

# Newsletter



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## Julie’s Opening Salvo

Since it is February, I’m thinking about LOVE and its many aspects as it relates to storytelling...

Love Impels us to foster and include many cultures in our stories that we share.

Love impels us to treasure and reverence all life that exists on our Earth in the stories that we share.

Love impels us to assist others in their thought processes when they consider the stories we share.

Love impels to use our stories to help shape the future society that is desired for all peoples.

Love impels us to use our shared stories to illuminate the many facets of our shared humanity.

*Adapted from the Dominican Sisters of Peace*



Friends,

An FYI for February 11.

The Feb 11, 9:30 am SOCO monthly meeting will be held online on zoom or by phone only. We will not be meeting at St Matthias in February.

Please see the Zoom info for SOCO Feb 11 meeting in the message for ONLINE or by PHONE.

SOCO members please watch for Joan's message to our members so you'll have the link for our February meeting. We all need to stay in touch!

This message is from both Joan and Julie ☺

Hello everyone, and Happy February 1, 2023! It's a brand new month, and time for some brand new content from Story Crossroads! This month's article is from Cassie Ashton on "Demystifying the Damsel". Login information is below, and as always this is a benefit for PAID SOCO members. Please/kindly do not share this information. If people would like to receive this information, they can join us at <https://www.socotales.org>

This month's Story Crossroads workshop is "What's a Memory? Storytelling for Older Adults" taught by Kathleen Santopietro.

For a list of upcoming Story Crossroads workshops please follow Judy's message- (*Workshops are on a sliding scale...you can attend for as little as \$5. If you want all of the class notes, handouts, and the recording, you can purchase that for \$25.*)

Hope to see you all on February 11th, 2023 for our next SOCO meeting! Rebecca has asked me to talk about Storytelling Coaching---the topic (no actual coaching during this talk). It's a BIG subject, and lots of opportunities to obtain coaching, so hope you'll join in and bring a story to share!

As always, if you need any assistance with the login information, or just want to say hello, please feel free to hit that reply button!

Have a great day - enjoy the sunshine...we are moving closer to Spring! :)

Kindly, Judy

*Editor's Note – SOCO Members you received the log-in information please use it...we paid for it, it's a great deal!*

## World Storytelling Cafe

Folks, if you are free on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. ET then here is an opportunity to listen to stories online. After being a listener once, I was also invited to be a storyteller. They advertise them as children's stories, but many of the viewers are adults. Just make sure your stories are kid friendly.

You'll see some of the audience, others are on livestream. The audience members are from all over the world!

The program originates in The United Kingdom at 6:00 p.m. their time, 1:00 p.m. Ohio time. John Row is usually the host, but Baba C fills in from time to time. They have a fabulous festival coming up in Morocco.

Follow this link to find out more about them. It is also how you can join the stories on a Friday afternoon. Go to <http://www.worldstorytellingcafe.com>

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Here is an exciting story telling event - online.

A perfect event for Black History Month.

And it's free

Joan VanBecelaere

Description:

Finding North brings to life the powerful stories of the strivings, sacrifices and dreams of John P. Parker, a former enslaved man who helped fugitive enslaved people escape through the Underground Railroad in southern Ohio.

### **CAPA presents RainArt's production of FINDING NORTH**

Originally commissioned by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, and drawn from historical research, Parker's tale is woven together with verbatim interviews and oral histories from contemporary community members who tell their stories of searching for haven in modern-day America. A timely and provocative contribution to the national conversation about prejudice, privilege, and human rights, the play is both an exploration and celebration of the continuing quest for justice and freedom in America.

**Family-friendly for ages 12 and up!**

Link: <https://www.capa.com/education/community-outreach/finding-north-community-virtual-arts-engagement-program/>

On Fruary 16, 2023 SOCO members will be helping a community event at Davis Middle School in Dublin from 6-7 p.m.

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**A Friend is what the Heart needs ALL the time!**

# OSU STUDENT STORY SLAM

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MARCH 31  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**JACOB'S PORCH  
45 E 13TH AVE  
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