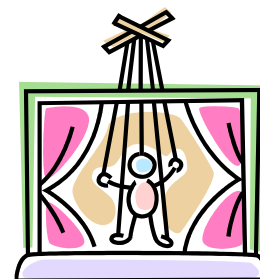


# THE PUPPETRY LOG

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## Next Meetings:

**Sept. 23, 2007:** 1-5 p.m. Fort Hayes High School New Library (see enclosed map) – **Program:** We will have our last club meeting of making puppets using the techniques shown in the video “The Foam Book Video: Nip and Tuck Method – A Step by Step Guide to Building Polyfoam Puppets” by Drew Allison. Come at 1 p.m. if you want extra time to work on puppets.

**October 14, 2007:** 2-5 pm. Richard McCleod’s Marionette Barn in Pataskala. **Program:** Richard and Mark will put on a performance of *The Tenderbox* for the Guild.

**November 18, 2007:** 2-5 p.m. Brookwood Presbyterian Church – **Program:** How to sculpt heads from clay. Hands-on session where we will make a rubber mold and then cast the heads in alumilite. It should take 3 to 4 months to mold, sculpt, make the molds, and pour.

**November & December. *Dangerous Dan Steals Christmas*** practice and production. The club put on performances at local libraries in December.

## Minutes for the August 19, 2007 meeting of the Columbus Puppetry Guild:

(Submitted by Brian Windsor)

**Attendance:** Shirley Green, Dave and Beulah Greenbaum, Bob and Dot Schweikart, Janice McDonald, Beth Kattelman, Mark, Frank Banks, Zach Banks, Fernando Caro, Richard McLead, Connie Kirk, Rita Fullen, Susan Lee, Dorothy Bauer, and Brian Windsor.

The meeting was held at Shirley Green’s house for our start of the year Potluck. (Editor’s note: It was great to see so many people there and there was a great selection of good food.)

There was no news from the last meeting except that we will continue to keep working on making puppets.

**Old Business:** We need to finish the puppets from last year. We’ll meet at the new Ft. Hayes library (Janice McDonald). Frank Banks would like to thank Janice McDonald for conducting our puppet making workshop over the last year.

Janice will continue to send out the newsletter.

## Future Schedule:

- Next meeting will be the 4th Sun. in Sept. (the 23rd) at Janice's Library (Ft. Hayes School).
- We will meet in October at Richard McLead's for a production of the *Tenderbox*.
- November will be for those interested in sculpting heads from clay. Those interested can buy stands from Dave for \$10 or less. We'll make a rubber mold and then cast the heads in alumilite. It should take 3 to 4 months to mold, sculpt, make the molds, and pour.

### **New Business:**

We would like to continue this year with Beth's Christmas play, *Dangerous Dan Steals Christmas*. We will need at least seven people to help with the performance.

We would like to make more money this year. Richard suggested that we take a collection from the audience. Beth and Dave suggested we contact libraries. Frank wants us to do it again even if there's not much money involved because it is so well received by the kids. Fernando suggests performing at the library and taping it. Once it's taped, we can edit it and create DVDs of the performance that we can sell. We could do this progressively each year. Rita and Beulah reiterated how much the children enjoyed it. Fernando mentioned that we could possibly record and rehearse at *MadLab* downtown. He mentioned that maybe we should push off the head molding and concentrate on working on this play.



We will have play practice in November. Richard mentioned that someone needs to go out and look for jobs for Christmas so we will have places to perform.

Dave believes that we have enough references now that we should charge more for the show. Fernando believes we should get the word out to daycare facilities. Rita will ask about the Goddard School, Worthington, and Westerville. Rita will

contact the libraries. Frank will possibly talk to the Columbus Metropolitan Libraries.

Dave mentioned that October is for Richard's Play, September is at Ft. Hayes, and we can decide at these meetings what to do. Rita and Fernando will both try to get bookings.

Janice mentioned that the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September would be better for puppet-making because it's more likely to work with the new library at Ft. Hayes being open and operational.

Shirley told us that Elsie is not doing well and hurts all over. She hasn't had a good go of it lately.

Bob and Dot celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Joan Simms joined the Guild. She has a business called "Creating Sweet Memories" and is into clowning and is a balloon artist. She wants to start a puppet ministry.

Zach was given a gift of a dragon puppet from the guild after having a rough summer with his health.

Dave mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November in Angola is Pokagon, the Great Lakes Get-Together that runs from Friday to Sunday.

Brian Windsor was awarded the Jim Henson Award for Innovation at the 2007 Puppeteers of America nationals in St. Paul, MN.

Richard moved to close the meeting and Dave seconded. All agreed.



Performance of *Rapunzel* on Day of Puppetry