



# San Francisco Bay Area Puppeteers' Guild **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!**

April 2013

*I Pity the Fool Who  
Doesn't Like  
Puppets!*



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## SFBAPG Spring Meeting 2013

**Date:** Saturday, April 6, 2013  
**Time:** Happy Hollow is open from 11am to 4:30pm.  
The SFBAPG private guild meeting is from 5 to 8pm.  
**Place:** Happy Hollow Park and Zoo  
1300 Senter Road  
San Jose, CA 95112  
www.hhpz.org

Happy Hollow is offering free entrance for the day with a parking pass for guild members. You can arrive any time after 10 am. Only specifically named guild members will receive free admission. Additional guests will be at the group rate of \$8 ea.

### DAY PROGRAMMING!

There will be puppet making activities for kids throughout the day.\*

A puppet display will be in the Learning Lodge, including some vintage puppets from around the Bay Area. Do you have a puppet that you've made, that you'd like to display? Bring your puppet (on a stand, if needed) and share your puppet(s) with others.\*

Guest performer Randal Metz of The Puppet Company will perform **THE PUPPET CIRCUS** at 4pm.

The Puppet Castle Theater will perform **REYNA AND TWIG'S ENCHANTED ADVENTURE** at 12pm, and **THE PIED PIPER OF CHEDDARSWISS** at 2pm.

### And MORE!

The theme of the day's event at Happy Hollow is "Get Closer". You are encouraged to bring something to share with the public to help promote yourself and the art form that we love so much. Probably not much time to present an entire show but if you have a "walk around" type puppet to interact with park guests... BRING IT!

\*We also need some folks to interact with the public at the puppetry display and some folks to help with the craft. Please contact Jesse Vail at jessevail@... to sign up to help out!

**IN ADDITION** to the wonderful (brand new) park and facilities, Happy Hollow is a World Class zoo. The exhibits are marvelous and NOT to be missed.

### EVENING GUILD MEETING PROGRAMMING!

(Located in the Learning Lodge)

**Camilla Henneman** will be doing a hands-on workshop on making African style masks and Anansi puppets. These are fast and fun projects to do with children and very effective for Reader's theater and staging myths and fables. Bring paper scissors!



*The Puppet Circus*



*Puppet Castle Theater*

Camilla Henneman worked for 20 years building puppets and costumes for the film industry. She is a currently teaching art to Elementary school children in Monterey... and is awesome (author's note.)

**Special Animal Encounter!**

The wonderful keepers at Happy Hollow have agreed to get US a bit closer to the animals during our meeting. I'm not sure which animals we will get to interact with but I GUARANTEE they'll be cute and awesome.

**FOOD!**

Happy Hollow will prepare a meal for us for the low, low price of \$10.50 per person.



**MENU!**

BBQ Chicken or Veggie Burger, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Chili Beans, Brownies, Lemonade and Water.

Please email Jesse Vail (jessevail(at)gmail.com) to have him put you on the dinner list (editor's note: the last message from Jesse was that the meal opt-in was closed. You can always email him and see if anyone has cancelled and made a meal available). Please prepare to bring cash and pay for the meal on the day of the event.

**GUILD LIBRARY**

The Guild library has hundreds of books covering a variety of topics. Books & DVD's will be available for checkout at the meeting to people that have been members for at least 6 months. Are you looking for books or DVD on a particular topic? Contact the Guild Librarian, Lee Armstrong, images@..., 707.738.5906 to receive a book list and/or request a book.



**See you there!**

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## Reviews and News

WHO did the funny sock puppet clip at the Academy Awards Ceremony? Fandango? [Who is the hand behind them?] I especially liked the way the socks ended up twirling around in the washing machine. That's the ultimate source of sock puppets of course, having been orphaned by the washer/dryer mystery. Have puppets ever appeared at the awards before? Or is this a brand new triumph for puppetry. A clue might be in the name of that shiny-guy statuette they hand out. (Only the Muppets know for sure.) -Elisheva



Photo: Screen Novelties

The following article appeared in THE NEW YORK TIMES, Mon., Jan. 24, 2013, under the byline of Patrick Healy. Submitted by Elisheva

### "Taymor to Direct 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'"

The Tony Award-winning director Julie Taymor will return to the new York stage in October with a production of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" to open the new Brooklyn home of Theatre for a New Audience, an Off Broadway company she has regularly worked with since its founding in 1979. The show will be her first since her firing from the big-budget Broadway musical "Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark" in 2011 by its producers, with whom she is in a legal battle over back pay and royalty and copyright protection.

