


Spellbinders
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Broomfield, Colorado
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A SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING

On January 17, we moved our monthly meeting to the Broomfield Library's Eisenhower Room to accommodate the guests we had invited from other local Spellbinders organizations to hear storyteller Pam Faro. Sixteen Broomfield Spellbinders and three prospective members were joined by ten Boulder Valley Spellbinders and two St. Vrain Valley Storytellers, packing the meeting room. **Tiffany Painter** kicked off the meeting (as we usually do) with a "starter question" and asked that each of us (including our guests) report "in ten words or less" the best part of our holidays. The size of the crowd made brevity essential, and almost everyone adhered to the 10-word request. Some even used fewer, while a few just couldn't (after all, we are storytellers!).

During the "Business" portion of the meeting, **Sheila Brush** asked for volunteers to update the poster we will use at the Spellbinders Annual Meeting (see page 2 for details on that meeting). **Janis Lievens** announced that a summer camp in Brighton wants storytellers for a 10-week summer camp; details will be available soon. Tiffany announced our meeting programs for the remainder of the school year—Kathy Babb on "Effective Use of Props" in February; **Jan Osborn** on "Use of Music in Storytelling" in March; "Story Variations" in April with four tellers sharing variations of the same story; and our annual Year-End Party in May. **Denny Thompson** then shared his version of "The Old Traveler" from Dan Keding's *Elder Tales*, and **Kay Landers** told "The Holy Mount of Snow," which she has adapted from *Colorado Legends and Lore* by Stephanie Waters.

After a break to enjoy snacks provided by Denny, Sheila, and **Ed Winograd** and to interact with our guests, we benefitted from Pam Faro's stories and informative presentation on "Deep Imagery."



NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21(12:45-3:00PM)

BACK at BRUNNER FARMHOUSE

KATHY BABB (Denver Spellbinders): Effective Use of Props



[SPELLBINDERS ANNUAL MEETING & MORE](#)

This year's **Spellbinders Annual Meeting** will be a joint venture with a rejuvenated Rocky Mountain Storytellers (RMS). The meeting will be at the **Louisville Senior Center**, 900 West Via Appia Way on **Saturday, April 26** from **8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. Registration will open on **February 18**, and the conference headliners are the legendary **Margaret Read MacDonald** and local master storyteller **Susan Marie Frontczak**. The cost will be \$25 plus \$10 for lunch (or you can bring your own lunch). This partnership is intended to help grow membership in RMS; if you join RMS (the annual cost is \$35), you can register for the Conference now for a discounted fee of \$20. The RMS membership also includes an annual membership in Story Crossroads (a \$50 value).

Following the Annual Meeting, there will be a **Saturday evening concert** from 6:00-8:00 at nearby Christ the Servant Lutheran Church (506 Via Appia Way). The cost is \$15, and the featured storytellers are **Margaret Read MacDonald** and three outstanding Colorado storytellers: **Susan Marie Frontczak, Rachel Ann Harding, and Kathleen Santopietro**. On Sunday, April 27, back at the Senior Center, Margaret Read MacDonald will conduct a **3-hour Master Class** starting at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$35. Attendance is limited to 25, and 5 tickets have already been claimed. These tickets are already available to RMS members, so you can get them now if you join RMS. Registration for non-RMS members will open on February 16. More details on all of this are available on the websites of Spellbinders (<https://spellbinders.org>) and Rocky Mountain Storytelling (<https://rmstory.org>).

[LISTENING OPPORTUNITY](#)

Sunday, March 9 (3:00-5:00 PM): Tunes & Tales: Stories by Laura Deal, **Wynn Montgomery**, and Carol Pranschke and bluegrass music by Pete and Joan Wernick at the Boulder Valley UU Fellowship in Lafayette. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout. Tickets (\$30) are on sale on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tunes-tales-tickets-1221314908769?aff=oddtcreator>

[BROOMFIELD STORYTELLERS IN ACTION](#)

Thanks to **Sandy Hopper** for providing photos (the two on the left below) of her sharing stories with second graders at Prospect Ridge Academy. The photos were taken by the school's Communications Coordinator and posted on social media. The photo on the right is **Marsha Coons**, who is filling in for **Scott Carrico** as Pop's partner in Aspen Creek's second grade classes. By the way, Scott reports that he is "doing well" and shared a video of a "Knock-Knock" joke for the young listeners' enjoyment.



"You get old and realize that there are no answers, just stories"-Garrison Keillor