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FEBRUARY MEETING

On February 16, ten Broomfield Spellbinders gathered at Brunner Farm House for our monthly meeting. With **Julie Toepper** out of town, **Wynn Montgomery** facilitated the meeting. After a discussion of the rising price of Girl Scout cookies, **Denny Thompson** offered the first of two Valentine-themed quizzes and awarded prizes to the winner and runner-up. Wynn and Denny then discussed the **Spellbinders Annual Meeting** that will be held in Broomfield on **Saturday, April 13**. Laura Deal, a Boulder Valley Spellbinder and the National Storytelling Network's Emerging Artist of 2024, will be the Keynote Speaker. There will also be a choice of four workshops and perhaps a Story Circle. Presentations will be recorded for future viewing, but will not be available via Zoom. Denny is in charge of set-up, which will be done on Friday afternoon before the Saturday meeting, and clean-up after the meeting. He needs volunteers to help with this. Denny also thanked **Kay Landers**, who had identified the Lutheran Church of Hope (1305 West 10th Avenue in Broomfield) as the site for this meeting and helped to reserve it. Members of St. Vrain Valley Storytellers (the co-host organization) will help with both tasks. **Attendance will be limited to 100 attendees, so everyone should register as soon as registration opens on the Spellbinders website.** Wynn then thanked **Tiffany Painter** for agreeing to become our Chapter Leader when Julie steps down at the end of the school year.

In lieu of a formal program, we opened the floor for a Story Circle. **Kay Landers** led off with "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell. **Karen Green** shared "The Lion's Whisker," which can be found in *Ready-to-Tell Tales*. Denny then emceed his "Love Song Quiz" while Kay and Karen set up a wide array of snacks. Wynn then shared a Nasrudin tale which he personalized as "Pop Looks for the Perfect Wife." **Jim Mariner** shared his "shortened" version of *The Turtle Saver* by Laurie Parker. In honor of 2024 being the Year of the Dragon, **Donna Leard** shared "The Princess and the Dragon" [by Marjorie Bayes], and Denny wrapped up the meeting with "Looking for Trouble" from *A Treasury of American Stories*.

[Thanks, as always, to **Karen Green**, whose detailed meeting notes make this summary possible.]



NEXT MEETING

Friday, March 15 (12:45-3:00 PM)

PROGRAM: Crafting & Telling Personal Stories (Wynn Montgomery)



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