In a telephone interview on Wednesday, Ms. Taymor said she had chosen "A midsummer Night's Dream" as the theater's inaugural production because of its celebratory nature: some characters fall in love, reunite after spats and marry, and others put on a play. She said she was thinking over staging concepts and discussing ideas with Es Devlin, the British set and costume designer known for spectacles like the closing ceremony for the London Olympic Games last summer.

The play will not be set in any particular time or period, "but rather in its own world," Ms. Taymor said. She said that after recently holding a workshop of the play with youngsters, she was considering including children and teenagers in the cast "to play with their energy and physicality and to think about raw elemental energy." Her longtime partner, Elliot Goldenthal, will compose music. The play begins performances on Oct. 19; opening night is set for Nov. 2. NOTE: Our Guild library has a fantastically inspiring, illustrated coffee table book of much of Taymor's early work with puppetry and masks, all pre-Lion King productions. Let Lee know if you would like to borrow it. Her contact info is on the newsletter masthead.

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Shadow Circus Creature Theatre, San Francisco's most belligerent puppetry troupe, embark on a new medium as they debut the pilot episode of their new series of web films; 'The Shadow Circus Show.' After a decade of entertaining the Bay Area with their live puppet-hosted variety show, their regular appearances on KOFY TV's Creepy KOFY Movie Time and their yearly puppet contributions to the stage show of the esteemed Edwardian Ball, Shadow Circus is now bringing their madcap humor and bizarre monsters to the screen.

The pilot episode, which will be have a public screening at the Cinecave Screening Room at Lost Weekend Video, follows a dreadlocked dragon-like reptile named Syrus, his new-age Gelfling-esque girlfriend Wycker and a menagerie of bizarre and outlandish creatures as they attempt to run a beatnik café in the Northbeach District of San Francisco. Also starring in the film are local favorites Kitten on the Keys (winner of a 2003 SF Weekly Music award) and Victoria Victrola.



And just added: Opening up the evening's adventures will be the Ukulele styling of Brandi Hasbrouck!

'The Shadow Circus Show' screens on April 14th. Doors are at 7:30, film starts at 8. All ages are welcome. Requested donation of \$6, but nobody will be turned away for lack of funds. Lost Weekend video is located at 1034 Valencia Street, San Francisco. For additional information, go to [www.shadowcircus.com](http://www.shadowcircus.com). View the official trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/61433008>

**Fratello Marionettes**

April 1, 2:30 pm  
Aladdin  
Foster City Library  
Foster City, CA

April 20, 10:30 am  
Aladdin  
Manor Branch Library  
San Leandro, CA

April 21, 2:00 pm  
The Frog Prince  
Santa Clara Library  
Santa Clara, CA

**Magical Moonshine Theater**

April 5, 3:30 pm  
Puppylocks and the Three Bears  
Pearl Ave. Branch  
San Jose Library  
What if the Three Bears were really Teddy Bears! And What if Goldilocks was not a little girl at all, but a golden, mischievous little dog? That is exactly the case in this very funny retelling of the traditional fairytale.

April 15, 6:30 pm  
Cirque du Cafe  
Cupertino Library,  
Cupertino, CA 95014  
A rare chance to see one of Magical Moonshine's most delightful shows, a fantasy cafe circus with live accordion music and acts galore. Free and not to be missed!

April 27, 10:30 am  
Golden Armadillo  
Healdsburg Library  
Healdsburg, CA  
Set in old Mexico, "The Golden Armadillo" tells the tale of the Mayor's daughter who never smiled...that is until she saw the most amazing and hilarious sight! This participatory play has the audience members up and helping with the puppets, playing parts and "getting dramatic" in

Spanish and English, right on the spot! No previous experience needed (with puppets nor Spanish.)

