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Barbara McBride Smith

June 10 *and* 11, 2016

Guthrie, OK

Territory Tellers offers opportunities to learn the art of storytelling by supporting storytelling concerts, conducting workshops and providing information at professional conferences and regional and local events.

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Opportunities to Support the Festival

Of course we want you to attend! What would a storytelling festival be without participants? And we always love folks who volunteer their time to help out. But if you are itching to help out more, we've got several ways you can.

Individuals, groups and businesses can choose to become Sponsors of a specific session/event at the Festival. This not only assists with operational expenses, but it will provide the Sponsor with some recognition.

\$50 per Story Swap

\$50 per Mini Concert

\$50 per Workshop

\$50 for Ghost Stories

\$200 per Evening Concert

In January we received our first sponsorship. Sheron Rodgers has sponsored the Biggest Whopper Contest in memory of her husband Al and her son Greg.

"They both loved to tell a whopper," Sheron commented before offering to sponsor the event. We couldn't agree more.

You can also be a sponsor/donor for a specific cause. Valarie Kimble has stepped to the plate and has paid for advertising in the Tejas Festival program.

Do you have an item or two that could find a new home? Are you looking for venues to promote a new book, item or program? Do you want to make a monetary impact on this year's Festival?



If you answered yes to at least one of the following questions, look no further, the answer is here: the SOOSF Silent Auction! We get some wonderful items to display on those tables. In the past we've

had items such as jewelry, books, pottery and gift certificates. Clothing and framed art have also found their

way to the tables of our silent auction. 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. Last year's auction brought in \$600 to help with festival expenses.

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, 2016 • October 1, 2016

January 15, 2017 • March 1, 2017

President's Message



Territory Tellers (TT), Incorporated is a non-profit Oklahoma-statewide storytelling association. Its purpose is to promote the oral tradition—and art—of storytelling.

Hello Territory Tellers!

We are counting down. Two months to go for our 10th Anniversary of our Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival!

We are so excited.

We are asking you to

- ♦ Make sure your membership is current.
- ♦ Update your website information on our website so that we can learn more about you and contact you for bookings.
- ♦ Register for the Festival ASAP!

Of course we need volunteers. Please let Anita Baker and Paulette Geeslin know how you can help.

Guthrie, Oklahoma is an Arts District in Oklahoma and an exciting place to have this 10th Anniversary Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival

Let's show them how strong our membership is.

See you there

Cynthia Calloway

President, Territory Tellers

General membership meeting

Saturday of the festival is our regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting. While any board meeting is open for any member to attend, the General Membership Meeting is specially geared to presenting information to you and finding out what you want.

This year we are conducting the meeting at Stacy's Diner. The Trolley will be at the school at 4:00 pm to take those interested in eating from their dinner buffet (\$15 per person) prior to the meeting.

The meeting is also where the below proposed slate of officers and board members is voted on. This slate has been publicly posted on our website at the end of March to ensure that the membership has had ample time to review and consider the slate.

President - Cynthia Calloway

Vice President - Andrea Post

Secretary - Roxann Yates

Treasurer - Paulette Geeslin

Immediate Past President - Tony Hardman

Board of Directors

Anita Baker

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Further nominations can be made from the floor during the business meeting.

10th Anniversary Souvenir Package

Please consider choosing the 10th Anniversary Souvenir Package when registering for the festival. The package includes a full festival pass that covers all festival events (*with the exception of the Friday Trolley Tour and the Friday Master Class*) and special 10th Anniversary items with our commemorative logo.

Show your love of storytelling and chose the souvenir package when registering.



Pictured are the items in the souvenir package, t-shirt, ceramic mug, portfolio and tote. All feature the special 10th Anniversary SOOSF logo.

SOOSF schedule has something for everyone!

There is a wide selection of events scheduled for this year's Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival. Take a look below to see what is in store for the story lover that is in the heart of each of us. Then go over to page 5 and fill in the registration form and send in your payment or check out to complete your registration on-line!

