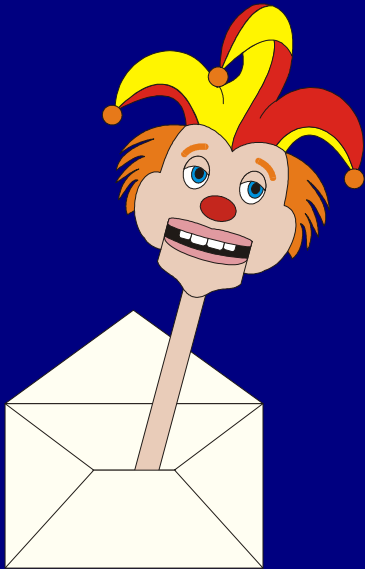


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THE PUPPET-GRAM

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MARCH 2003



Formerly known as The Puppet Guild of Greater Miami, The Puppet Guild of South Florida was chartered by the Puppeteers of America in 1965 for the purpose of promoting the various aspects of puppetry. Membership is open to anyone interested in puppetry arts.

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..... Marlon Migala

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Annual dues are only \$10 for an individual membership, \$15 for a family membership, and \$25 for an organization membership. Privileges extended toward members include opportunities to attend special workshops in all aspects of puppetry, as well as notification of performances by talented local and national puppeteers. Join today and start networking with experts in various aspects of puppetry eager to share their experience

A Message From Our (Self Proclaimed Grumpy) President

I'm a part-time puppeteer. Most weeks find me 55+ hours on the job (I've got a long commute which I include as work time). I've been struggling with mounting some very small shows for months now, and I'm not very close to performance (and one of them has been promised for March!). I'm just saying that I know how much extra effort it is to do something for/toward a guild meeting.

One of my goals is to have a meeting with some kind of performance. Now, I know that there are some people who have whole shows which are used commercially. I'd like to see something different. If you do hand puppets, I'd like to see a work in progress using marionettes. If you are a vent, switch to shadow. If you don't have a show, pick some form of puppetry that you are interested in and prepare that. I know that we all live far apart, but maybe 2 people (or more) can get

together and work on a single piece. — Not for a living, just for art! If you want feedback, we'll provide it. If you just want to astound and amuse, that's fine too.

"WHY?" you ask? Because I'd like to see people use the resources of the guild to grow a little. If you can't be silly here in front of your peers, then where can you do it?

If any of us is brave enough, I'm certain I can find a performance space or room for this kind of day or evening.

If even one of us rises to the occasion, I'll make the night happen.

Are there any brave souls (or groups of souls?)

Sincerely,

Your grumpy president,
Dave

Twins Separated at Birth Reunited At Last!



An interesting series of events (but not interesting enough for it to be printed here) resulted in the reunion of twins Judy Werman and Lolly Popp separated at birth close to 40 years ago. For more information (or to find out the real story) read the paddle puppet workshop article inside.

On Your Mark... Get Set... Let the Workshops Begin!

The Guild held its first workshop of the year on Saturday January 18, 2003 in the home of Nancy and Bob McLane. The workshop was about building a Foam Paddle Lollipop Puppet. The participants were; Judy and Marty Werman, Elise Handleman and Bob Nathanson, Samantha Pink, Betty Smith, Wayne Hampton (who took photos) and Dave Goboff. We were all able to follow Nancy's directions and complete (or mostly complete) our puppets. They were, as advertised, easy and fun to make. Then the McLane's provided lots and lots of good food. Everybody who attended had a fine time. The notes from the workshop are available as a download in a PDF file from our Yahoo group website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PGSF/files/Workshop%20Notes/LollipopPaddlePuppetInstructions.pdf>

If you want a copy but cannot get to the site, drop me a note or give me a call and I'll mail you a copy –
Dave Goboff – 954-385-9414 or
dgoboff@yahoo.com.



Wayne "Jimmy Olson" Hampton was on hand to document the workshop. BOTTOM (left to right): Puppeteers Judy Werman, Nancy McLane, Betty Smith, Samantha Pink, Elise Handelman, and Dave Goboff bring life to foam paddles and tablecloths. TOP: Puppeteers and their creations.

Politicians Conduct Clandestine Meeting

Our second Board meeting was held on January 30 at Marlon Migala's house. One of the items discussed is future workshops. Karen Whiting has re-scheduled her workshop for May 17th. Dave Goboff will have a workshop on how to create a small shadow puppet stage in September. Nancy McLane will do a workshop in November for puppets built around a spray bottle. There will be a pot luck dinner meeting in October, when we will hold our annual elections. Although we haven't had our first video night yet, the board decided that it would be good community relations to schedule more such nights. Please send your recommendations for videos.

