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MONTHLY MEETING-APRIL

On April 19, eighteen Broomfield Spellbinders, one guest (**Vicki Tiedeman's** sister Deb) and two visitors from other Spellbinders groups (Betsy Crosby from Boulder and Deborah Crabbe from St. Vrain Valley Storytellers) gathered at Brunner Farmhouse for our monthly meeting. **Julie Toepper** was out of town, so **Tiffany Painter** opened the meeting with the question: "What is your favorite season?" Spring and Fall were favored over Winter and Summer. **Janis Lievens** shared available storytelling opportunities, including two outdoor opportunities in August and expressed her disappointment that so few people signed up. Tiffany reminded everyone that the survey about plans for next year is still awaiting a response from some of us and that Julie is also sending surveys to teachers in whose classrooms we have told this year. **Sheila Brush** reported that she had shared a story with group of small business owners [see page 2]. **Kathy Daniels** gave a library update and recommended five books--*American Indian Myths and Legends*, *Best of Heroic Stories*, *Wiltshire Folk Tales*, *American Fairy Tales* (by L. Frank Baum), and *Three-Minute Tales from Around the World* (by Margaret Read McDonald).

We agreed that the Spellbinders Annual Meeting had been a great success. **Sherry Potter** and several others reported that the workshop about Neuroscience was fascinating. **Sandy Hopper** praised Kathy Babb's presentation on "Participation and Props" (even though Kathy was a last-minute substitution) and suggested that we invite her to present at one of our meetings. Denny reported that Mitch Krayton's workshop on improving presentation skills was great. Several members found **Wynn Montgomery's** presentation on "Making A Story Your Own" to be enlightening. We also learned that two of our members (**Janis Lievens** and **Ed Winograd**) have agreed to serve on Spellbinders Board of Trustees. Janis shared the story, "Brer Tiger and the Big Wind," and **Jan Osburn** told "The Fairy's Gift," changing the fairy to a leprechaun. After a short break for socializing plus yummy snacks provided by Janis and Vicki, our guest presenter shared her ideas on "Using Poetry to Enhance Your Storytelling" [See page 2].



NEXT MEETING

Friday, May 17 (12:45-3:00): Year-End Celebration
[Years of Service Ribbons-Food & Fun-Passing the Baton]

SUMMER STORY CIRCLES

Friday, May 31 (1:00-3:00) at Brunner Farm House
Friday, June 21 and Friday, July 19: Locations TBD

FIRST MEETING OF 2024-25: FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 @ BRUNNER FARM HOUSE

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



On April 18, **Sheila Brush** was invited to share a story at the Business Ladies Inspiring Success (BLIS) luncheon sponsored by the Broomfield Area Chamber. She chose "Amrita's Tree" (an appropriate story for Earth Day and empowerment for women). Of course, it was well-received. The photo at the left pictures Sheila and Kathy Klatt (BCAH Board Member) in the center with two other BLIS participants.

USING POETRY TO ENHANCE YOUR STORYTELLING

This was the focus of the presentation by Deborah Crabbe (at right), a St. Vrain Valley Storyteller. She likes to tell her young listeners: "Roses are red; pickles are green; you are the finest kids I have ever seen." She discussed why poetry is important and reasons for memorizing poetry. She demonstrated how to use poetry in storytelling, noting that some stories (like "The Night Before Christmas") are poems, and recited a funny poem/story ("The Dentist and the Crocodile" by Roald Dahl) and also recommended Shel Silverstein's poems. She closed her session with a fractured version of "Beauty and the Beast," which she had adapted from *Fractured Fairy Tales* by A.J. Jacobs.



SPRING CLEANING AT BRUNNER FARMHOUSE

On a rainy Saturday morning (April 27), five Broomfield Spellbinders (**Scott Carrico, Janis Lievens, Wynn Montgomery, Carla Randall, and Janet Rope**) represented half of the crew that turned up for this annual event. In less than an hour, all the chores on the list had been completed. It was a small price to pay for all the support we receive from BCAH, including use of that building for all of our meetings and training sessions.

LISTENING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- May 13-16: Story Crossroads Annual Summit and Festival includes a 5-hour virtual workshop by Laura Deal on "Beyond Prose: Using Poetry and Metaphor to Enrich Your Storytelling and Strengthen Your Recall". Cost is \$35. Register at [Story Crossroads - 9th Annual Story Crossroads Summit & Festival - The Hybrid \(wildapricot.org\)](https://www.storycrossroads.org)
- Saturday, June 1 (9:00-10:30 AM): Kathy Santopietro-Weddel presents "Right from the Start: Engaging Story Beginnings" as a program for Story Crossroads. Sliding scale tuition starts at \$5. This is a 90-minute virtual presentation. Go to <https://storycrossroads.org> to register.
- Saturday, June 1 (10:30AM-2:30 PM): Rocky Mountain Storytelling presents a program called "Shenanigans" at the Aurora Library (14949 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora). Go to www.rmstory.org for details. FREE!!!
- Wednesday, June 12 (7:00-8:30 PM): Storytelling by Spellbinders at Lafayette's Outdoor Classroom Open Space Amphitheater. There will be stories by Dave Hooley (Boulder Valley Storytellers) and **Vicki Tiedeman** and **Wynn Montgomery**. This is the first in a series of "Tunes and Tales" this summer. You can **RSVP by e-mailing** Martin.Ogle@LafayetteCO.gov Seating is limited and RSVPs will have priority.

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