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**Broomfield, Colorado**  
**News for JANUARY, 2026**

**DECEMBER MEMBERS MEETING**

On December 19, eleven Broomfield Spellbinders storytellers and one Associate gathered at Brunner Farmhouse for our monthly meeting and annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. **Sheila Brush** opened the meeting asking if there is a Program Schedule for calendar year 2026. **Jan Osborn** distributed a list of tentative sessions that cover the rest of this school year. Sheila and **Kay Landers** reported that Broomfield plans to celebrate its birthdays (65<sup>th</sup> for the city and 25<sup>th</sup> for the county) this year along with Colorado's 150<sup>th</sup> and the USA's 250<sup>th</sup>. A free "Overview of Broomfield History" will be presented at Broomfield Crescent Grange (7901 W. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on January 20. **Janis Lievens** reported that a "Shep, the Turnpike Dog, Look-Alike Contest" will be held at Broomfield Depot Museum (2201 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue) from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on April 18. There is a picture book (*Shep, the Turnpike Dog* by Charlotte Ann Havey) that might be a good story to tell in Broomfield schools.

The annual "Holly Jolly" event at Anthem Ranch on December 6 went well, thanks to **Scott Carrico**, **Janis Lievens**, **Sandy Hopper** (below left), and **Kari Reiquam**. On December 14, **Sheila Brush** (below, center and right) and **Janis Lievens** told stories at BCAH's "Olde Time Christmas" festivities. We briefly discussed how to interest new tellers and find schools for them to tell in. **Jan Osburn** said Meridian Elementary needs tellers for 5th grade. They want stories about explorers; anyone interested should contact Jan. We then moved on to the Main Event—our Annual Cookie Exchange, which is described in detail on page 2.



**NEXT MEETING**

**Friday, January 16, 2026 (12:45-3:00)**

**PROGRAM: Stories for Two (Ray Mohr & Tom Hobbs, Guest Tellers)**

**PLUS: Story Circle on Friday, January 30 (1-3 PM)**



## ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE

Everyone brought cookies...and ALL were wonderful! We gorged ourselves and then took home plenty more. Here's the menu:

- **Scott Carrico:** Macarons (pronounced mack-a-ROHNs/not to be confused with Macaroons). Scott said this was the most complex recipe he's ever made. It took him four batches to get it right.
- **Sheila Brush:** Oatmeal Craisin Cookies, made with cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice.
- **Janis Lievens:** Molasses Cookies from the *Creme de Colorado* cookbook.
- **Wynn Montgomery:** Mincemeat Squares. He confessed that he always thought mincemeat was Southern, but he just learned that it goes back to the Crusades. October 26th is National Mincemeat Day.
- **John Kolber:** brought Oatmeal Chewy Bars. The recipe came from an oatmeal container.
- **Karen Green:** Double Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies from a recipe she found online from Hershey's.
- **Jan Osburn:** Seven-Layer Bars. She had planned to bring Spritz Cookies but with the power outage she was unable to bake them.
- **Kay Landers:** Spicy Ginger Cookies. She shared some information about Spritz Cookies.
- **Diana King:** Toll House Cookies and told a ghost story about chocolate chip cookies.
- **Jim Mariner:** Walmart cookie assortment.
- **Janet Rope:** Large Pretzels dipped in chocolate (two types).
- **Cathy Lichty:** Dipped Gingersnaps and a hot beverage for all to share

We ate cookies and visited for a while. Then Sheila closed the meeting and we filled "to go" containers with a variety of cookies before cleaning the meeting room and headed for home.



## CALL for PRESENTATION PROPOSALS AT SPELLBINDERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Planning Committee for the 2026 Spellbinders Annual Meeting is looking for local members who are willing to present a 1-hour workshop at the May 2 Annual Meeting. The estimated audience is 40 fellow Spellbinders. Your proposal would need to include information about you (how long you have been a Spellbinders storyteller and the local group to which you belong) plus (1) the title of the workshop; (2) a brief description of the content/approach; and (3) if appropriate, the grade level(s) where the workshop content would be most helpful. If you have an idea for such a workshop and need help developing a proposal, see **Wynn Montgomery**, who has made presentations at several Annual Meetings. The deadline for submittal is **February 15**. Direct questions to [secretary@spellbinders.org](mailto:secretary@spellbinders.org) or 970-776-9740 (Spellbinders Secretary Karen Culver).

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