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**Broomfield, Colorado**  
**News for MAY, 2025**

**APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

On snowy April 18, seventeen Broomfield Spellbinders gathered at Brunner Farm House for the monthly membership meeting. **Tiffany Painter** opened the meeting with the question “What is your favorite holiday based on treats?” There was a tie of six votes each for Easter and Christmas. There were also votes for 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Passover. Tiffany then reminded us of the current Leadership roles to support **Sheila Brush**, who will be the contact person for BCAH. **Wynn Montgomery** will be in charge of Communications and will continue to prepare the newsletter with support from **Jim Mariner**. **Karen Green** will continue to prepare meeting minutes, and **Janis Lievens** will be the contact person with Spellbinders, will take notes at Steering Committee meetings, and will coordinate Special Events. **Vicki Tiedeman** will continue to coordinate data collection, and **Kathy Daniels** will continue as Librarian. **Cathy Lichty, Donna Leard**, and Wynn will be our Training Team. We need members to join **Jan Osburn** on a Program Committee. We also need an Assistant Librarian and a School Liaison. **Janis Lievens** gave an update on telling for the Respite Night at Discovery Church. We received a donation of \$150, but it was a challenging experience. **Janis** also discussed other telling opportunities—Sunrise Senior Center with **Jim Mariner**, First Art Academy Day Camp in Brighton, and Metzger farm—and reported that our members have donated enough books for 2-3 baskets in the Live Auction, which is part of the BCAH Gala. [NOTE: This event was later cancelled.] **Karen Green** passed around sign-up sheets for storytellers and snack providers for meetings during the next school year, and **Sheila Brush** gave a report about Denver Spellbinders where **Jan Osburn** gave a presentation in exchange for Kathy Babb’s February presentation here (see page 2 for details). **Wynn** presented a name tag to new teller **Marylou Dobbins** and announced that **Jane Askham** has also joined our ranks. **Denny Thompson** was “voluntold” that he will be the entertainment for our May meeting. **Sandy Hopper** (in photo) then offered a first-person account of Kate Carpenter of Greenbriar, Virginia, where Sandy grew up.

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Friday, May 16 at Brunner Farm House (12:45-3:00 PM)**  
**ANNUAL END-of-SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION**  
**FOOD...FUN...FELLOWSHIP!!!**

## APRIL MEETING [continued]

Following yummy snacks provided by **Sandy Hopper** and **Kari Reiquam**, we got to hear three very different versions of "Little Red Riding Hood." Pictured below (L-R): **Carla Randall** offered "Boulder Red and the Coyote." **Sherry Potter** delivered "Little Red Reading Hood." After a story about a "hare-raising experience", **Denny Thompson** told the classic story from the woodsman's point of view. **Kathy Daniels** was scheduled to be the fourth teller, but was unable to attend because of the weather. **Wynn** summarized a story ("The Werewolf" by Amy Carter) in which the grandmother is the werewolf, and **Ed Winograd** recited a portion of "Ladle Rad Rotten Hud" by Howard Chase. **Tiffany** adjourned the meeting after asking everyone to help with clean-up.



## LOCAL SPELLBINDER PROGRAM EXCHANGE

**Jan Osburn's** "Bringing Music into Your Storytelling" was well received by the Denver Spellbinders. She demonstrated how to add a song to a well-known story, use a song (ballad) as a story, add musical accompaniment, create a sound carpet, and write a meaningful theme tune. Her workshop was a little different than the one she did for Broomfield Spellbinders, as she added a song/rap about Earth Day based on the story "The Wizard of Wartville". Many thanks to **Sheila Bush** who accompanied her on this journey and took the photo at the right.



## SPELLBINDERS ANNUAL MEETING



On Saturday, April 26, storytellers from all over Colorado (and beyond) gathered in Louisville for a day of stories and more co-hosted by Rocky Mountain Storytelling and Spellbinders National. The featured speaker was legendary storyteller/author Margaret Read MacDonald. At least 13 BSB members were there. A dozen posed for the group photo at the left. They are (L-R) **Karen, Sherry, Wynn, Janis, Carla, Diana, Denny, Sheila, Julie, Cathy, Kay, and Jan.**

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