everywhere. NSN has had to make some changes, but the potential now is for a new revitalized organization. They are still searching to get it right but it sure is looking good.

I would encourage you to consider joining NSN. It would help keep this major organization supporting storytelling on an international level continue to grow, and bring its members along for the ride. More importantly, it is another way for all of us to experience personal growth in our telling, as well as it is just fun to hear great tellers from all over. Storytellers tend to be nice people, as well as interesting.

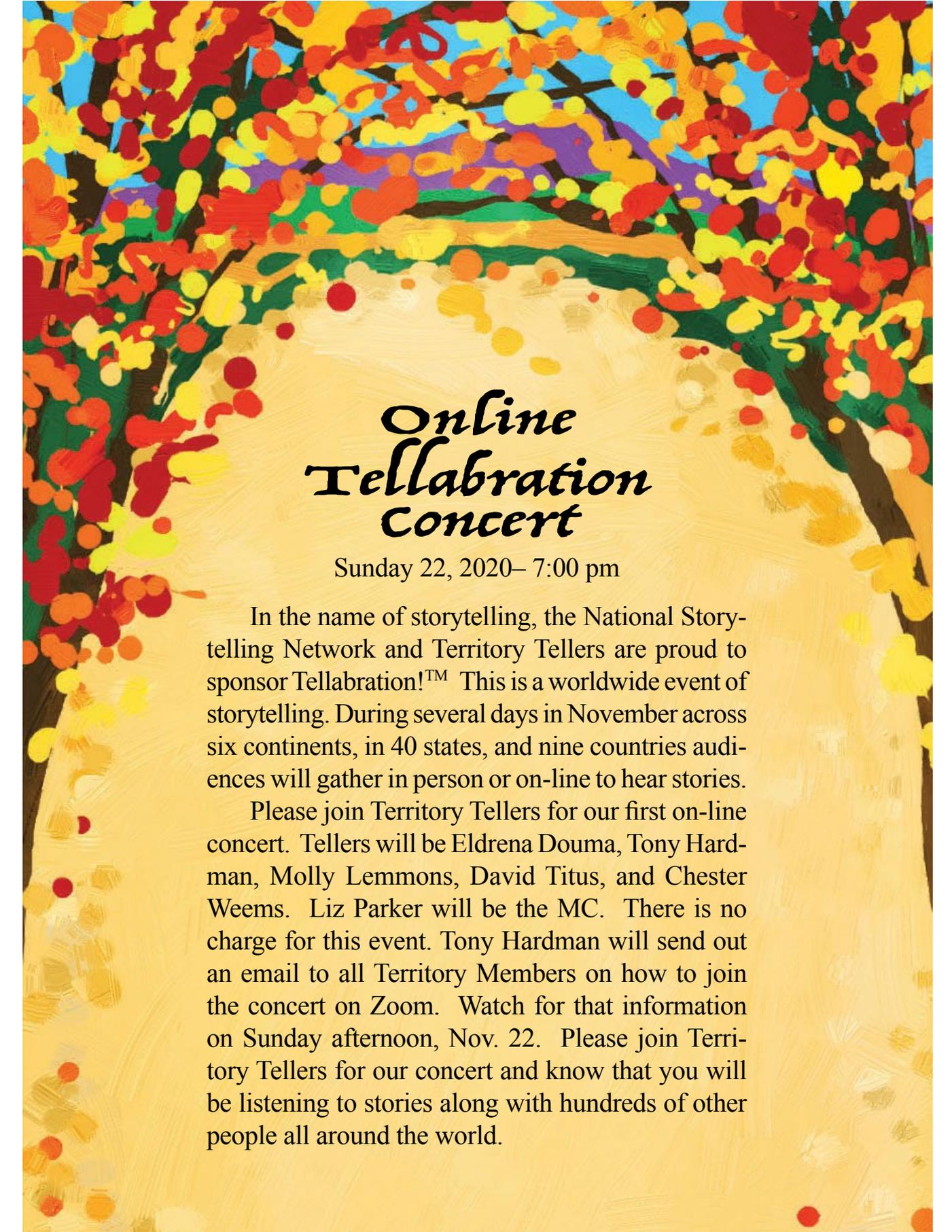
With the discount as a member of TT, the annual fee is \$67.50. Will you see an immediate benefit? Maybe not, but look to the future for all of us in this shared interest, and perhaps the benefits will flow. I know I have heard tellers I had only heard and read about.

To access the NSN Website go to www.storynet.org. On the bottom of the first page you can sign up to get the newsletter, free to anyone. You can join NSN from this page and remember, the discounted rate for a Territory Tellers member is \$67.50.

