

*Columbia Association of Puppeteers*  
February 2001 Newsletter

**CAP to Celebrate 3rd Annual  
“National Day of Puppetry” April 28, 2001**



**Giant puppets from last year's  
*Procession of the Species***

CAP will be celebrating the National Day of Puppetry this year by participating in the *Procession of The Species*, to be held on April 28th. What better way to celebrate the National Day of Puppetry than with a parade which includes giant puppets.

*The Procession of the Species* is an artistic celebration created by the community using art, music and dance to give the natural world a greater presence in our streets. Weeks of creative preparation in schools and community arts workshops culminate in a colorful parade through downtown Portland and a community celebration in the South Park Blocks.

Guild President, Steven M. Overton, has once again volunteered to be the Giant Puppet Coordinator, as he was last year.



Last year's puppets created such a stir that they were later featured in the Portland Rose Festival Parade. This year should be no different, except that with the added benefit of help from more CAP members, the giant puppets should be even better!

The puppet building workshops will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday March 24, April 7, 14, and 21.

CAP members are encouraged to volunteer their time at these workshops. They are fun, and will stretch your abilities in puppet building as you help the other volunteers build giant puppets from all sorts of found objects, scrap, and new ideas.

To give you an example of how they are built, the Giant Jellyfish pictured above were made of umbrella frames, wooden poles, bubble wrap, and cloth streamers, while the Praying Mantis was built by a father and son team over the course of four sessions. The boy was the hit of the parade as well as his school!!!

Our March meeting will partly be devoted to planning for this event.

**CAP Meeting Thursday  
February 22nd - 7:00 p.m.**

**Esther Heydt's house  
7030 SW Gable Pkwy, Portland  
(Raleigh Hills) OR**

Two Ways to get to Esther Heydt's House,

- 1: Take SW BEAVERTON HILLSDALE HWY to Raleigh Hills
- 2: In Raleigh Hills, Turn RIGHT onto SW OLESON RD. 0.0 miles
- 3: Turn RIGHT onto SW SCHOLLS FERRY RD. 0.5 miles
- 4: Turn LEFT onto SW RALEIGHWOOD LN. 0.2 miles
- 5: Turn RIGHT onto SW 70TH AVE. 0.1 miles
- 6: Turn LEFT onto SW GABLE PKWY. 0.0 miles

OR

- 1: Take US-26 WEST towards BEAVERTON
- 2: Take exit number 71B, towards SYLVAN. 0.2 miles
- 3: Turn LEFT onto SW SKYLINE BLVD. 0.0 miles
- 4: Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SW SCHOLLS FERRY RD. 1.2 miles
- 5: Turn RIGHT onto SW GABLE PKWY. 0.4 miles

# Christian Puppet Workshop - May 5, 2001

One Way Street, one of the heavy hitters in the Christian Puppetry arena, is coming to Portland for a one-day Puppet Ministry Festival on May 5, 2001. It will be held at the Portland First Church of the Nazarene, 6100 Raab Road, Portland, OR 97221.

According to their mailer, whether you're a Sunday school teacher, children's worship leader, or puppet team leader, you'll be encouraged and equipped to use puppets in your ministry. There will be training for beginners, and for more advanced puppeteers, as well as organizational and technical seminars for directors of puppet teams.

## Topics will include:

- Resources for the Director
- How to Start a Puppet Ministry
- Let there be Black light
- Training Puppeteers
- Creative Object Lessons for Children's Church
- Rod Arm and Human Arm Puppet Instruction
- Basic Ventriloquism

## Workshops will include:

- Beginner and advanced puppetry performance skills
- Organizational help for puppet teams
- Resources for ministry use
- Props, music, etc. to use with puppets
- Ministry to children

## Performances by:

- One Way Street
- Special Guests
- Local puppet ministry teams

## There will also be:

- Training for beginners and advanced puppeteers
- Competition performances in skit and song divisions
- Exhibits with puppetry and children's ministry resources
- Workshops for puppet team directors

This all-day event costs only \$18 (pre-register), or \$21 (at the door).

Call (303) 799-6751 or FAX (303) 790-2159 for more information or to register.

## Neoprene Available Locally!!!!

Monica Roxburgh underwent an exhausting search for Neoprene, which used to be stocked locally, but no longer. Here's her report:

I ended up having to order neoprene from Chicago Latex in a heated truck, but have ordered enough that the shipping cost isn't actually too bad. It turns out that there are only two places you can buy liquid neoprene in the US, one is Chicago Latex, and the other is a place in NY.

ANYHOW, because there are such a number of people over here who use neoprene, I am actually planning on becoming a reseller, making it available to the Northwest and California in gallon and 1/2 gallon amounts, thus extending the number of months people can order it without dealing with the freezing Rockies. Will have more info on pricing soon.

To contact Monica call: 503-289-0653 or by e-mail: [goblinart@goblinart.com](mailto:goblinart@goblinart.com).

Visit our website at:  
[www.cappuppets.org](http://www.cappuppets.org)

## ATTENTION NON-MEMBERS

OK Folks, those of you who are not members, listen up. We can't afford to keep sending the newsletter to all of you who are not members. The postage bills are getting serious, and after all, dues are only \$12.00 a year.

We've enclosed a membership form, and we expect that all of you who want to keep receiving this newsletter, along with all the other benefits that CAP membership bestows, will send in their dues immediately. Thank you.

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