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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On November 21, thirteen Broomfield Spellbinders and one recent trainee gathered at Brunner Farmhouse for our regular monthly meeting. **Sheila Brush** opened the meeting with the question, “How many homes have you lived in and which one was your favorite?” Answers ranged from just a few to too many to count, and most chose their present home as their favorite. Sheila then asked a few members who had shared Halloween stories to comment on that experience. **Linda Ross** reported that the four-person team at Silvercrest was well-received; they have invited us back. **John Kolber**, who was the solo storyteller at the BCAH Halloween event, gave a detailed account of the difficulties he encountered. He eventually gathered a small audience and shared a story, but says he will not again tell at such an event. **Cathy Lichty** said Halloween telling at Sunrise went very well even though **Jim Mariner** was unable to be there. More details about each of these sessions appeared in our November newsletter. We are still waiting on a response about telling opportunities at Meadow School, but the following opportunities were announced:

- o “Holly Jolly Holidays” at Anthem Ranch from 1-3pm on December 6.
- o **Kay Landers** asked for tellers at BCAH at 3pm and 5pm on December 14

Kay also reminded us that 2026 is the USA’s 250th birthday and Colorado’s 150th. There will be a series of lectures celebrating these events throughout the year. Most will be at The Depot. **Sandy Hopper** shared “The Halloween Witches” from *Magical Tales from Many Lands* by Margaret Mayo. After a break for snacks provided by **Denny Thompson** and **Karen Green**, Denny shared “Why Leopard has Spots”—a story by Rudyard Kipling—and distributed flyers for “Old Time Radio Dramas,” which would be presented by Advent Radio Players on November 23rd. **Wynn Montgomery** closed the meeting with a brief session called “Putting Your ARMS Around Stories to Make Them Your Own”.



NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 (12:45-3:00 PM)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Bring a batch (18-24) of your favorite holiday cookies and a story to share.

Please bring your own beverage! Some hot tea will be available.

Plan to take different cookies home.



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STORYTELLER in the SPOTLIGHT: LINDA ROSS

This is the fourth in a series that will focus on a member of Broomfield Spellbinders each month. These articles “continue” a series that started years ago and has been on hiatus for a good while. We offer it as proof that all storytellers have their own (and usually interesting) stories. This month, meet **Linda Ross**, a 10-year veteran of Spellbinders.

Linda is no stranger to storytelling. She came to Broomfield Spellbinders after several years with JeffCo Storytellers and also recently joined Boulder Valley Spellbinders. After retiring from a career in various aspects of Human Resources, often involving addressing audiences, a friend suggested she look into storytelling. The fit was a no-brainer. This year, she has been co-telling in 4th- and 5th-grade classes with Jim Mariner at Nativity Faith and Reason.

Taking on the persona of characters in her stories with animation, facial expressions, and the occasional prop, Linda excels at painting pictures in the minds of her young audience. She also finds ways to include her audience by making her stories as interactive as possible. Her favorite story is *Why Some Trees Have No Leaves* because it possesses a moral that serves to invite a short post-story discussion.



Linda has expressed her joy in classical music over the years by playing string bass in a regional symphony and singing in operas, oratorios, and musical theatre. She is also a writer and has published her first book, **An Imperfect Woman**, which debuted in July 2024. A second book of short stories is in progress. Both are works of historical fiction in which women are the featured characters. Complementing her interest in strong women, Linda also participates in a Legendary Ladies group (<https://www.legendaryladies.org>) where members take on the personas of ladies of Western historical significance, developing and performing monologues. Currently, her characters are Mabel Dodge Luhan (aka, Lujan) and Nellie Cashman. The group’s goal is to educate as well as entertain its audience in small-group performances. She also serves as the Emcee.

Linda currently lives in Arvada with her partner, Jim. She has one daughter and two granddaughters.

[Thanks to **Jim Mariner** for this article!]



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