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COLUMBUS PUPPETRY GUILD May 2006

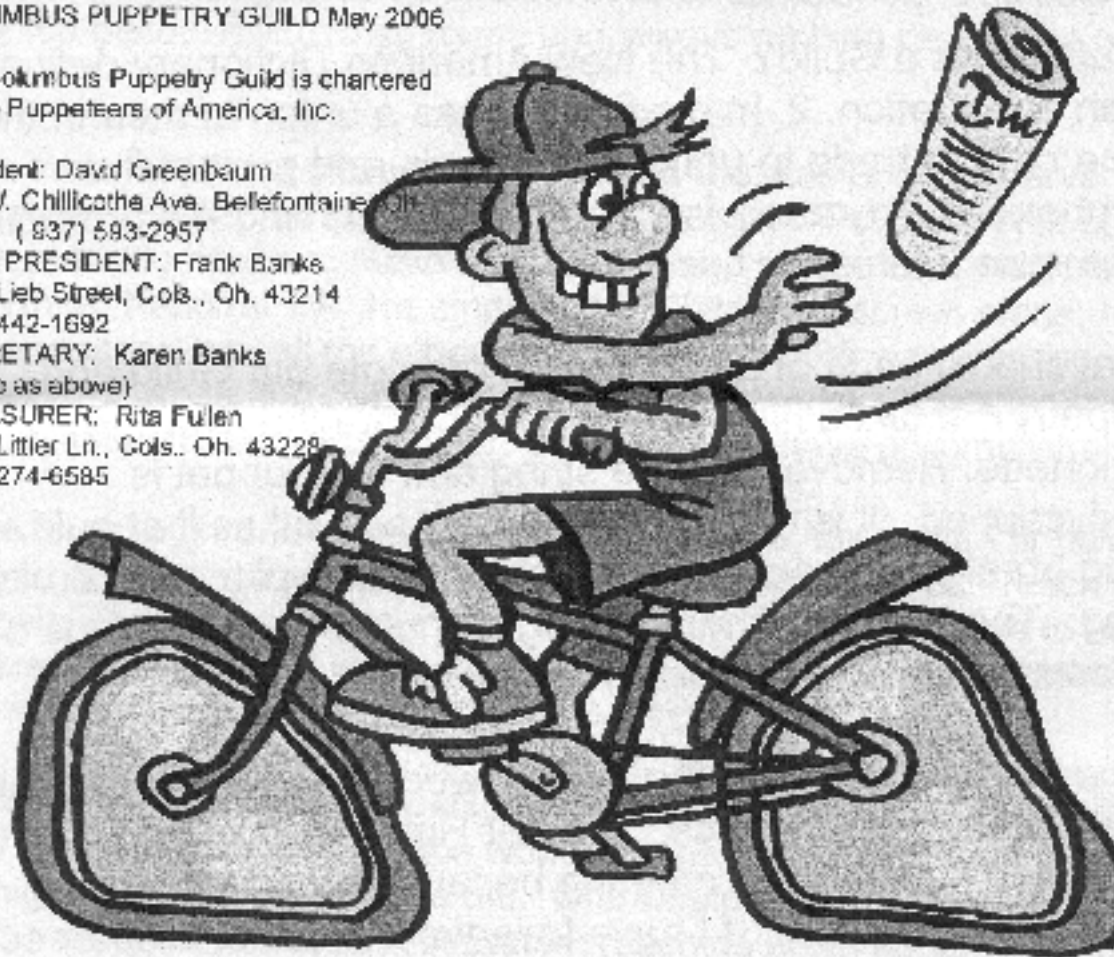
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NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HALL OF
BROOKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2685 East Livingston Ave., Cols., Ohio

DIRECTIONS: TAKE I-70 TO ALUM
CREEK DRIVE EXIT AND THEN TAKE
LIVINGSTON AVE. EAST. TURN RIGHT
ON BROOKWOOD ROAD. AND PARK IN
THE LOT BEHIND (SOUTH OF) THE
CHURCH. THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IS
JUST BELOW THE SANCTUARY.

What Kind Of A Guild Would My Guild Be If Every Member Were Just Like Me?

What then is a Guild? The New American Dictionary defines it 1. as an association. 2. In medieval times a union of men in the same craft or trade to uphold standards and protect the members. 3. Any association for mutual aid and the promotion of a common interest.