The complete minutes are posted at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PGSF/files/Minutes%20of%20Guild%20Meetings/2003-01%20Guild%20Minutes.pdf>

Special thanks to: **Dave Goboff**, who contributed a heck of a lot of the news you are reading here, **Bob Nathanson**, who took the time to tell us what is up in his world, and **anyone else** who will in the future send some news for the newsletter. Email it to guildnews@puppetlove.com (or call Rick at 954-917-5452).

The Adventures of Bob and Elise

Bob & Elise recently visited the west coast of Florida and had a nice 3-day stay with Jean Hasselschwert, the President of the P of A (and no, they didn't stay in the Lincoln bedroom). While in the Tampa area, they also visited with the Latshaws (George & Pat) who are the former esteemed editors of the Puppetry Journal, and two nicer people cannot be found anywhere on the planet.

Between February 10 and the 17th, Bob had shows in Key Largo and Key West, so Bob & Elise had a paid vacation in Key West (it's a dirty job but someone's got to do it) As February 14th was their 25th anniversary, spending time in Key West was fantastic. If any of you have never been to Key West, Bob would highly recommend it! Puppeteer/School Librarian Phyllis Pope and her architect husband Tom put them up in Key West and a fun time was had by all. Bob wants it noted that the shows he did in Key West were the southern-most puppet shows performed in the continental United States on those particular days. How about that!!!

Coming Soon (VERY Soon)

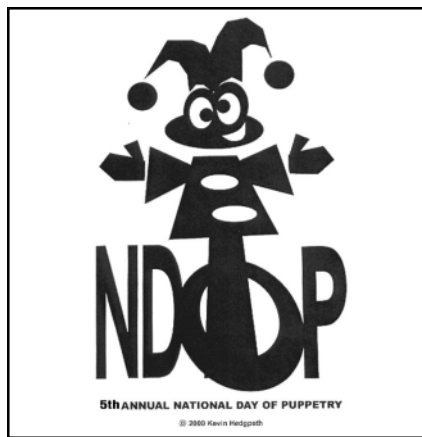
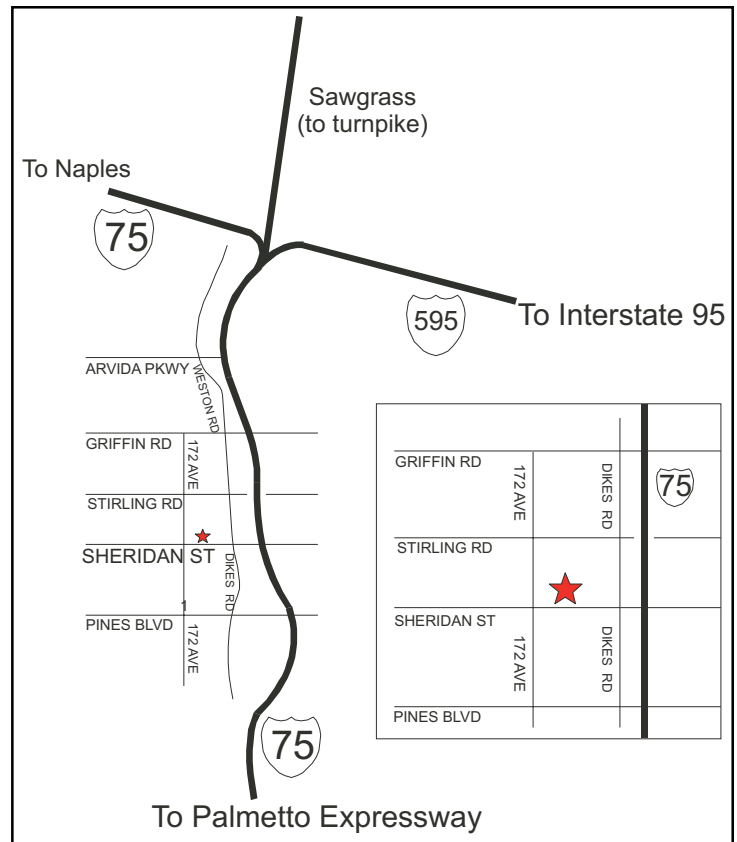
Our next guild event will be a video night on Thursday, March 13th from 7:00-9:00. Due to a ~~lack of a place to meet~~ sincere desire to reach out to the public, we will be holding this one at the Southwest Regional Library in Pembroke Pines.

The featured video will be *Artist and Innovator*, a video by Paul Eide & Gary Busk. It is an interview with Joe Magon, one of the founders of our guild. The library is easy to reach.