At the top are several topic headings, including Events. Here you can check a calendar of events around the country, or schedule your own. For example we can schedule our November 22nd Tellabration, future retreats and festivals. The Tellabration page also gives suggestions for Tellabration planning and the few requirements for hosting a Tellabration. Tellabration is owned by the National Storytelling Network, so their few requirements are quite reasonable. It's another case of helping each other. Happy Telling!!! (and listening is OK too)

- Chester Weems, State Liaison





Online Tellation Concert

Sunday 22, 2020– 7:00 pm

In the name of storytelling, the National Storytelling Network and Territory Tellers are proud to sponsor Tellation!TM This is a worldwide event of storytelling. During several days in November across six continents, in 40 states, and nine countries audiences will gather in person or on-line to hear stories.

Please join Territory Tellers for our first on-line concert. Tellers will be Eldrena Douma, Tony Hardman, Molly Lemmons, David Titus, and Chester Weems. Liz Parker will be the MC. There is no charge for this event. Tony Hardman will send out an email to all Territory Members on how to join the concert on Zoom. Watch for that information on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22. Please join Territory Tellers for our concert and know that you will be listening to stories along with hundreds of other people all around the world.

TEJAS TELLABRATION!

The Tejas Storytelling Association is proud to announce an on-line storytelling TEJAS TELLABRATION!™. We will join with storytellers from around the world to share in Paw Paw Pinkerton's vision and present our Tellebration! storytelling concert.



Join storytellers from our Tejas Storytelling Association member guilds on Saturday, November 21 at 7:00 pm Central Time. It is a two-hour event, and IT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Information about the storytellers, the Zoom online link, and more will be available on their website: <https://tejasstorytelling.com> or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tejasstorytellingassociation/>

Notes from TT Members

Tony Hardman conducted a storytelling workshop at the Boise City Library in Boise City, Oklahoma. As part of the workshop, Tony talked about selecting the right story for themselves to tell and then developing a storytelling style for the story they have chosen. Once Tony finished the workshop, he then gave a short storytelling program where he told the stories "Why the Sea Is Salty" "How Paul Bunyan Created the Great Salt lake" and "The Phantom Flagman." The story was enthusiastically received and Tony was treated to a meal by the group afterwards, where further discussion about storytelling took place.



SAVE THE DATE! River and Prairie Storyweavers 28th Annual Chicken Festival is going VIRTUAL on Saturday, January 16, 2021 using Zoom.

Some things will be the same, some things will be different, and everything will be worth your time and energy. Stories, Music and a Workshop!! Registration will start on EventBrite November 15, 2020.

Stories with Spirit and friends bring you a tale both familiar and strange

Five tellers will bring you five very different versions of Snow White on November 28, 2020. From the fairy tale classic to the wild west. From the exceedingly humorous to the deeply dark these tellings and re-tellings will range up the emotional gamut.

Stories with Spirit's Rachel Ann Harding and Cooper Braun are welcoming Janice Del Negro, Milbre Burch, and Laura Packer to their even, Each bring with them deep and abiding love for fairy tales, while at the same time asking what voices might be heard through a classic story that have not been heard before.

This is an Adults Only show. The stories range from humorous to very dark retellings, and we recommend this show to only those over 18 years of age.

The show will take place Saturday November 28th at 6:00pm MST (Denver) or 5:00pm PST (Los Angeles), 7:00pm CST (Chicago), 8:00pm EST (New York)

This show is a Pay What It's Worth , Pay

What You Can event based on your experience of the show. When the show is done we ask that you pay what you felt the hour of art was worth. If you feel the need to pay before the show, there will be links to do so in your confirmation email.

Registration for this event is located at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairy-tale-variations-snow-white-tickets-127082450029?mc_cid=76a5a44ff3&mc_eid=f40e5f2373



Do you have something to share?

The *Territorial Tattler* is one way that we can share noteworthy items from the storytelling world. My personal reach into that world is relatively small. That's why as editor I solicit stories, news and reviews from our members to include in each issue.

Have you found a way to share stories lately? Can you share what you did and what successes you had? Are there things to watch out for? I've heard that several are trying out Zoom as a storytelling venue. I'm sure that others would love to hear what you have learned.

Read a good storytelling resource book or article? You can write up a review and that can be added to our next issue. We aren't being asked by publishers for reviews any longer, but that doesn't mean we can't share with each other what we've been reading, or rereading, lately.

January 15th is the next deadline for materials.

What can you share for the rest of us to learn about?

Tina Saner, editor



Valarie Kimball and David Titus, pictured above, were two of the Storytellers at the Tejas Storytelling Association Conference October 9-11 via zoom. Photo credit Chester Weems

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.

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