

## Archive Timeline of Tellers of Tales Tellers of Tale

*(TOT) was formed in 1979 by Sheila Cundy Pattison, Bernice Steinhauser, LaVonne Baker, Mary Wilson and Mary Ruth Shropshire for the preservation and dissemination of stories.*

*From its inception the organization has been active in telling stories at various venues to a variety of audiences. It has helped people become better tellers through workshops and mentoring. It has provided the impetus for formation of other storytelling groups throughout Arizona. Above all TOT has provided many opportunities for entertainment through the ancient art of storytelling through its many activities. In addition to monthly meetings held September through June continuously since 1979, TOT has been active in many other activities.*

*The timeline below lists some of them. The archive papers from before 1984 are missing. This is a reconstruction of activities and events from 1983 to the present, November 2019.*

1983 April The 1st annual Festival of Stories was held at the Wilmot Library in Tucson.

1984 April The 2nd annual Festival of Stories was held at the Wilmot Library in Tucson.

1984 TOT had 65 members.

1985 Feb. 12 "Ye Olde Storytelling Conference" was held at the Gaslight Theater in Tucson. There were workshops on using puppets and using storytelling in the learning process.

1985 TOT had 150 members.

1985 Spring In Phoenix - the Valley Tellers was formed under the umbrella of TOT. That organization evolved into the East Valley Tellers which is now distinct from TOT.

1985 April 14 The 3rd annual Festival of Stories was held at the Wilmot Library in Tucson.

1985 May 4 Joe Hayes presented a storytelling concert in Tucson.

1986 Jan 17 TOT sponsored a storytelling festival featuring Joe Hayes.

1986 Feb 16 4th annual Festival of Stories at the Wilmot Library.

1986 April 4 & 5 TOT sponsored a workshop at the Gaslight Theater which included a session on religious storytelling.

1986 Arizona Storytellers Association was founded by Dennis Freeman. It was inspired by TOT and received logistical support for its activities and conferences from TOT.

1986 TOT participated in the Arizona Conference of Storytelling and Folklore held at the Arizona Church Camp Conference Center in Prescott and the Sharlott Hall Museum. It Featured Dennis Freeman.

1987 Jan 17 A storytelling festival was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Tucson. It featured Joe Hayes.

1987 May 3 The 1st annual Family Storytelling Festival was held at the Arizona Historical Society (now known as the Arizona History Museum) in Tucson.

1988 May 15 The 2nd annual Family Storytelling Festival was held at the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson.

1988 Oct 28-30 The Arizona Storyteller Conference was held at Mingus Mountain. It featured Opalanga Pugh, Michale Gabriel, Dolan Ellis and Gloria Myers.

1989 Jan 5 The 5th Winter Storytelling Workshop was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Tucson featuring Laura Simms.

1989 May 21 The 7th Annual Family Story Festival was held at the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson.

1989 June With the support of TOT the Flagstaff chapter held its first storytelling concert featuring Russell Mann, Lynn Bevill, Tony Norris and Annadel Paxton.

1989 Oct 13-15 The 4th annual Arizona Storytellers Conference was held at the Triangle Y Camp in Oracle, AZ. It featured Doc McConnell, Dennis Freeman, Cat Burdulis and Judy Hostetler.

1990 Oct 19-21 The 5th annual Arizona Storytellers Conference was held at Mingus Mountain. It featured Michael Cotter, Finley Stewart and Native American teller, Geri Keams.

1991 Sept 20-22 The storytelling conference Family Tree: Stories 'n' Songs from Our Roots and Branches was held at Camp Shadow Pines near Heber, AZ. It featured Tony Norris, Annadel Paxton, Russell Mann, Norma Liva and Kay Negash.

1991 Oct 19-20 The 5th annual Storytelling Conference was held at Mingus Mountain.

1991 The West Valley Tellers, one offshoot of TOT had 130 members.

1992 Jan 31 TOT hosted a concert and workshop featuring Finley Stewart at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Tucson.

1992 Feb 8 TOT sponsored a storytelling concert by Joe Hayes at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Tucson. There were 400 people in the audience.

