

THE PUPPETRY LOG

COLUMBUS PUPPETRY GUILD March 2009

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Next Meetings:

March 15. 2-5 p.m. – Dorothy Bauer’s House. **Program:** Start practice on marionette play. Practice fractured fairy tale plays for Day of Puppetry in April. Take current pictures for the web page.

April 19. 2-5 p.m. – Dorothy Bauer’s House. **Program:** Start practice on marionette play. Practice fractured fairy tale plays for Day of Puppetry in April or May.

TBA. Day of Puppetry. *Fractured Fairy Tales.*

May 17. 2-5 p.m. Richard’s Marionette Barn. **Program:** Finish work on marionettes from last year.

Minutes from the February 15 Meeting

Attendance: Dave and Beulah Greenbaum, Richard McClead, Connie Kirk, Dorothy Bauer, Beth Kattelman, Matthew Williams, and Janice McDonald.

New member Matthew Williams introduced himself. He had met Dave at Pokagon a couple of years ago. Being from Troy, Ohio, he had

been a part of the Cincinnati Puppet Guild for awhile and is now trying out our guild. Matthew wants to make rod puppets for a *Punch and Judy* show. He is interested in learning how to make puppets (marionettes and hand). He directed a Children’s Theater for a community college and substituted puppets for any actors who didn’t show up for performances, making students want to show up for their performances.

Matthew has two boys, ages 5 and 7, who are interested in puppets also.



Dave suggested that Matthew contact Fred Cowan for rod puppet information as Fred has a marvelous controller for his puppets.

Advertising

Richard called *The Columbus Dispatch* and said he could get a listing in *The Weekender* for free. Beth mentioned that we could get free listings in the calendar of *The Other Paper* and by looking for the contact information on their calendars.

Janice will work with Brian to update the web page. **Please bring a puppet next time for pictures for the web page.** Janice will have some puppets for our puppet practice if anyone needs a puppet to pose with for their picture.

Day of Puppetry

Janice suggested that we may want to perform some Fractured Fairy Tale plays for the actual Day of Puppetry on April 25. We could practice at the March and April meetings if we decided this day to do it. We also talked about the possibility of performing at the Ohio State Fair again but with Frank not being at this meeting, we didn't know if that was feasible. Janice suggested the plays "Jungle Jack and the Vinestalk", "Stable Fella", and/or "The Three Little Fishies and the Big Bad Shark" from the book *Fractured Fairy Tales* by Marilyn Lohnes. Richard motioned that we practice and perform for the April 25 Day of Puppetry and Janice seconded. Janice has contacted the library but no firm date has been set as of yet.

Bexley Library Display

Richard and Janice supplied puppets for the Bexley Library display case to be displayed for the month of March. Richard put up the display as Janice was skiing in Colorado. A picture of the display follows. Unfortunately, with all the panels in the display case, it is difficult to get a good view of the display.

Richard motioned to adjourn. Janice seconded.



Peer Gynt

Richard brought a couple of the marionettes that he made for the play *Peer Gynt* to show us.

Dave and Beulah brought their elaborate portable marionette stage to show us. They put it up in Dorothy's work room so it will be available to us to use the next few meetings to start practicing with marionettes.



*Richard shows some of his marionettes he made for the play *Peer Gynt*.*



The puppetry display at the Bexley Library

The National Puppetry Festival will be held in Atlanta from July 14-19, 2009.