

Garden State Puppetry Guild

February 2011

Newsletter

Issue 2

Dear Fellow Puppeteers,

Take a look at this picture. Recognize anyone? This is our puppet guild in action. Perhaps the empty chair belongs to you? Perhaps you don't recognize anyone because it has been years since you came to a meeting. This January meeting, held on the 30th, was very productive. We discussed how we, as a guild, will be participating in National Day of Puppetry in April. Won't you join us at our next meeting on February 27th, as we prepare?



National Day of Puppetry

April 16th

Preliminary Plans

- Location: Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
9 am – 3 pm
- Activities: Workshops and Performances
- Ages: 7-13
- Theme: Celebrating Mother Earth

Request from Betty Sommerville For National Day of Puppetry

For the 4th year running, Somerset County 4-H has allowed us to hold our annual National Day of Puppetry's all-day event in their large 4-H Center in Bridgewater. As a great way of thanking them by supporting their volunteer-based organization's fundraiser, Betty Sommerville, leader of the Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club, is asking again for puppets & puppet-related items for a basket auction to be held there on March 6, 1-4pm. Items can be puppetry books, merchandise and/or gently-used or homemade puppets for the basket in which she will also include information about our guild & PoA and a "golden ticket" (worth \$15) to our upcoming NDOP's morning workshops. Please bring your donated items to our next GSPG meeting on Feb. 27 or mail them directly to Betty's home at 3107 Cromwell Court, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. If you do wish to attend, tickets are just \$20, so let Betty know via email your intention, so she can reserve them for you. Thanks for having an attitude of gratitude and being a part of the process of promoting puppetry and our guild!

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Meeting of 1/30/2011

The Jan. 30, 2011 meeting was held in the Chatham Public Library, Chatham, NJ. Lois gave the treasurer's report as Steve Hollow could not come to the meeting. Basically the treasury is the same as last meeting but our bank account has been moved to Wells Fargo (aka Wachovia) Bank due to no monthly charge for check writing.

The Guild was informed that Willie has put us on Facebook after hours of hard work.

February 21 is the date the Intrepid turns into a showboat. Penny will again be performing along with Imaginocean, films, demos and other shows. There will unfortunately be no discount tickets.

Feb. 22 Basil Twist will perform the "Addams Family" on Broadway Day in NYC. The best way to get tickets for this show is to get rush tickets at 10AM on the day of the show.

Steve is working on a Webisode called, "Star Wars, Tremors of the Force" and "Hates Haunted Slay Ride." Feb. 19 there will be a screening.

Discussion of the theme for NDOP on April 16 was productive. We all agreed that it would be nice to have a theme based on Earth Day values and that recycling was one of the primary concerns we could feature. For our next meeting we will bring recycling materials, anything from trash to recycling will be made into a puppet and those puppets will be featured in the showcase that Betty sets up about a month before NDOP in the 4-H Bldg. Members are also encouraged to bring some puppets that they no longer need to the February meeting to put in the puppet basket for the auction conducted by 4-H.

Violet was interested in making a large cigarette to highlight the effects of second hand smoke. We will also need members to bring glue guns, sticks, scissors, newspaper, extension cords, staplers and tape to complete the "Recycled Puppet" project.

San D showed us her wonderful puppets made from the Puppet Kitchen workshop she took. She also directed us to Puppet Project.com for puppet patterns.

Joyce announced that Feb. 10 there will be a workshop with her friend and mentor from Juniper Tree in her home and then on Feb. 12 in Spring Valley, NY.

It was an enthusiastic bunch and a very uplifting meeting.

Thanks everyone, Lois

Puppeteers Helping Puppeteers



On February 13, two guild members, San D Hasselman and Robert Culek, worked together to create a prototype of a puppet that Robert had designed. At January's guild meeting, Bob asked San D to show him how to take a drawing and create a pattern to make a puppet. At the last meeting, San D had brought puppets to show the members, and Bob realized she had the skills he was looking to learn about. When San D arrived at his home on Sunday, they set about to work cooperatively to make the prototype. Bob has a puppet show designed that requires a rat puppet and had tried to craft a sample puppet. When San D showed him how to take his drawings and translate them into a pattern, he was able to be guided through the steps of puppet construction. Bob became reacquainted with his Kenmore sewing machine as well as basic sewing techniques. After three hours San D left Bob to finish the body of his puppet, and then evaluate the prototype for size, specific shape, and show requirements. He is then able to take his paper patterns and make any adjustments prior to constructing the final puppet.



Workshops

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Recycled Workshop

Our February 27th meeting will be a workshop format. We will be making puppets using “recycled materials” exclusively. Our intention is to brainstorm and create a puppet show using recycled materials to demonstrate and use at the National Day of Puppetry. Some of us have large puppets already, and we plan to add our newly made puppets into the mix and create a show that celebrates Mother Nature. As April 22nd is Earth Day we would like to extend that recognition to our performance.

List of things to bring:

Newspapers

Plastic

Cans

Bottles

Boxes

Cardboard

Hot glue guns

Scissors and box cutters



Trash Heap

Fraggle Rock

Upcoming Events



When: February 19-27, 2011

Come in from the cold and get in on some unforgettable, educational family fun! Dynamic, interactive exhibits in our Exploreum Hall and a host of fun-filled, hands-on activities from our partners offer something for every member of your family - every day of the week - inside Intrepid during Kids Week 2011. From special guests and activities galore to our spectacular flight simulators and multimedia technology, Kids Week is action packed and filled with excitement. Each day features entertaining activities from local organizations and venues your kids will love

The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum will be hosting its second Day of Puppetry during "Kids Week" in February.

Puppetry will be featured all day on Monday, February 21, 10:00 AM-5:00pm. **Guild member Penny Rapicano of Fun On A String Puppets & Marionettes will return to the Main Stage with her Variety Marionette show.** Puppeteers will perform, demonstrate, and have puppetry information at tables and booths throughout the museum. There will be special guests, films and a few surprises in store.

The museum is located at 46th Street and the West Side Hwy, New York City.

Helpful Hint:

If you are planning on attending Puppet Day as a visitor you should use New Jersey Transit to get into New York City. You can go to www.njtransit.com and click on deals and discounts. There you will find a coupon for \$5.00 off to the Intrepid's adult admission of \$22.00. Hope to see you

Join, Renew, and Visit

Garden State Puppetry Guild

Meetings in 2011

February 27

March 27

May 22

June 26

Meetings are held 2:00-4:00 at the Library of the Chathams, Main St., Chatham, New Jersey.

Meetings are subject to change.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Individual: \$15.00 yr

Troupe: \$25.00 yr

Junior (18 and under): \$10.00 yr

Send checks to:

Penny Rapicano, Membership Chair

12 Brookview Road

Denville, New Jersey 07834

Guild Website: <http://www.gardenstatepuppetryguild.com/>

Puppeteers of America

<http://www.puppeteers.org/>

[National Puppetry Festival](#)

July 12-17, 2011 Atlanta, GA

More information coming soon!

[National Day of Puppetry](#)

April 23, 2011 (ours is the 16th)

