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of  
**Broomfield, Colorado**  
**News for JANUARY, 2022**

[MEETING SUMMARY](#) by [Julie Toepper](#)

With Covid resurging, we begin the New Year with a virtual meeting instead of gathering at Brunner Farmhouse, where **the new city/county mandate requires all to wear masks indoors**. On January 21, twelve Broomfield Spellbinders braved the Internet and met via Zoom. The theme for introductions was *Dreams*, which prompted a couple of questions. Do our dreams have hidden meanings? Or are they just wishful thinking? **Ellen Klement's** hovercraft date with Robert DeNiro makes one wonder. **Sandy Hopper** found her dream journal from 2004 where she had noted that her dreams taught her to "*think like a man and dream like a woman.*" Rather than a complete dream, **Cathy Lichty** remembered images of pythons in her basement and a dog with a rattlesnake tail sticking out of his mouth. Several members shared similar dreams of being chased or trying to get home—**Wynn Montgomery** searching for home with no idea how to get there, **Janis Levins** being chased by roller skating burglars, **Nancy Bradfield** leaving the shopping center only to be lost in an unfamiliar town, **Denny Thompson** getting chased by the Wild Man of Borneo, and **Julie Toepper** running up and down the school halls unable to find her locker, while the bus for home is getting ready to leave. Yikes!

After these introductions, the discussion focused on *Problem Solving* and *Supporting Members*. How do we better support members, especially those who are not currently telling? Suggestions included hybrid meetings (combining in-person with Zoom), more frequent story circles over Zoom, and personally contacting those members who are not attending meetings. The conversation then moved to challenges happening in the classrooms and how to deal with them. There was general agreement that student behavior issues are more numerous and more difficult to address when we are telling virtually and that the support of the teachers becomes even more important. We agreed that some issues can be avoided by starting the year off with a teacher conversation where rules can be established in advance (and you can see your storytelling space). We also need to emphasize that we are "professionals" (even if volunteers) who should be treated with respect by the teachers and the students. Don't be afraid to address issues with the teachers. *[continued on next page]*

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, February 18, 2022**  
**At Brunner Farm House: 12:45 PM (We hope!)**  
**Via ZOOM at 1:00 (If Necessary)**  
**HYBRID (If we can work out details)**



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One of our newest tellers, **Nancy Bradfield**, entertained with a humorous Cajun story, *The Theft of Honey*, describing how Lapin tricks his friend Bouqui out of his jug of honey, with Bouqui never being the wiser. The story can be found in the book *Cajun Folktales* by J.J. Reneaux. Reports from the Steering Committee began with **Wynn** describing a book he compiled for his family. It contains more than 100 of his favorite stories plus 400+ groaners and riddles and is aptly named "*Pop Tales and Other Stories*". He had a few extra copies printed and is donating one to the Broomfield Spellbinders library. He also announced that a few remaining copies are available to members for a donation of \$25 (his printing cost) to Broomfield Spellbinders. [NOTE: All copies have now been sold, generating \$275 for the organization.] **Kathy Daniels** reminded us that the Spellbinders Library in the Brunner House basement can be open the first Wednesday of the month from eleven to noon and on the third Friday, before and after the Spellbinders meeting. Please email **Kathy** ahead of time so she can be there to open the library and **be sure to wear a mask!** Kathy also found many old books that she will bring to the next in-person meeting to give (or raffle) away. During her cleaning and sorting, she also found an excess of paper supplies (napkins, paper plates, etc.) for snacks, so don't buy any! **Cathy Lichty** gave a report on the Spellbinders National. Training materials have been updated, and new passwords will soon tighten access. An Annual Meeting is being planned (see below). It will be a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting on April 22 with workshops, stories, and entertainment by the Legendary Ladies.

Following committee reports, **Ellen Klement** prompted discussion as she gave a twisty ending to her original rendition of *The Young and Dashing Princess*, where the princess ends up marrying not one of the selfish princes, but a supportive princess she met at the ball. In honor of Black History Month, **Wynn** shared an original story called, *Colored Water*, inspired by an antidote of a friend who grew up in the segregated South. He incorporated bits from *White Water* by Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

- **Julie Toepper** (February 16)
- **Ann Cress** (February 22)





**REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE WITH THE LINK BELOW  
BEGINNING ON MARCH 1, 2022**

Cost of event = TBD

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spellbinders-national-annual-meeting-tickets-251661364917>

**SAVE THE DATE**

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 AT 8:30AM- 3:00PM

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served

HOSTED BY  
SPELLBINDERS NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse  
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Aurora, CO 80016

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