What should each of us do then to promote our Guild and puppetry? It takes nine strings to operate the average marionette. Remove any one string and the puppet is handicapped. It is not able to perform as well as it should. If a string breaks it is necessary to some times replace the broken string. This is done either by tying a knot in the old strings or replacing it with a new one. Then all is well again.

Someone has imagined the master wood carver - puppeteer's tools holding a conference. Brother Hammer presided. Several suggested he leave the meeting because he was too noisy. Replied the hammer, "If I have to leave this shop, brother screw must go also. You have to turn him around again and again to get him to accomplish anything."

Brother screw then spoke up. "If you wish, I'll leave too. All his work is on the surface. His efforts have no depth."

To this brother plane responded, "Brother rule will also have to withdraw, for he is always measuring folks as though he were the only one who is right." (Page 1)Continued on pg. 2.

PRESIDENT'S PEN CONTINUED.....

Brother rule then complained against brother sandpaper, "You ought to leave too because you're so rough and always rubbing people the wrong way."

In the midst of all this discussion, in walked the master wood carver - puppeteer. He had arrived to start his day's work. Putting on his apron, He went to the bench to make his puppets and stage, from which to perform on National TV. He employed the hammer, screw, plane, rule, and sandpaper, and all the other tools. After the work was finished, brother saw arose and remarked, "All of us are working together with the Great Master Carver - Puppeteer. Look what we have accomplished!"

I have found over and over, one does not have to have a title or hold an office to build an organization. Each and everyone of us can reach out and help lift the load and carry our own weight. You don't have to be the president or any officer to help build the Guild. Let's not stand aside, but get behind and do our share.

The huge redwood trees in California are considered the largest things on earth and the tallest trees in the world. Some of them are three hundred feet high and over 2,500 years old. One would think that trees so large would have a tremendous root system reaching down hundreds of feet into the earth. The redwoods actually have a very shallow system of roots, but they all intertwine. They are locked to each other, and they don't stand alone, for all the trees support and protect each other.

Frank Banks, by my appointment and approval of the executive board is now Vice President. We thank him for accepting this position.

Ask not what my Guild can do for me. Ask what can I do for my Guild.
Just Stringing - Along
Dave Greenbaum

NEWS ITEM!!!

Karen Banks' name was drawn as a winner of a set of finger puppets from Puppet Universe, along with a coupon for \$5 off her next order. Her name also appeared in their newsletter on line.

I wish to thank everyone who helped to make our Day of Puppetry a success!!

We especially want to thank the committee members who helped to put it together!

Dave Greenbaum

A DATE TO REMEMBER*****

THE TRI GUILD PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON JULY 23 FROM 1:30 - 5:00 P.M. AT BROOKWOOD CHURCH. MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING UP ABOUT FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOWS. STAY TUNED. IT SHOULD BE A GREAT DAY*****

PUPPETRY COURSE TO BE OFFERED THIS JULY*****

OUR COURSE WILL BE HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF THE COLS. STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ITS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUILDING WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF CLEVELAND AVE. AND GROVES ST. THE BUILDING IS JUST SOUTH OF THE '670 OVERPASS, ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET. see page 4 for our lineup of courses.

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"LEARNING ABOUT THE ART OF PUPPETRY"

Presented By Members Of The
Columbus Puppetry Guild

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

July 11, 18, 25

About the course: The course will entertain, provide information about the art of puppetry, and invite persons to become puppeteers. Information will be provided about hand puppets, marionettes, digital puppetry, and shadow puppetry.

JULY 11: Hand Puppetry: history, techniques, sound systems, stages, music, performances, scripts, and construction

JULY 18: Puppetry Around The World and Digital Puppetry

JULY 25 The Magic of Marionettes: history, Performances, script writing, stages and Lighting, sound systems, construction, and Shadow puppetry

About the presenters: The presenters will be Frank & Karen Banks, Rita Fullen, Dorothy Bauer, Connie Kirk, Shirley Green, Bob & Dot Schweikart, Brian Windsor, & David G. All members of The Cols. Puppetry Guild. p.4

FRANK AND KAREN BANKS TO PERFORM AT THE OHIO STATE FAIR * * * * *

Frank and Karen will perform at the Ohio State Fair at 2:00 p.m on Saturday, August 5. The performance will be held in the auditorium in the Cox Fine Arts Building. This will be the 5th year they have performed there.

