



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

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Reviews and News

(well, just news this time)

Puppet Build Pictures on Facebook

Over the summer I was booked for a summer camp and decided to build a new cast of puppets for use in the devotional series. On a whim, I had purchased the Simple Series patterns from Project Puppet (www.projectpuppet.com) when they were on sale and had yet to use them.

Though I had used the Forma Series before, I found they required much more foam and fleece and wanted to play around with something new and smaller in scale. Considering I was working with a small budget and even smaller time frame, I thought this would be best. Still, my goal for this project was to challenge myself to obtain a quality look and feel.

I created and used custom body patterns, leather and chamois mouth grips, independent head and body sleeves, doll wigs, sculpted noses, posable fingers, custom arm rods and custom dyed antron fleece. Of course it was a bit ambitious to do all this within a 2 week time frame for 9 puppets so they were not fully finished in time.. still, "the show must go on!"

Since then I've been slowly going back to refine and polish their looks. The album is being updated periodically as I continue to work on them and can be viewed on Facebook. I've learned a lot from the puppeteer and online community, especially Puppets&Stuff (www.puppetsandstuff.com), so I just thought I'd share this project.

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(To avoid typing in this long link, just go to Facebook and search for CMT Ministries)

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YET ANOTHER PERK FOR BEING CARD CARRYING SFBAP-GUILD MEMBERS!

You can sign up at JoAnn Fabric and Craft Stores for their VIP Discount Card, which gives 10% off your total purchases. The operational word in our organization's name is "GUILD!" (as in a crafters guild). Both your JoAnn's Discount Card and SFBAPG Card are needed to be displayed at time of purchase. Restrictions apply of course. The main one is that it cannot be combined with any other discounts or coupons. Well, when we don't have any of those, our VIP Discount Cards will approximately cover the sales tax! These days, every little bit helps.

From Michael Nelson

I found 4 guild members listed as puppeteers. Chase Woolner, Karen Prell, and Sean and Patrick Johnson (recently honored at the Guild GALA as past presidents.) Congratulations to you 4, and let us know if I missed any other guild members as the credits flashed by!



Calendar

Magic & More New Year's Eve with Frisco Fred

12/31/2011 Saturday 7:30 pm
Actors Theatre, San Francisco CA

Images in Motion

Water Works
1/8/2012 Sunday 1:30 pm
Sonoma Community Center, Sonoma am CA

Punch and Judy Show

1/12/2012 Thursday 4:00 pm
Arcade Library, Sacramento CA

CMT Ministries

1/8/12 Sunday 11:30 am
Hilltop Community Church
3118 Shane Drive
Richmond, CA 94806

Children's Fairyland

Why the Sea Is Salt
Saturdays and Sundays in January 11am & 2pm & 4pm
699 Bellevue Avenue Oakland, CA 94610

Fratello Marionettes

The Vaudeville Follies
1/14/12 Saturday 3:00 pm
Valley-Hi North Laguna Library
7400 Imagination Parkway Sacramento, CA

