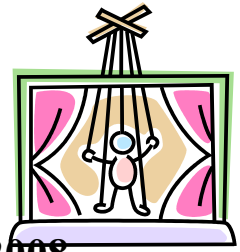


# THE PUPPETRY LOG



**COLUMBUS PUPPETRY GUILD February/March 2008**

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## Next Meetings:

**February 17, 2008. 2-5 p.m.** Brookwood Presbyterian Church.

**Program:** Dave will show us how to sculpt puppet heads and form molds. 1st session.

**March 16, 2008. 2-5 p.m.** Dorothy Bauer's house, 6847 Alloway St. W., Worthington, OH 43085. (614) 888-1456

**Program:** Dave will show us how to sculpt puppet heads and form molds. 2nd session.

**April 20, 2008. 2-5 p.m.** Dorothy Bauer's house.

**Program:** Sculpting session 3.

April – TBA – Puppet Show for Day of Puppetry

**May 18. TBA**

## Minutes from 1/20/08 Meeting:

**Attendance:** Frank Banks, Dorothy Bauer, Rita Fullen, Shirley Green, Dave and Beulah Greenbaum, Connie Kirk, Susan Lee, Janice McDonald, Richard and Judy McLead, Bob and Dot Sweikart. Guest: Caroline Beech.

## A big thank you to Shirley Green for hosting the winter potluck.

This has been a very sad time for the guild as we lost Karen Banks to cancer on 1/7/08 and Elsie Dunnington on 1/17/08. Richard wrote something about Elsie and Frank will write something about Karen for the Puppeteers of America newsletter and our next newsletter.

Rita Fullen volunteered to become the "Sunshine Lady" for the guild to send cards or flowers for illness.

Elsie's family asked Rita to pick up Elsie's puppetry stuff. Judy motioned for Dave, Frank and Rita to peruse the material before we put it in the archives. Les and Shirley interviewed Elsie on tape. Janice will email Les to find out where the tape is. Later, someone will write Elsie's family a thank you note for the gift of her puppet stuff.



Caroline Beech, a friend of Shirley, shared a white faced owl made by her 11-year-old autistic grandson.

Richard is preparing the play “The Emperor and the Nightingale” for the Day of Puppetry in April.

At our February meeting at Brookwood Church we will begin our workshop on sculpting puppet heads. Dave will make and bring armatures, and 2 pounds of clay for each person as well as some clay tools. Eventually we will be making molds out of liquid plastic which then hardens in 3 ½ minutes. The cost for materials will be about \$10. Dave, Janice, Mark and Richard are participating so far. Everyone else is welcome to join us.



## Minutes from February 17, 2008 Meeting

**Present:** Richard, Dave and Beulah, Frank, Zach, Rita, Connie, Rose, Mark, and Janice.

Frank motioned that we should meet at Dorothy Bauer’s house this Spring.

We wanted to thank Rita for meeting with Elsie’s family and getting her stuff. Rita brought the 7 boxes of Elsie’s stuff to this meeting for Frank to take home and Dave and Frank to look through and choose a puppet to display at First Community Church where Elsie was very active. It may end up at the OSU archives.

Rose shared information about her work with the Corrections Medical Center where the inmates have been having fun putting on plays and performing for their families and others which were well received. A Father’s Day performance for the guild to do was brought up as a possibility.

For the Day of Puppetry, we will look into performing at the Reynoldsburg branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Janice will call 645-2ask to see if this is feasible for April 19 or 26.

Mark asked permission to use some of Elsie’s shadow puppets for a performance February 23-34 at the Ohio Historical Society.

Richard motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

We spent the rest of the time with Dave showing us how to sculpt heads out of clay with each of us working on our projects. It was an enjoyable activity.

## *Every Beat of My Heart*

***Every Beat of My Heart*** is a multimedia exhibit and a video of a puppet performance on display at the Wexner Center from February 2 – April 13, 2008. ***Every Beat of My Heart*** presented a puppet show at the Wexner Center on February 2 and 3, featuring urban life superheroes inspired by African archetypes and African American cultural life. This show, created by reknown artist, Kerry James Marshall, on residency at the Wexner Center, was done in the puppet style of Bunraku. Kevin Fish was the assistant director of this program and Shelly Casto was the curator for this exhibit. For these puppet performances, 23 students were recruited from local high schools, including Fort Hayes.

Below is a passage written by Pam Spence:

The Central Ohio puppetry community is saddened to share the news of the passing of Karen Banks, co-founder of Rainbow Puppets, and member of the Greater Columbus Puppetry Guild.

Karen lost her valiant battle with cancer and passed from this life in January. We in the Central Ohio puppetry community will long remember her infectious laughter and unending enthusiasm. She made everyone at the guild feel welcome and included, from novice to "old hands." Along with husband Frank Banks, former president of the guild, the couple took their Rainbow puppets and music into daycare facilities, nursing homes, prisons and community festivals. Karen loved the world, - especially the children - and we know that her life was one of generosity, grace and blessing. We extend condolences to Frank, their children and grandchildren. A memorial celebrating her life will be held at White Lily Chapel in Ashley, OH on Saturday, February 2.

We also learned that Elsie Dunnington, long time member of the Columbus guild, also passed away in January. Les Tannenbaum and Shirley Green spent some time with Elsie at First Community Village a year and a half ago, recording her history and recollections as part of the Ohio puppeteer history project undertaken by the guild.

May they always shine in our memories.

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