

• NOTES FROM THE 11-15-98 ATLANTA SOUTHEASTERN PUPPETRY GUILD MEETING

BY: SUSAN KINNEY

ATTENDING: Mary Hook(our hostess), Rosemary Glenn, Marcia Cohen, Andy Bremer, Bill Price, Bob Abdou, Walter and Betsy Stark, Lee Bryan, Lisa Rhodes, Susan Kinney.

- First we socialized and shared wonderful selections of food brought by everyone. We talked of horror stories like: Chocolate and Children, Hecklers and Stage Hogs.
- Lisa said that they are *still* waiting for some checks to clear so they can close the Festival account.
- Betsy is working on multicolored hand puppets due to a sale at Hancock Fabric.
- Lee has his own web site now. It's [www.puppetguy.com](http://www.puppetguy.com). He showcased in Charleston, is working on "SALSA" (elem. show on GPTV) will be filming in January in Wilmington for a Muppet Movie

...AND (as if that wasn't enough!) is building a puppet theater for a library.(Wheww!!!)

Walter is building a crew for a theater company in Rome and bathrooms for rich people *and* is helping Lee build the above mentioned puppet theater.

Andy has ALL the Benie Babies! He just went to a Barbie Convention. Puppet-wise he is working at the Atlanta Chapter of the Red Cross teaching children prevention...Pegg Callahan helped with the music...There are 4 characters: boy, girl, fox and snake.

Bob Abdou was just hired by Sci Trek to perform a Thomas Edison Puppet. In 3 weeks he will be on Howie Mandel's show. (Taping on Dec 2, 1998.) He is going to the Beatle's convention in 1999... is writing a play on John Lennon called Day Tripper... will be performing "Tummy" at the Atlanta Food Bank and introduced his "John Dough" puppet to us! (A Pizza Puppet)

Marcia Cohen is teaching at the Atlanta College of Art ...Painting.

Rosemary Glenn is storytelling at the Salvation Army. She gave us a good idea for a glove puppet. Use \$ store fruits and veggies for heads!

Virginia (our new member) is retired from Delta and makes dolls and bears and quilts and is working on being Famous!

Everyone was reminded that the National Festival will be on Aug. 1-7, 1999 in Seattle, Washington.

Vent Convention dates are July 15-17, 1999 and Col. Bill Boley of Hopkinsville will have a vent mini in Oct. 1999 for one day only.

Lee talked about the national day of puppetry and that we should do something as a guild. This will be discussed more at a later date.

After Lee told who was running for what votes were cast by writing who you wanted to vote for on a small piece of paper. Lee Bryan counted them.

The results were as follows:

Susan Kinney - (unopposed) - President  
Betsy Stark - Vice President in charge of Programming  
Tim Koeller - Treasurer  
Secretary - Evy Berman

NEW: Hospitality Committee- Andy Bremer will organize Pot-lucks  
Walter Stark will host parties for guest artists  
Rosemary and Andy will do a spaghetti dinner for the Forman's while they are in town.

There were NO deserts at this meeting!