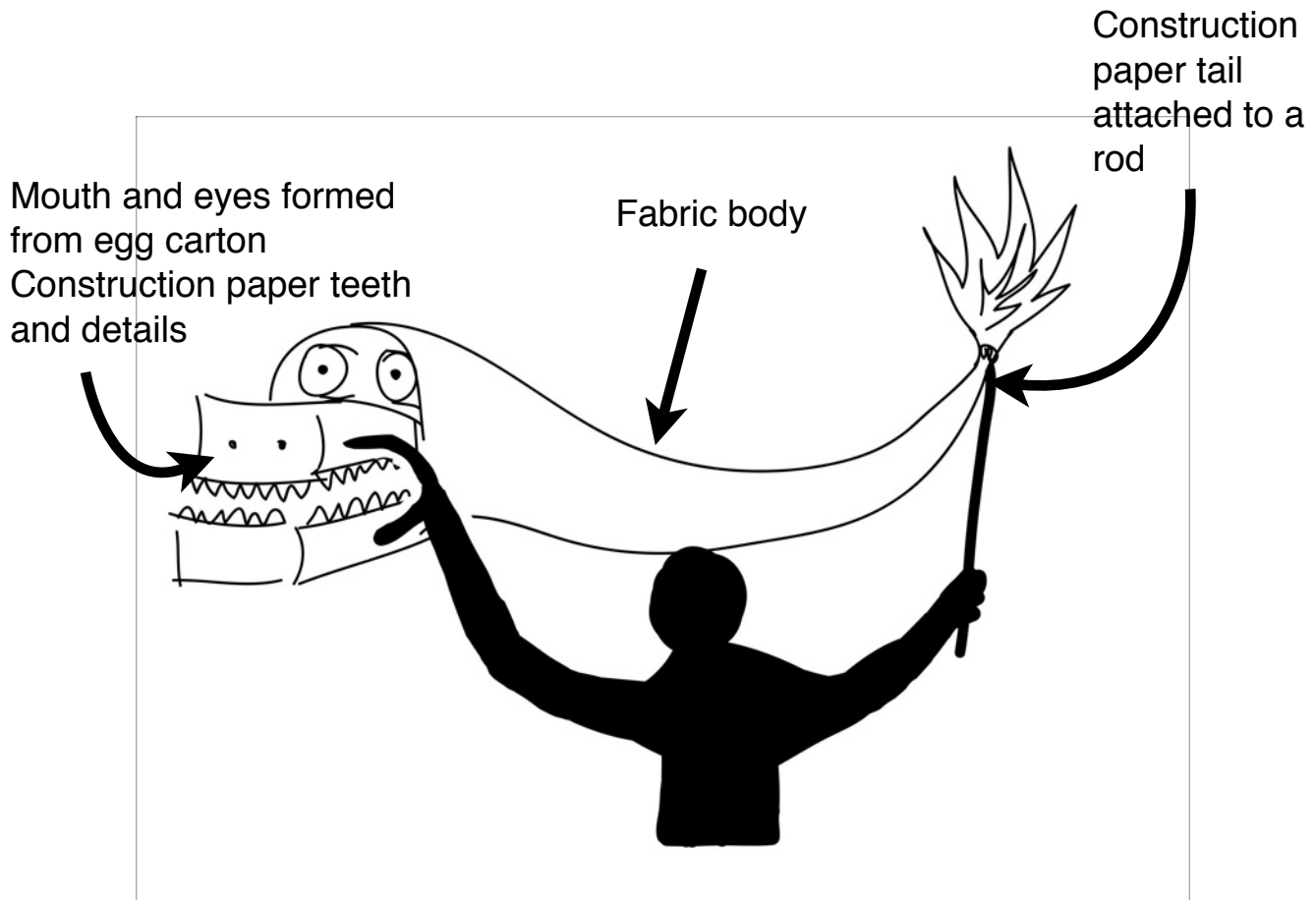
Carnival of the Animals
1/24/2012 Tuesday 7:00 pm

The Vaudeville Follies
1/24/12 Tuesday 8:00 pm
San Carlos Public Library
610 Elm St. San Carlos, CA

The Vaudeville Follies
1/25/12 Wednesday 3:30 pm
Fairfield Cordelia Library
5050 Business Center Dr. Fairfield, CA

I am continuing to try out different formats for the calendar to find the right mix of presentation and ease of production. Let me know what you think.

A Simple Dragon Puppet For The New Year



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In Ecuador there is a New Year's tradition of building large, sometimes gigantic, paper mache figures called años viejos (old years). The figures might represent a difficult situation from the past year or a troubling person you have had to deal with (politicians are a favorite). A note might be pinned to the effigy explaining the connection and then, at midnight, amid clapping and cheering, the sculptures are burned, representing a release from the old. While not strictly puppets, I'm sure many of us have a paper mache project in our past we thought deserved to be burned.