Thursday – 6/9

- 3:00 pm Check In
 4:00 pm **"Getting to Know You" Story Swaps** (LaQuinta) – *Bring your own snacks*
 7:00-9:00 pm **OK SO StorySlam** at Blue Belle Saloon in Guthrie (Competition). Bring your 5 minute true story and compete for the win! Theme for the evening will be "Looking Back" - Ryan Howell, MC

Friday – 6/10

- 8:30-9:00 am **Registration** for Barbara McBride-Smith Master Storytelling



Our host hotel for the festival is the
La Quinta Inns and Suites
406 Heather Road, Guthrie, OK

They have set aside 20+ rooms for us and a meeting room for 50 that they are allowing us to use for free!

The special rate is \$99/night + tax for all rooms. Call the hotel (405-293-6000) and just identify yourself as a "Territory Tellers" before April 30, 2016.

<http://www.laquintaguthrie.com/en/room-features.html>

- Workshop (LaQuinta)
 9:00-10:00 am **45 Minute Trolley Tour** and Narration of Historic Guthrie (OPTIONAL – \$6.00 Trolley Pickup at Guthrie Jr. High - Not Included in Weekend Package)
 9:00-11:00 am **Barbara McBride -Smith – Master Storytelling Workshop** (LaQuinta) (OPTIONAL – \$35.00 - Not included in weekend packages)
 9:00 am **Registration Opens** for Festival Weekend (Guthrie Junior High) Sign-up sheet for the *Biggest Whopper Contest* at Registration Desk - Friday morning at 9:00 am thru Saturday evening at 6:30 pm Cash prizes awarded Saturday evening at 9:00. Time limit five minutes – disqualified at five minutes-thirty seconds. Order of tellers to be drawn from a hat. Open to the public.
 10:00 am **Silent Auction** Opens (Guthrie Junior High)
 9:30-10:50 am **Story Circles** - Swapping stories (Guthrie Junior High Library)
 11:00-11:45 am **Workshop** - Jaye McLaughlin and Fred Peters - "It Started in Guthrie: Highlights of Researching Those Abernathy Boys." (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)
 11:45 am-1:00 pm – **Meet and Greet Reception** (Guthrie Junior High)
 1:00 pm **Welcome** – Cynthia Calloway, President (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)
 1:15-2:30 pm **Workshop** - Competitive Storytelling – Ryan Howell-Facilitator: Competitions are a growing branch of storytelling. Participation can be nerve wracking and difficult. Come learn some tips about the StorySlam format and how to compete to win from a multi-slam winner and Tulsa's 2015 Grand Slam Champion. (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)
 2:30-2:45 pm Break
 2:45-4:15 pm **Afternoon Concert** – "Three Ladies and a Gent" - Featuring Liz Parker, Paulette Geeslin, Bonnie

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Registration Form

Deadlines: May 27 for mail-in • June 3 for on-line registration

Name _____

Complete address _____

Email address _____

Contact phone _____

Where did you hear about our Festival? _____

10th Anniversary Souvenir Package (Festival Pass + souvenir items) _____ @ \$100⁰⁰ = _____

Festival Pass TT Members _____ @ \$50⁰⁰ or Non-Members _____ @ \$80⁰⁰ = _____

☐ YES, I want to participate in the Ghost Walk on Saturday morning (limited for the first 30 requests received)

Friday Festival Pass TT Members _____ @ \$25⁰⁰ or Non-Members _____ @ \$35⁰⁰ = _____

Saturday Festival Pass TT Members _____ @ \$30⁰⁰ or Non-Members _____ @ \$45⁰⁰ = _____

Not included in any Festival Pass:

Friday Trolley Tour _____ @ \$6⁰⁰ = _____

Friday Barbara McBride Smith, Master Storytelling Workshop _____ @ \$35⁰⁰ = _____

Information on meals on Saturday is included in the Festival Schedule

Friday individual event pricing:

Story Circle _____ @ \$10⁰⁰ = _____

Workshops: It Started in Guthrie or Competitive Storytelling circle session(s) _____ @ \$10 ea = _____

Afternoon Concert _____ @ \$10⁰⁰ = _____

Evening Program _____ @ \$15⁰⁰ = _____

Ghost Stories _____ FREE

Saturday individual event pricing:

