

The Houston Storyteller



Summer 2008 Quarterly V1-2 Houston Storytellers Guild

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We are dedicated to:

Sharing stories and storytelling techniques. Developing storytelling skills.
Encouraging diverse tellers. Having fun listening and telling.



Monthly- Story Time

July 17th, Thursday

Montrose Library 4100 Montrose

6:30 Social 7pm Swap Stories

We meet there every 3rd Thursday.
Our gatherings are for sharing stories,
promoting storytelling, and having fun.
Storytelling is not just for kids!

Other events are in the thinking stage. Let us know what you would like.

President's Message

Dear Storytelling Friends:

Well, we are plugging along and having good ole fun spinning yarns. June was a busy time for the Guild. We had our regular meeting, a beginner's workshop, a radio program, and a free patriotic concert.

Sally Bates-Goodroe conducted a great beginner's storytelling workshop, June 21st. We had a number of members present. Several of us gave sample stories and the attendees were challenged to work on stories of their own. Sally kept good audience participation throughout. She was well armed with handouts and practice assignments. Sally, Alice Evergreen, Hank Roubicek, and I gave samples of our stories.

June 13th, Hank Roubicek organized some members to tell stories on FM radio station KPFT 90.1. Hank really worked to get this program opportunity. He did a masterful job organizing and hosting the program. Brian Herod & Oel Castner spun tales of superstitions. Our tellers impressed the radio staff, so we are invited back to tell more stories on Friday, August 8th tentatively at noon. Hank will have our tellers there to tell, back to school tales.

Hopefully, this will evolve into a monthly program. You can listen to the program on our website or on kpft.org in their archives.

On the 28th we celebrated American Heroes with a wide variety of tales at Marmion Park in the Heights. Our Heights friends allowed us to tell in their wonderful little park where we have an annual Halloween season ghost story concert. We prepared the audience for the Independence Day celebrations with fun and stirring tales of American heroes. Tellers on this fun day were Linda Befeld, Connie Meeker, Oel Castner, Hank Roubicek, Alice Evergreen, and I. David Goodroe even shared several of his popular folk songs with us.

So, as you can see we have a lot going on. I can't tell y'all how much I appreciate all of our tellers and other members who have helped make this year a success for the guild.

Don't miss out, step up and join the fun.

Yours in Story,



Scott H. Bumgardner

Please come to our events and meetings. **Please** influence your friends to come see our storytelling first hand. **Please** stay connected by checking out our website and reading our mailings.

2008 Goals
Improve Communications
Increase Membership
Develop Future Leadership
Projects, that promote both the tellers and the Guild.
Produce fun, well attended events.

Other Event Announcements

The Houston Storytellers Guild is affiliated with the Tejas Storytelling Association and the National Storytelling Network. Both of these organizations will soon have events that may be of interest to you. Each will offer a variety of great workshops.

Tejas Storytelling Association

Summer Conference

July 26th, 2008

You can now find registration information, directions & day schedule of the conference on the website. Keep checking the website for updates on workshop and conference details. Our 2008 Summer Conference featuring storyteller Gay Ducey will be held **in San Antonio, Texas** at Community Unitarian Universalist Church (link to <http://www.cuucsa.org>) on July 26 & 27th, 2008.

OUR NATIONAL TELLER - MARY GAY DUCEY

Gay Ducey is a freelance storyteller educator, and writer who travels across the country performing and teaching. She has appeared at many storytelling festivals throughout the United States, Ireland and Canada and has been a featured storyteller at the National Storytelling Festival and a guest storyteller on Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. Gay's storytelling repertoire is eclectic, reflecting today's diverse society, and includes traditional tales from world folklore as well as historical, personal and family material. Her style and stories have been described as "elegant as well as earthy, full of thoughtful amusement but always aimed straight at the heart".

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San Antonio, there is never a bad time to go to this town.

National Storytelling Conference

**August 7-10, 2008 in Gatlinburg, TN,
www.storynet.org**

This should be a good time to escape to Tennessee. The conference is chock full of workshops and more. Check out their website.

National Storytelling Festival

**October 3-5, 2008 in Jonesborough, Tennessee
www.storynet.org**

Now friends this is the big one. Many of us try to make the trek to hear the best of our nationally known tellers. They have non-stop storytelling in a number of huge tents that are overflowing with friendly folk.

Galveston Grand 1894 Opera House

Our professional members, Don Sanders and Sheila Phillips are on stage next season.

Don Sanders, Sunday October 5th, 2008 at 3pm

Sheila Phillips, Sunday April 26th, 2009 at 3pm

Anyone interested in a road trip?? Give us a holler.

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Houston Storytellers Guild Membership Application

Fill it out and send it to the address below for membership in the Houston Storytellers Guild. Membership will run through the end of 2008. Membership is for your entire household, event attendance discounts will apply to family and guest.

Member's Name _____
(or primary contact)
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone:
Home: _____
Work: _____
Cell: _____
Email: _____

Membership: \$25.00 _____
Additional Donations: Please write in the amount: _____

Please list household member names here:

Mail this form and payment to:
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