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JULY STORY CIRCLE

On July 21, fourteen (14) Broomfield Spellbinders and one guest (whom **Denny Thompson** recognized as a former neighbor from 50 years ago in Brush CO) gathered at Brunner Farm House for our final Summer Story Circle. **Donna Leard** opened with "Kelwyn and the Lady," a story from an old *Storytelling* magazine. **Sherry Potter** shared "One Wish," an Irish folk tale from *More Ready-to-Tell Tales*, and **Betsy Crosby** told a personal story about her adventure in a car wash. **Marc Brown** discussed his recent health challenges as a lead-in to singing "The Long Black Veil," and **Wynn Montgomery** offered "The Three Pears"--a pun-filled parody from *Storytwisting* by Jeri Burns & Barry Marshall (The Storycrafters). **Julie Toepper** then told "Pedro & Diablo," a Joe Hayes story, and **Jim Mariner** shared a true story from his years as a teacher in Colorado Springs. **Vicki Tiedeman** asked for suggestions on how to tell "Lazy Jack" to a child with hearing difficulties similar to those experienced by the girl in the story, and several responded that their version simply says that the girl had never laughed and does not offer a reason. **Tiffany Painter** talked about her trip to NYC, where she tried to visit (and make a purchase at) "all the bookstores." While looking for a book she could afford in a store that specialized in antique books, she found *Ladybug, Ladybug* (by Kathleen N. Daly and Susan C. Smith) and plans to tell it this year. **Cathy Lichty** (at right) wrapped up the session by sharing an original story called "Anansi and the Museum Gnomes" that she developed for students who were so disappointed when she ran out of Anansi stories that they wrote their own. Four members (**Sheila Brush, Marsha Coons, Karen Green, and Denny Thompson**) did not share a story, but were attentive listeners who offered feedback and suggestions.



NEXT MEETING

Friday, August 18 (12:45-3:00 PM)

Brunner Farm House

1st Meeting of the 2023-24 School Year

"TUNES & TALES" CONTINUES TO SHOWCASE STORYTELLING

The June 28 version of "Tunes and Tales" in Lafayette's Outdoor Classroom/Amphitheater was a one-man show by Angel Vigil, who is pictured on the left below teaching rope-twirling to volunteers, including **Jan Osburn** and **Janis Lievins**. Two weeks later, Pete & Joan Wernick provided the tunes and **Wynn Montgomery**, **Vicki Tiedeman**, and a couple of Boulder Spellbinders offered stories. Wynn (below center) told "Dog Tails"¹ and Vicki (below right) offered a lively version of "Terrible Animal."² Many thanks to our fellow Broomfield Spellbinders who have supported this effort (and to **Sheila Brush** for some of the photos). There was no storytelling at the two most recent events, but several Boulder Spellbinders will share the "stage" with Finn O'Sullivan's Irish music on August 24, and the final event on September 6 will be a solo performance by Storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak.



REMINDERS

- **CONTACT YOUR TEACHERS:** School starts in mid-August. Nail down your schedule and let **Julie Toepper** know where you are telling. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask.
- **TRAINING:** We need more potential storytellers for our training classes (**September 12, 14, 18, and 21**), and word-of-mouth is the best recruitment method. Surely you know someone who would be a good addition to our team. Tell them how much fun we have!
- **BCAH 2nd ANNUAL GALA:** Julie Toepper attended the initial Gala last year and reports that it was fun! This year's event is on **Friday, September 8**, and celebrates BCAH' 50th Anniversary. For details, visit www.artsinbroomfield.org and attend if you can.

MANY MEMBERS CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 11: Mary Ann Drury
- 19: Judy Kundert
- 23: Vicki Tiedeman



- 26: Donna Leard
- 28: Wynn Montgomery
- 30: Sherry Potter

"The role of the storyteller is to awaken the storyteller in others."

- Jack Zipes, scholar & fairy tale expert

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¹ A folktale by Dovie Thomason from *More Ready-to-Tell Tales*

² An African Folk Tale from *Children of Wax* by Alexander McCall Smith