1993 Feb TOT hosted a workshop and concert with nationally know storyteller Jackie Torrence.

1993 Sept 11 TOT sponsored a storytelling workshop and concert at Pima Community College featuring Joe Hayes.

1993 TOT members Cybil Collins, Sharon Creedon, Dinghy Sharp and Jean Wadkins started, not a branch, but a "twig" offshoot of TOT to do stories at the Joyner library in Green Valley.

1994 Sept 30-Oct 1 TOT organized and hosted the first Tales of Arizona... Then and Now with funding from the Marshall Foundation. The event was held on the U of A mall and the Arizona Historical society. The event featured many breakout story sessions, workshops and a concert of stories children had created with help from various storytellers in residence. There was also a storytelling concert in the CESL auditoriums featuring Dorothy Daniels Anderson, Joe Hayes, Remi Ogunbile, Phil Pasena, Elva SmithWhite and Mini Valenzuela.

1995 Sept 29-30 The 2nd Tales of Arizona...Then and Now festival and workshops were held on the U of A campus and at the Arizona Historical Society. The concert featuring among others, Martin Juan Rivera Sr. and Michael Lacapa was held in Centennial Hall as demand for tickets was too great to continue in the CESL auditoriums.

1996 Sept 27-28 The 3rd annual Tales of Arizona...Then and Now was held on the U of A campus. The festival included a concert by children of their original stories and a workshop by Don Doyle entitled Telling From Inside the Story...Being in the Moment. An evening concert was held in both CESL auditoriums. Tellers included Toree'nee Keiser, Anne Lee, Judi Moreillon, Sybil Needham, Nits Norman, Martin Juan Rivers, Sr, Gerard Tsonakwa and Barbea M. Williams.

1997 There was a Tales of Arizona...Then and Now held in the fall, but documentation has been lost.

1998 Nov 13 A Tales of Arizona...Then and Now festival was held with a concert at the CESL auditorium as well as a student showcase at the Arizona Historical Society on Nov 14.

1999 Nov 20 TOT hosted a Tellabration concert at St Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church.

1999 April 15 TOT had a progressive storytelling dinner at various members houses with stories at each stop.

2000 Nov 18 A Tellabration concert was held at CESL. TOT also sponsored scholarships for Gale, Marshall and Robison Elementary Schools as well as Mansfeld Jr. High to have an artist in residence to help students learn to create and craft stories. A concert was held for them to tell their stories.

2000 May 19-21 TOT did a campfire storytelling concert at Twin Lakes RV Ranch in St David AZ.

2001 TOT members organized storytelling events for the public at Sabino Canyon and Colossal Cave Mountain Park.

2003 TOT members enjoyed another progressive dinner, enjoying stories with each course.

2004 TOT members performed a storytelling concert in Bisbee, AZ. All stories were themed on the old west.

2004 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at St Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church.

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2006 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at Tucson Association of Realtors.

2007 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at Oro Valley Library.

2008 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at Western National Parks Headquarters in Oro Valley

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2010 March TOT presented stories at the 2nd Tucson Festival of Books.

2010 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at Western National Parks Headquarters in Oro Valley.

2011 March TOT presented stories at the 3rd Tucson Festival of Books.

2011 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at Oro Valley Library.

2012 March TOT presented stories at the 4th Tucson Festival of Books.

2012 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at The Forum retirement home.

2013 March TOT presented stories at the 5th Tucson Festival of Books. 2013 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at the Community Performance and Arts Center in Green Valley.

2014 March TOT presented stories at the 6th Tucson Festival of Books.

2014 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at the Community Performance and Arts Center in Green Valley.

2015 March TOT presented stories at the 7th Tucson Festival of Books.

2015 Nov 20 TOT tellers were featured at the first Yuma Storytelling Festival held at the Quartermaster Depot Park.

2015 Nov 21 TOT presented stories at the Fountains retirement home.

2016 March TOT presented stories at the 8th Tucson Festival of Books.

2016 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at the Valley of the Moon in Tucson, AZ.

2017 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at the Mountain View Retirement Center.

2018 Nov A Tellabration concert was held at the Mountain View Retirement Center.

2019 Nov 24 A Tellabration concert was held at the Unscrewed Theater.

2020-2021 Covid interrupted in-person meetings and storytelling events. TOT met via Zoom during this time.

2022 Sept 10 anticipated first live gathering at Unscrewed Theater since the start of the pandemic.