



Broomfield, Colorado News for APRIL, 2023

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

On April 21, fifteen Broomfield Spellbinders and Scott Carrico (a “member-in-waiting”) gathered at Brunner Farm House for our monthly meeting. With **Julie Toepper** out of town, **Wynn Montgomery** opened the meeting and asked for introductions with answers to the question: *Where was your favorite vacation?* Most of the responses involved Europe--Amsterdam, Belgium, Denmark, England, Ireland, Italy, Paris, Scotland) and Mexico (and Monarch butterflies). The areas in the USA named were Alaska, Disneyland, Las Vegas (for her wedding), and New York City. Considering who was at the meeting, it is not surprising that that each response was a wonderful story explaining the choice. **Karen Green** reported that there was nothing new from the library. **Jan Osburn**, who has been asked by Boulder Valley Spellbinders to handle placement in schools, asked who handles that task for our tellers. **Janis Lievens** will provide Jan with the materials she uses. After several members offered suggestions about how to get into more schools, Wynn suggested that this issue should be addressed by the Steering Committee.

Janis Lievens shared an animated version of “The Frog Who Wanted to be a Singer” (by Linda Goss). **Sandy Hopper**, who was scheduled to be the other storyteller, was unable to attend because of a family emergency. **Kay Landers** volunteered and told “Thunder Cake” (by Patricia Polacco), getting everyone involved in counting the time between lightning and thunder claps. We then took a break for socializing and snacks provided by Sandy and Janis (plus a delicious shortbread baked by Scott). Our guest presenter, Laura Deal, discussed “Reimagining Fairy Tales” and showed us numerous books that are excellent examples of “fractured” classics. Her handout included online links to more examples.

Wynn reminded us that Julie will be emailing teacher surveys the first week of May and asked that we encourage our teachers to fill them out and return them as soon as possible. **Denny Thompson** said the April 15 Spellbinders Annual Meeting was very successful. Wynn thanked **Sheila Brush** and **Karen Green** for creating the Broomfield Spellbinders poster for the Annual Meeting (see next page).



NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 19 (12:45-3:00 PM)
Brunner Farm House
END of YEAR CELEBRATION !!!!!



[SPELLBINDERS ANNUAL MEETING](#)

Broomfield Spellbinders was well-represented at the April 15 Spellbinders Annual Meeting. Eight members (pictured below [L-R] **Julie Toepper, Judy Kundert, Karen Green, Denny Thompson, Sheila Brush, Carla Randall, Sandy Hopper, and Janis Lievens**) attended as did **Scott Carrico**. Sheila and Karen had created the display table pictured below on the right



The display table generated considerable interest and led to the sale of nine copies of "Pop" Tales.



[BRUNNER HOUSE: SPRING CLEANING](#)

Broomfield Spellbinders was also well-represented at the morning of April 29 when volunteers gave Brunner Farm House a thorough Spring Cleaning. Our team included **Julie Toepper, Janis Lievens, Jim Mariner, Wynn Montgomery, and Scott Carrico**.

[TUNES & TALES in LAFAYETTE THIS SUMMER](#)

Last summer, **Vicki Tiedeman, Jan Osburn, and Wynn Montgomery** participated with Boulder Valley Spellbinder Dave Hooley in a storytelling and bluegrass jam in Lafayette. Based on the success of that event, the City of Lafayette with support from Boulder Valley Spellbinders will offer music and storytelling in the Outdoor Amphitheater from 6:30-8:00 PM every other Wednesday from May 31 through September 6. Admission is free, but (because space is limited) **registration is required**. The lineup is:

- May 31: Boulder Philharmonic String Quartet
- June 14: Bluegrass & the "Stories Behind the Songs"*
- June 28: Storyteller Angel Vigil*
- July 12: Pete & Joan Wernick (Dr. & Nurse Banjo)
- July 26: Antonio Lopez & Jonathan Sadler
- August 9: "The Breezy Three" Brass Trio*
- August 24: Finn O'Sullivan (Guitar & Vocal)-Irish music*
- September 6: Storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak

At this point in the planning, the programs indicated by an asterisk (*) will include stories by Spellbinders storytellers. Visit OpenSpacePrograms@lafayetteco.gov to register

SUMMER STORY CIRCLES

As we did last summer, we will have Story Circles this summer to give members an opportunity to develop new stories (or polish old ones) and to continue to hone our telling skills. We will meet at Brunner Farm House on our normal meeting days and times. Bring your own drinks and snacks to share (if you are so inclined). If you do not have a story to share, listeners are always welcome. The dates/times are:

- Friday, June 16 (1:00-3:00 PM)
- Friday, July 21 (1:00-3:00 PM)



TRAINING SCHEDULED for SEPTEMBER

Please start thinking about friends who would enjoy being volunteer storytellers. Then do them a favor by telling them about Spellbinders and encouraging them to take the required training classes, which will be held at Brunner Farm House in September. The dates are below, and all classes will be from 1:00-4:00. Completion of all classes is required for certification, but we can usually make arrangements for making up one class. All you need to do is get someone interested and give their contact information to Wynn. The training dates are:

- Tuesday, September 12
- Thursday, September 14
- Monday, September 18
- Thursday, September 21

A recruitment flyer will be ready by mid-July, so start thinking about where you can post it—recreation centers, libraries, churches, etc.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

MAY

8-Tiffany
22-Vanita

JUNE

10-Marc
13-Judy L.
16-Tom

JULY

26-Denny
30-Ellen

AUGUST

3-Janny
21-Janis
23-Jan

**Music should make you laugh, make you cry,
or make you think.”** -Singer/songwriter Kenny Rogers

[Editor’s Note: Isn’t the same true of stories?]

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