

NEXT MEETING

Friday, January 20
12:45-3:00 PM

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News for DECEMBER, 2022

NOVEMBER MEETING

On November 18, fourteen Broomfield Spellbinders gathered at Brunner Farmhouse for our monthly meeting. **Julie Toepper** welcomed all, and **Wynn Montgomery** presented Certificates of Training Completion to **Jim Mariner**, **Tiffany Painter**, and **Carla Randall** (in absentia; **Janis Lievens** will deliver it to her) Wynn also noted that **Marsha Coons** holds the distinction of the quickest turnaround from first attending a meeting to completing training. She attended our October 21st meeting as a guest and has already completed classroom training in Longmont and shadowing with Wynn.

Everyone then introduced themselves and shared the story of their worst cooking disaster. Those tales were too long to recap here, but they ranged from funny to potential disasters. **Janis** discussed the successful Halloween telling event at Anthem Ranch, which was described in last month's newsletter, and invited volunteers for a similar event on December 17. **Julie** announced that the Steering Committee has approved the purchase of new bookshelves for our library and a second printing Wynn's "Pop Tales" to be sold as a fundraiser for Broomfield Spellbinders. **Kathy Daniels** then told a Thanksgiving story about Wishbone Farms with Runt, the youngest turkey, as the hero.

After a break for socializing and snacks provided by **Kathy Daniels** and **Kay Landers**, Kathy suggested some Christmas books from the library. We then enjoyed a presentation by Shirley Stafford of the Denver LLSO on "Incorporating Music and Puppets into Stories." Shirley reviewed the history of puppets and discussed the four types of puppets: 1) Hand Puppets (the most common), 2) Finger Puppets, 3) Stick Puppets and 4) Marionettes (and Shadow Puppets). She incorporated stories and songs ("Three Fiddlin' Grasshoppers", "Star in the Apple", "There's a Spider on the Floor", and "Big Man Drum") in her session and closed by showing us how to make a simple puppet using construction paper.

Judy Kundert distributed flyers about the Society of Children Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Birthday Bash on November 19th and told us about her new book, *Abigail and Segó's Magical Train Ride*.

Denny Thompson announced the December 11 performance of two "Old Time Radio Christmas Comedies" by the Advent Radio Players. The plays will also be live streamed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/adventwestminsterco. Julie reminded all that the December 16 "meeting" would be a Cookie Swap. It was and is described on page 2.

[Editor's Note: Special thanks to **Karen Green**, whose thorough note-taking makes these newsletters possible and to **Sheila Brush** for providing the details and photos about the Anthem Ranch event (see page 3).]

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

For the second year in a row, instead of meeting in December, we gathered at Brunner Farmhouse for a "Cookie Swap," and twice as many people participated. Last year, five members and two guests shared cookies and stories. This year, on December 16, fifteen members appeared with (mostly homemade) cookies! **Denny Thompson** got things off with a challenging Christmas trivia contest, in which **Jan Osburn** edged out **Kay Landers**, but Denny had prizes for both.

We enjoyed many varieties of cookies with water from **Sheila Brush** and **Wynn Montgomery** and hot apple cider from **Cathy Lichty**. While the cookies were being passed around, we heard lots of stories about family and got recipes for some of the cookies. Everyone took LOTS of cookies home. Of course, the sweetest treat was the friendship and fellowship we shared!



For a while, there was a smorgasbord of cookies, and nobody counted calories. Well, maybe there was one calorie-counter; Denny brought fruit instead of cookies.



Reading the printed word can never—especially for young listeners—be the same as using the living word.

-Richard Chase, Folklorist & author of *Grandfather Tales*



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Larry Riesberg (01/02)
- Kathy Daniels (01/11)
- Sheila Brush (01/13)



LISTENING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 (3:00 PM);** Laura Deal, local storyteller and member of Boulder Valley Spellbinders, offers a Chautauqua-style presentation as Marion Woodman, a Jungian analyst, feminist, and spiritual leader. There will be a formal presentation for about 40 minutes, during which Laura will “become” Woodman, sharing her personal stories and ideas. After a 10-minute Q&A still in character, Laura as herself will do another 10-minute Q&A. Laura was selected by the Humanities North Dakota Chautauqua Training Institute. as one of 12 scholars to develop a presentation in this way. All performances are free and online; the schedule is at: <https://lauradeal.com/being-marion-woodman/> (Times there are listed in Central Time.) Tickets are free, but you must register at <https://www.humanitiesnd.org/event-details/chautauqua-chat-with-historical-figures-marion-woodman-and-carl-jung>
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 (9:00-10:30 AM):** As part of Story Crossroads’ series of video workshops called “All Things Story,” Kathleen Santopietro Weddel is offering a session called “Storytelling for Older Adults.” The cost is a sliding scale (\$5-\$50) and details are available at <https://storycrossroads.org> under “Programs & Events.” While on the website, check out this fine organization’s other offerings.



ANTHEM RANCH'S HOLLY JOLLY GRANDKIDS CELEBRATION

December 17 was a special day for the grandchildren of Anthem Ranch residents, and a team of Broomfield Spellbinders made it even more special by providing seven 15-minute storytelling sessions that were well-attended even though Santa Claus was also available. Our team of talented tellers and some of the tales they told:

- **Mary Ann Drury:** “The Gingerbread Boy”
- **Karen Green:** an interactive version of “There’s A Spider on the Floor”
- **Sandy Hopper & her cat puppet:** Aesop’s “Belling the Cat” plus two original cat poems
- **Janis Lievens:** “Cross Country Cat”
- **Jim Mariner:** “The Snake and the Frog”
- **Vanita Moore:** “T’was the Night Before Christmas”
- **Ed Winograd:** “The Little Old Lady Who Lived in A Vinegar Bottle” & “The Wooden Sword”

Sheila Brush provided logistical support and took these photographs



ABOVE: Ed and Vanita in action.

AT RIGHT (L-R): The Entire Team

Back Row: Sheila, Mary Ann, Sandy, Vanita, Karen, Janis.

Front Row: Ed and Jim.

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