April 27, 3:00 pm  
Golden Armadillo at Napa Library

April 29, 4:00 pm  
The Puppet Man  
101 Branham Lane  
East San José, CA 95111  
With the Puppet Man, Magical Moonshine Theatre's Michael Nelson creates his own version of traditional European street theatre.

May 2, 4:00 pm  
The Carnival Mask  
1644 N. Broadway  
Walnut Creek  
The Carnival Mask, A Participatory Performance  
In this Spanish/English show, audience members get up on stage and play the puppets with Michael and Valerie to tell this exciting Mexican folktale filled with townfolks, robbers, heroes, and lots of laughs.

**Storybook Puppet Theatre**

Saturdays and Sundays  
11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm  
April. 3–May 19  
Grandpa Bunny's Egg-citing Day!  
Have you ever wondered where all the colored eggs come from that the bunnies like to hide? Here is a delightful tale about the seasons, and how poor Grandpa Bunny discovers that he can use the colors of nature to paint eggs for children. Scenery by Annie Wong. Puppets and script by Randal Metz.

**Figures of Speech Theater**

Cupid & Psyche  
April 19, 7:00 pm  
Church Street Theater  
10046 Church Street, Truckee  
(530) 582-8278 \$15

## Puppets for free to good home(s)!

This came through Pam Wade from a friend of hers:

I would like to find homes for these puppets to someone that will want to use them to entertain kids!

These puppets used to belong to Betty Korte who lived in Santa Clara, CA. She passed away a few years ago and used them to entertain at her Sunday school, vacation Bible School, and local library. She also would do shows at her grandchildren's preschools, elementary schools and birthday parties. Betty loved contributing her time to charity work – especially when it involved kids. That is why her daughter would prefer these puppets to be actively used in volunteer work for kids and not sit in a collection (preferably).

There are some 60+ hand-puppets – maybe they can go to **more than one home!!!** It may be hard to tell from the pictures, but there are tons of animal puppets, people (doctors, nurses, clowns, kings, queens, ethnic puppets, gypsies, cowboys, jesters, etc.) Lots of puppets to tell stories with.

They are older puppets, but still in fairly good condition and certainly small kids will be mesmerized by them!

**These puppets will be at the next guild meeting for viewing and the taking!**



Editor's note: Maybe you've seen (or done this yourself) before, But I would take some of these just for the storage! Easy access and viewing. Brilliant!

# April 2013



Special tear-out calendar! See Calendar listings for details on events. Due to space limitations, not all times or show titles are listed here.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Grandpa...-citing Day	1 Aladdin	2	3	4 Puppylocks	5 Grandpa...-citing Day	6 Grandpa...-citing Day
7 Grandpa...-citing Day	8	9	10	11	12 Grandpa...-citing Day	13 Grandpa...-citing Day
14 Grandpa...-citing Day	15 Crque de Cafe	16	17	18 Cupid & Psche	19 Grandpa...-citing Day	20 Aladdin
21 Frog Prince Grandpa...-citing Day	22	23	24	25	26 Grandpa...-citing Day Golden Armadillo	27 Grandpa...-citing Day Golden Armadillo
28 Golden Armadillo Grandpa...-citing Day	29 The Puppet Man	30	1	2 The Carnival Mask	3 Grandpa...-citing Day	4 Grandpa...-citing Day

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## *Save the Date(s)*

The Programs committee has agreed on the following dates and locations for 2013:

- Summer Meeting/Puppet Faire on Saturday, August 24 at Fairyland
- A Mini-Meeting with Lee Armstrong for TV Puppetry and Movie Night is penciled in for September -North Bay
- Mini-Meeting to attend open dress rehearsal for “Driveway Follies” on Wednesday, October 30 - Oakland
- Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 9 -San Francisco
- Holiday Party 2014 on Sunday, January 26 -North Bay

If anyone has a suggested meeting place for the November meeting in San Francisco, please contact Jesse Vail.