Children's Hour _____ @ \$5⁰⁰ = _____

Table Telling or Mini-Concert circle session(s) _____ @ \$10 ea = _____

Workshop: Ethnic Storytelling _____ @ \$10 ea = _____

Workshop: Barbara McBride Smith _____ @ \$25⁰⁰ = _____

Evening Program _____ @ \$15⁰⁰ = _____

Sweetheart Deal Friday or Saturday Evening Program for Two circle evening(s) _____ @ \$22⁰⁰ = _____

Join Territory Tellers/renew your membership

individual _____ @ \$25⁰⁰ or family/group _____ @ \$40⁰⁰ = _____

TOTAL DUE _____

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



Territory Tellers Membership Please complete your personal information above and select one below:

I _____ am a professional teller and set my own fees _____ will tell for small fee

_____ like to listen to a good story

Please register on line at www.territorytellers.com/festival-registration/ or submit form and payment payable

to Territory Tellers to: **Paulette Geeslin, 5505 S. Villa Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73119**

Official motel for the festival: La Quinta Inn & Suites Guthrie, 406 Heather Road, Guthrie, OK 73044, 405-293-6000



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Sponsorship and Donor Form

Thank you for supporting storytelling in Oklahoma by your sponsorship of the Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival.

Sponsorship

- ☐ Story Circles – \$50 each
- ☐ Table Top Telling – \$50 each
- ☐ Open Mic – \$50 each

Bronze Donors –

- ☐ Ghost Stories – \$100
- ☐ \$50-Co-sponsor
- ☐ Workshops each – \$100

list workshop _____

- ☐ \$50 Co-sponsor

Silver Donors –

- ☐ Family/Children's Hour – \$150
 - ☐ \$75 Co-sponsor
- ☐ Afternoon Concerts – \$150
 - ☐ \$75 Co-sponsor
- ☐ Ghost Walk – \$150
 - ☐ \$75 Co-sponsor

Gold Donors –

- ☐ Friday Evening Concert – \$400
 - ☐ \$250 Co-sponsor
- ☐ Saturday Evening Concert – \$500
 - ☐ \$275 Co-sponsor

Platinum Donors –

- ☐ Opening Reception – \$250
- ☐ Ice Cream Social – \$300

Platinum Plus Donor –

- ☐ Annual Membership Meeting/Dinner – \$400

Friend

- ☐ I want to keep storytelling strong in Oklahoma. Here is my general donation of \$_____

Name _____

Complete address _____

Email address _____ Contact phone _____

*Please pay by PayPal on our website at www.territorytellers.com/sponsorships/ or make payment payable to **Territory Tellers** and mail with completed form to: **Paulette Geeslin, 5505 S. Villa Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73119***

SOOSF Schedule continued

Smith and Connie Fisher – all telling a personal or family story followed by “Open Mic” (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

4:15-6:00 pm **Dinner Break** - On Your Own

Friday evening – Tony Hardman, MC

(Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

6:00-6:45 pm Adam and Kizzie perform

6:45-7:45 pm **Territory Tellers Olio** - Steve Kardaleff, Fran Stallings, Jeanette & Phillip Harjo

7:45-8:00 pm Hootenanny

8:00-9:00 pm **Evening Concert:** Featured Teller – Barbara McBride-Smith

9:30-10:45 pm **Ghost Stories** – Kathryn Thurman, Host; Lynn Baker, Tim Couch, Rosie Cutrer and Stacey Frazier (LaQuinta)

Saturday – 6/11

9:00 am **Registration** (Guthrie Junior High) Sign-up sheet for the *Biggest Whopper Contest* at Registration Desk thru Saturday at 6:30 pm Cash prizes awarded Saturday evening at 9:00. Time limit five minutes – disqualified at five minutes-thirty seconds. Order of tellers to be drawn from a hat. Open to the public.

