MFS members include...

- Storytellers and jokesters
- Musicians and singers
- Artists and crafters
- Scholars and amateurs
- and just plain folks!

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Performers of Traditional Songs and Tunes

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What We Do

Our society encourages the study, collection, preservation, and enjoyment of folklore in the widest sense—customs, beliefs, legends, tales, dialects, music, dance, arts and crafts, oral history, and other activities and materials that form the cultural legacy of local, regional, and ethnic groups in the state.

Our Annual Meeting

The annual meetings, generally held in early November or late October, usually include:

- **Performances** of traditional music and other special events in keeping with the purpose of the Society
- **Presentations** about Missouri folklore, music, tales, crafts, oral history, and other related topics
- **Displays** of publications, recordings, arts and crafts, and other material culture items

Everyone interested in Missouri’s cultural life, history, and heritage is invited to join MFS and to attend the annual meetings, which have been held in these Missouri cities, among others:

- Columbia
- Hannibal
- Jefferson City
- Kirksville
- Boonville
- Independence
- Flat River
- Springfield
- St. Joseph
- Stockton
- Kansas City
- Sikeston
- Potosi
- Neosho
- St. Louis
- Fulton

Mostly, we have fun — come and see us!

Our History

The Missouri Folk-Lore Society (MFS) was founded in 1906 by Dr. Henry M. Belden of the University of Missouri. It became inactive after its 1920 meeting, but both Belden and Mary Alicia Owen, its longtime president, continued their research on folk songs, tales, and customs from across the state. Belden published Ballads and Songs Collected by the Missouri Folk-Lore Society in 1940. The Society was reactivated in Columbia in 1977 by Dr. Adolf E. Schroeder, also a professor at MU, and his wife, librarian Rebecca B. Schroeder.

Our Website

Visit us at: MissouriFolkloreSociety.truman.edu

Our Publications

The Missouri Folklore Society’s newsletter is produced twice a year and the Missouri Folklore Society Journal is published annually. Members of the society receive both of these publications as one of their membership benefits.

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