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AUGUST MEETING SUMMARY

On August 19, a dozen Broomfield Spellbinders storytellers, including **Vanita Moore** (returning after several years away), gathered at Brunner Farmhouse to kick off the new school year. With **Julie Toepper** grandparenting in North Carolina, **Wynn Montgomery** led the group through the agenda that Julie had provided and **Karen Green** took notes. Everyone introduced themselves by reporting where they would be telling stories this year and recalling the first book they remembered reading or having read to them. There were few duplications, but many of the responses elicited smiles and murmurs of recognition. One (*Little Black Sambo*) led to a brief discussion of how things have changed since we were young. **Jan Osburn** didn't just name her book; she shared a delightful musical rendition of *The Owl and the Pussycat*. Vanita also announced that she has a story about her mother ("World War II Flight Nurse") in a collection of Indiana stories.

Janis Lievens announced three storytelling requests (Nativity Faith and Reason, Jefferson Academy, and Prospect Ridge) and circulated a sign-up sheet. **Judy Kundert** and **Jan Osburn** reported that our participation in the final BCAH summer event was more successful than the first two. As you can see (below), Julie was there, too, and they got to tell stories. Wynn announced a Bluegrass and Storytelling event scheduled in Lafayette on August 31 [See report on page 2]. **Kathy Daniels** provided an update on our library and offered two unneeded books to anyone who could use them. Kathy also announced that the sign-up sheet downstairs is not working out, so we will only have one at the meeting. Karen distributed sign-up sheets for storytelling and snacks for our meetings and thank those who have already signed up. Others will have an opportunity to volunteer at future meetings. After **Sheila Brush** shared a wonderful version of "How Giraffes Got Their Long Necks," Cathy Lichty recommended Rocky Mountain Storytelling's Story Camp (September 16-18), which she and Jan are attending. Cathy also mentioned the initial edition of Spellbinders National's newsletter. It went only to LLSO leaders, and Wynn promised to forward it to everyone.

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NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
12:45-3:00
BRUNNER FARMHOUSE



AUGUST MEETING [continued from page 1]

After a short break for snacks and socializing, **Kathy Daniels** and **Nancy Bradfield** introduced the program for the day—an exercise in “Thinking on your Feet” and “Ad Libbing.” The group split into two teams and used “Story Dice” to get five story elements. After a brief planning period, each team’s representative shared the stories their team had developed: “Sloth on a Pirate Ship” (**Cathy**) and Unicorn Delivers Pizza on Roller Blades” (**Sheila**). It was great fun!

Kathy and Nancy asked for support and suggestions for future programs. Cathy, Wynn, and Vanita offered support to find appropriate resources if the Program Committee had suggested topics. Kathy also expressed an interest in offering support to members in areas such as how to introduce ourselves to teachers and students at the beginning of the school year. Cathy Lichty, Vanita Moore and Denny Thompson shared their introductions, and Cathy talked about a new Teacher Introduction card that is now on the Spellbinders website. Since that document is in the password-protected section for Trainers, Wynn agreed to send it to all members. (NOTE: He sent it on August 20.)



TRAINING CLASSES START SEPT. 20

Eight volunteers have registered for the training class, which will meet on September 20, 23, 26, and 29. Two will join Boulder Valley Spellbinders, so Susan Litt will help Wynn with the training. One other will tell in Wyoming, so we can look forward to having up to five new members.

BLUEGRASS & STORYTELLING

In spite of threatening weather and aggressive mosquitos, more than 60 people came to Lafayette on the evening of August 31 for two hours of bluegrass music by musicians led by Christie Schneider and stories by storytellers from Broomfield and Boulder Valley Spellbinders. **Wynn Montgomery, Jan Osburn** (who is also a BVS member), and **Vicki Tiedeman** represented Broomfield Spellbinders along with Dave Hooley from the Boulder Valley group. Wynn led off the storytelling with “The Three Dolls”; Jan shared her dynamic multilingual version of “Barking Mouse”; Dave told “The Dead Mule”; and Vicki closed the show with “The Fantastic Fiddle.” **Sheila Brush** and **Janis Lievens** were in the audience, and Sheila gave Spellbinders brochures to a few interested attendees; one later signed up for the September class. The event was a trial balloon, and its success enhances the likelihood of funding from the City of Lafayette for frequent similar events next summer. Because Lafayette is in Boulder Valley’s “service area”, Boulder Valley Spellbinders will be the grant recipient, but Broomfield Spellbinders should continue to be an active partner in future events. As the photos on the next page indicate, we storytellers had a good time—as did our audience of all ages.

A song ain't nothin' in the world but a story just wrote with music to it.

—Hank Williams, Sr.

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