Silent Auction Opens

8:30-10:30 am **Ghost Walk** – Approximately 4/5 blocks long – stories narrated by Stacey Frazier (Trolley Pickup and return at Guthrie Jr. High – 30 people maximum)

9:00-10:50 am **Table Telling** – Swapping stories (Guthrie Junior High Library)

10:00-10:30 am **Workshop** - Childrens' Storytelling - “David Titus The String Man” (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

10:30-11:00 am **Children's Stories** - Valerie Kimble and Rosemary Czarski (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

11:15-12:15 pm **Mini-Concert:** Molly Lemmons, Barbara Jones and Marilyn Hudson - Family friendly stories to touch the listeners with humor and inspiration. (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

12:15-1:30 pm **Lunch Break** - *Golden Chick* (\$8.00 for delivered lunch- Not included in package)

1:30-2:45 pm **Professional Storytelling Workshop**– Barbara McBride- Smith (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

(Optional CEU for Librarians and Teachers- \$25)

2:45-3:00 pm Break

3:00-4:00 pm **Workshop** - Ethnic Storytelling – Cynthia Calloway and Eldrena Douma followed by “Open Mic” of Territory Tales (Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

4:00 pm **Silent Auction Closes** – Pick up purchases
Trolley loading at Guthrie Junior High for Membership Dinner Meeting

4:15-6:00 pm **Annual Membership Dinner Meeting** - Stacy's Restaurant (\$15.00 Dinner Buffet)

Saturday Evening – Anita Baker, MC

(Guthrie Junior High Auditorium)

6:15-6:45 pm Hoedown Part I

6:45-7:45 pm **Biggest Whopper Contest**

7:45-8:00 pm Hoedown Part II

8:00-9:00 pm **Evening Concert:** Featured Teller – Barbara McBride-Smith

9:00 pm Announcement of “Biggest Whopper” Contest Winners

9:15-10:15 pm Closing Reception – Ice Cream Social

Sunday – 6/12

9:30-10:15 am **Sacred Telling Workshop** – Cynthia Calloway and Barbara McBride-Smith (LaQuinta)

10:15-10:45 am **Sacred Stories** (LaQuinta)

Volunteers are still needed!

We can still use your smiling face to help us with several aspects of the festival. Glance through the list following and see what might strike your fancy.

- ♦ Facilitator and tellers for Friday morning Story Circles, 9:30-10:50 am (Open to public)
- ♦ Facilitator and tellers for Saturday morning Table Telling, 9:00-10:50 am (Open to public)
- ♦ Tellers for Friday afternoon Open Mic, 3:45-4:15 pm (Open to public)
- ♦ Tellers for Saturday afternoon Open Mic, 3:30-4:00 pm (Open to public)
- ♦ Sacred Story Tellers for Sunday morning at LaQuinta Inn
- ♦ Judges for “Whopper Contest”
- ♦ Donors and Sponsors

Contact anita.a.baker@gmail.com if you can help.



The Al and Gregg Rodgers

Biggest Whopper Contest

Saturday, June 11, 2016 6:45-7:45 pm

Guthrie Junior High Auditorium • Guthrie, Oklahoma

*Registration for Contest: Friday, June 10 9:00 am thru Saturday, June 11 at 6:30 pm in person at Guthrie Junior High
Single event tickets \$15 or two for \$22*

Awards: \$100 First Place; \$50 Second Place; \$25 Third Place

Contest Rules

1 The "Whoppers" should be short (humorous, dramatic, supernatural, etc.) with a maximum length of 5 minutes. Timing devices will be used to signal, 4 minutes and five minutes. (Anyone exceeding the time limit of 5 minutes 30 seconds will be disqualified.)

2 All contestants must register prior to 6:30 pm on the day of the contest (6/11).

3 Judging will be done by a panel of three storytelling experts who will score each contestant in the following categories:

- Technique – delivery, general stage presence.
- Story Development – of the tale in time available.
- Originality – new material or fresh handling of a familiar yarn.
- Effectiveness – taking audience response into consideration.

The judges will score each of the four categories on a scale of 1-5. The judges will confer at the end of the contest to decide the winners. The decision of the judges will be final. Final scores will not be given to contestants.

Awards ceremony will take place following the Featured Storyteller's Performance at 9:00 pm

