



## of Broomfield, Colorado News for NOVEMBER, 2024

### OCTOBER MEETING

On October 18, ten Broomfield Spellbinders storytellers and two guests gathered at Brunner Farmhouse for our monthly meeting. **Tiffany Painter** welcomed all and asked for introductions that included a description of our “favorite part of Halloween (if we have ever celebrated that holiday).”

The responses included:

- handing out candy (and leftover candy)
- a “Day of the Dead” event,
- a visit to a haunted house where characters called her by name,
- going “trick or treating” in one costume; then going again in a different costume.
- a “scarecrow” on a front porch who came alive and scared trick or treaters
- kids’ chaperones having a cup to be filled with alcohol at the houses along the route,
- teens with pockets filled with eggs and water balloons getting patted down by police
- watching grandkids enjoying handmade costumes over the years.

**BUSINESS:** Tiffany reported that she is updating our website and asked that we send her any photos we have from recent years. **Sandy Hopper** reported that **Janny Darby** has completed her move. **Kathy Daniels’** health issues continue, so we need a librarian. The job involves sorting through and cataloguing donated books and keeping the library tidy. There are co-telling opportunities available with **Jim Mariner** (Nativity Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades) and **Jan Osburn** (Meridian Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade). Contact Jim or Jan for details. **Wynn Montgomery** would like to have someone help him with the newsletter (as co-writer for now and eventually to become the editor). **Kay Landers** will ask a friend who does the newsletter for another organization. Anyone who is interested should contact Wynn.

**Sheila Brush** summarized two Thanksgiving stories—“*Run Turkey Run*” for younger children and “*Firefighters’ Thanksgiving*” for all ages. She will type them, and Tiffany will send them to members. We then took a break to enjoy snacks provided by **Sherry Potter** and **Tiffany** and to choose books from **Wynn’s** library (He is down-sizing).

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### NEXT MEETING

Friday, November 15 at Brunner Farm House

12:45-3:00 PM

TOPIC: STORY CIRCLE (SHARE or JUST LISTEN)

NOTE: There will NOT be a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Story Circle



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As a continuation of last month's presentation on "Sharing Personal Stories," members had been invited to develop and share personal stories applying some of the techniques covered in that session. **Tiffany Painter** led off with her story about being the youngest child living in a cul-de-sac neighborhood, and how she and her friend entertained themselves and eventually stopped envying the freedom of the older children. **Sandy Hopper** shared a book she wrote for her granddaughters: "Something Is Missing from the Garden." She told it in first person, and it was lovely. **Marc Brown** shared a story about being a six-year-old ring-bearer and falling in love with the bride, who looked like a fairy princess. **Sherry Potter** told about walking her two dogs near a prairie dog town and being confronted by a coyote; everyone survived. **Jan Osburn** shared a story from her Dad's funeral. Her dad had convinced his little brother that he could lay eggs. Well, he tricked him as big brothers do. **Jim Mariner** told a story from his teaching days. When he subbed for his wife, teaching a subject that was not his specialty, a student (as a class prank) asked him the meaning of an obscure term. He gave her an in-depth scientific answer and later got even by asking for a definition of that term on the next test!.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Many thanks to **Sheila Brush** (subbing for **Karen Green**) for her detailed notes without which I could not have prepared this newsletter,]

## HALLOWEEN STORIES at SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING

**Jim Mariner** organized another storytelling event for 22 of his neighbors at Sunrise Senior Living at Flatirons. The date was October 31, so (of course) the stories were on the spooky side. **Wynn Montgomery** led off with "The New Mother" (by Lucy Clifford). **Tiffany Painter** followed with a true-sounding tale of her visit to the haunted Stanley Hotel with her sister. **Marc Brown** then shared his tale of the zombie swamp frogs (loosely based on an Uncle Remus story). Jim closed the session with a first-person telling of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart." It was an appreciative audience, and we will be invited back.

## RMS ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP



Rocky Mountain Storytelling (<https://www.rmstory.org>) has announced a new membership benefit. All RMS members will now have access to all the resources of Story Crossroads (where a membership costs \$50/year). Membership in RMS is free until the end of this year. The resources available from Story Crossroads include an extensive story library, storytelling articles and E-workbooks, a free on-line course: ("Storytelling Basics in 8-Hours"), and informative newsletters.

## THANKSGIVING RIDDLES

- Which side of a turkey has the most feathers? The outside, of course.
- If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? Their AGE!
- What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? The tur-KEY
- Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off.
- Why did the other turkey cross the road? Thanksgiving was just around the corner.
- Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had the drumsticks.

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