

# THE PUPPETRY LOG

COLUMBUS PUPPETRY GUILD January 2014

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## Next Events:

**Feb. 16. 1:30-4:30 pm Whetstone Library.**  
Work on marionettes – wood or stuffed animal.

**March 23. 2-4 pm. (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) Whetstone Library** Finish marionettes. Start work on show for April.

**April 27. 2-4 pm. (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) Whetstone Library** TBA. Perform Show. See video on puppeteers.

**May 18. 2-4 pm. TBA**

## Potlatch at Pokagon

Janice and Beulah represented the Columbus Puppetry Guild at the Potlatch Puppetry Festival at Pokagon State Park in Indiana. Next year, the duty of the Columbus Guild is to plan and organize the puppet display. Pictures on p. 3

## The Grand Turk

At the September meeting, Mike wowed us with his Grand Turk marionette. The arms and legs come off to make separate marionettes.

## Christmas Show

Meshach, Marissa, Eve, Judith, and Janice performed a Christmas show at the O'Malley's annual Christmas Party and at the Worthington Historical Society's Orange Johnson House. For our show, we performed the stories: "The Christmas Hat" by A.J. Wood; "I'm Not Santa" by Jonathan Allen; "Grumpy Badger's Christmas" by Paul Bright; and "The Elf's Hat" adapted by Brigitte Weininger. We had a lot of fun performing and the audiences were appreciative. We enjoyed all the various performances and Christmas Carol singing as well as the food at the O'Malley's house. Attendance was down from the last two years at the Orange Johnson house due to the weather and snow, but the audiences we had were fun. Pictures on p. 3.



*The puppets from the arms and legs of The Grand Turk (right)*



**Coming Up at the Abbey Theatre,  
Dublin, 5600 Post Rd.**



**Mr. Puppet**

**Saturday, February 1 | 11am**

Mr. Puppet has been a professional entertainer since 1996. He has performed all over the United States and in Tokyo, Japan. His show includes marionettes, hand puppets and ventriloquism. Join Mr. Puppet and all of his funny friends for an hour of old time entertainment! Mr. Puppet says “Laughter is my greatest joy and compliment!”

- **Tickets:** \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students
- Recommended for ages 5 & up.

**Madcap Puppet Theater**

Saturday, Feb 22 11:00a to 2:00p

[Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden](#) Columbus, OH

Make your own finger puppets and mini crowns. At 2pm, Madcap Puppet Theater uses giant puppet characters and audience participation to present *The Enchanted World*, a set of classic fairy tales including *The Three Princes’ Gifts*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *The Goblin’s Ring*.

Price Free with admission, unless noted.

Age Suitability All Ages

**Great Lakes Regional Festival**

The Detroit Puppetry Guild is planning and hosting a 2014 Great Lakes Regional Festival called the “Motor City Puppet Blast”, July 25-27, 2014 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Some of the performances scheduled are: Manual Cinema, Sea Beast Puppetry, Sarah Freschette Toy Theatre, Melchior Marionettes, Kevin Frisch, Dreamland Theater, Open Eye Theatre, and Huber Marionettes. For more information, registration, and schedule, visit

<http://www.greatlakespoa.com/Festival.html>



**Frank Banks (1932-2013)**

Frank Banks went into the Light on Dec. 21, 2013. I imagine him performing in heaven and making people happy. Frank was an enthusiastic supporter of the guild and puppetry. Frank and his wife Karen performed puppet shows while Frank played his guitar and even wrote some songs. Frank donated all his and Karen’s puppets to the guild for a guild library. Frank always had an encouraging spirit and called several times a year to make supportive comments about the activities mentioned in the guild newsletter. Thanks to Mr. Puppet (Bob Abdou) who met Frank during a show this fall and took this great picture of Frank with Bob’s puppet.



*Mike brings marionettes to show off at the O'Malley's Christmas Party.*

*Scenes from "I'm Not Santa" (top) and Grumpy Badger's Christmas*

**Potlatch Festival at Pokagon State Park, IN**



*Punch and Judy performed by Nancy Saunders*



*Tih Penfil's workshop on making a face-fitting mask was interesting*



*Kevin Kammeraad of Michigan does puppetry, writes songs, and writes children's books. These two were a hit.*



*Am I a Man? Or a Muppet?*



*Scrolling scenery for "What does the Fox Say?" song.*