NEWS ITEM * * * * *

Brian Windsor just had one of his papers accepted to the CGVR conference. Brian said " ...lots of technical computer stuff with me in there talking about digital puppets." **CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN!!!! * * * * ***

FOR YOUR INFORMATION! * * * * *

Our regular meeting will be held at Karen and Frank's house on June 25 since Brookwood won't be available.

Their address is:
3661 Lieb Street
Columbus, Ohio 43214

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITES OF OUR GUILD

In my new role as Vice President, I have the responsibility of helping to set up educational programs for the Guild. I very much want and need ideas from our members. What are your educational needs? What programs can be established to meet these needs? If these programs require financial assistance, how can we obtain the necessary funds?

At our meeting on May 21, I plan to lead a preliminary discussion about these matters. If useful, I would be glad to help to conduct a formal survey of our Guild members. Of course, I am always receptive to comments from Guild members via telephone, e-mail, US mail, personal meetings, etc.

I look forward to our conversations on May 21.

Your Friend In Puppetry,
Frank Banks

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9,
2006 MEETING

The meeting was held at Brookwood Presbyterian Church. 17 persons attended. Dave Greenbaum brought the meeting to order. The last minutes were approved.

Frank brought up about teaching a course on puppetry at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Columbus State. They are needing a commitment for their summer brochure. A signup sheet was passed around for any one interested in teaching puppetry courses. It will be held on July 11, 18 and 25 on Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00.

A reminder was given about the

conference in London, Canada. It costs \$650 per couple for the weekend.

The Tri-Guide meeting will be on June 25th. The decision was made to have it at Brookwood. A potpourri and panel discussions, food and good times together. A planning meeting is needed. FRank told the group that there won't be any meetings at the Church due to maintenance being done for 2 - 3 weeks during the summer. Antrium Park and Whetstone will be checked for availability. Karen, Rita and Beulah signed up for the committee. The informatioin will be given at the next meeting which will be May 21 at Brookwood Church.

The Treasurer's report was given by Rita Fullen. Rita reported that (page 6)

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her name is now on the
checks and the backup
signature is Connie Kirk.

Voting took place for the
office of Treasurer. Rita
Fullen was voted in by the
Guild. Pam Spence was
elected to the position of Vice
President.

There will be a picnic at
Shirley's House Sunday,
September 17 at 1:00 p.m. It
will be a potluck. All soft
drinks will be provided by
Shirley.

Connie brought in an article
she found in the Eastside
Messenger newspaper about
Don Kirk. It was a well
written column by John
Matuszak about the
columnist's thoughts about
Don as a friend to himself
and the community.

Les needs to update the old
tape recorder for getting
interviews for the archives.
No one has access to one of
the new types of equipment.

The Day of Puppetry plans were laid
out for the Guild by the planning
committee. Sandy said that she
had sent out press releases to all
the TV and radio stations and
newspapers. The libraries will be
next. It will also be on some of the
community calendars.

The rooms will be checked out by
Frank. Also a hospitality table will
be at the entrance.

There'll be three longer shows given
at 2:00 by Pam, Matt, Janice, Les,
Jackie and Kevin F.

Shirley, Matt, Frank and Karen will
provide the puppeteria during the
time of the workshops.

There will be 3 workshops done by
Brian - digital animations, Richard &
Dave - working marionettes, Janice
- working large mouth puppets and
Kevin F. on shadow puppetry.

We should all be here for setup by
12:30.

Karen^{will} use her walk about stage and
a puppet before the activities begin
outside the Church.

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Day of Puppetry continued:

The signs are going to be made by Shirley to be posted for people to know where they are to go for each activity. Anyone who wants to bring sound systems should do so. It may be needed.

Membership was discussed. We feel that we should put in the newsletter about dropping non paid memberships.

Sandy volunteered to send a thank you note to MadCap about Matt's puppetry experiences.

An idea about having a logo for stationary and T-shirts was brought up. Karen made a motion and it was seconded by Richard.

Shirley brought in her wonderfully made banjo/harmonica marionette and shared him with the Guild. She's planning on using him in the puppeteria on the Day of Puppetry.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Karen Banks - Secretary

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Please send all news items to be included in the next newsletter to me. Especially anything about current puppetry activities. We are eager to hear from you and we want to support your endeavors* * * * *

(Since this is my first newsletter, please tell me what you want to see in the newsletter. Tell me what you think.)

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