From I-75, take the Sheridan exit WEST. The library is on the right (big new building). If you run into SR 27 you've gone too far.

Southwest Regional Library
16835 Sheridan Street
Pembroke Pines, FL 33331
954-538-9996

After the video, we'll be ~~trashing the library~~ discussing any items of upcoming interest to the guild.



Coming Soon (Just REGULAR Soon)

To honor the National Day of Puppetry, we will be holding performances and workshops at the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale. It all takes place on April 5th, 2003. That is actually 3 full weeks before the official NDOP, which only goes to prove that once again, our guild is miles ahead of the others!

Featured performers are Bob Nathanson, Karen Whiting, Marlon Migala and the team of David and Lauren Goboff. Look for a workshop on finger puppets and maybe another. If anyone has cardboard boxes that could be donated for puppet stages or if you want to help in any other way, call to let fearless leader Dave Goboff know.

Coming Soon (Not Really That Soon, Though)

Remember that light up puppet prop workshop we mentioned in the last newsletter? It got postponed when Karen Whiting got unexpectedly abducted by aliens (in other words, I can't remember why). Well, it has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2003. Now you can learn in 4 hours from 4:00pm to 8:00pm all the tricks that took Karen 62 years to master. There is a limit to how many people can attend, though, so make sure you call in to reserve your spot as one of the lucky 15.

Call Karen Whiting
10936 SW 156th Pl.
Miami / FL/ 33196
305-388-8656

And do not forget the 2003 National Puppetry Festival in Tahlequah. Hey, did you know that Tahlequah is the Native American word for "get your butt to Oklahoma for this festival?"



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Hey, Got Kids?

Hi, all,

I am creating a list of the puppet courses, classes, workshops, clubs, internships, etc. that are available for kids across this wonderful country of ours. The results will be gathered and made available either in booklet form and/or in a future P of A directory and/or "online" on a new children's area of the P of A website—as well as maintained as a resource for any who inquire. Please do some investigating in your city/area/region (whatever area your Guild serves) and let me know what sorts of youth puppetry services/programs are offered—as much info about it/them as possible. We'll define "youth" as pre-college aged folk for this project, but go ahead and note a college program in your area with puppet possibilities if you'd like—I'll make use of that info, too!

Also let me know how many youth members your Guild has, please, and what GREAT things you do to get them and keep them!

I'd like to have this info assembled by the national festival in Tahlequah this summer, so please gather the info and reply to me by May 1st. **That should give ya'll time to talk about it at meetings, put it in your newsletters, etc. in the next 3 months, and me time to put my thoughts together before July.**

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO DO THIS. If you know you don't have the time, that's fine: but then PLEASE pass it along to someone who does! Heck, go ahead and assign a Youth Services Coordinator in/for your Guild. Don't let this "die." Our youth are the future of puppetry—we owe it to them to take some time to make P of A a kid-friendly place to be!

MANY MANY THANKS.

Aretta Baumgartner
P of A Youth Services
hensonfan@fuse.net

Attention Birthday Party Puppeteers

I'm Pat Lay Wilson, the P of A consultant for birthday parties. I'm getting more and more requests for puppeteers to do birthday parties all around the US. If you're interested, e-mail me your name, city, phone and e-mail address. Also what big cities you're near. I don't need prices or show descriptions or brochures or anything like that. I'll let you know if anybody in your area is looking for a BP performer.

TNX, Pat W.
patlaywils@aol.com.

Speaking of Birthdays...

Happy belated, current and future birthdays to:

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| 1/04 | Nancy McLane | 3/07 | Sandi Settle |
| 1/28 | Ronni Gerstel | 3/26 | Elise Handleman |
| 2/15 | Marty Werman | 4/30 | Bob McLane |

The World on a String: Puppets as Art

Dave Goboff received this invitation to participate in an exhibition about puppetry:

Dear Sir:

The Cornell Museum of Art and History is currently planning a puppet exhibit this November thru January. We are interested in the history, art and local involvement in this wonderful world.

If any of your group would be interested in participating in some way, or loaning items for the exhibit please contact me at:

Museum@oldschool.org
Gloria Rejune Adams,
Cornell Museum
Director, Old School Square, Inc. 51 N. Swinton Avenue
Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dave has been following up, and he says that it sounds very interesting. He has been invited to see the museum and talk about how the Guild can participate. Please contact Dave and let him know what you would like to do to be involved. Let him know what puppets you own which may be exhibited. The museum is also interested in having members do performance or workshops for the public. Dave will keep us updated as more information becomes available.