



National Day of Puppetry

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Here are ways that YOU can
celebrate the National
Day of Puppetry!

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The National Day of Puppetry was started in 1999 by the Puppeteers of America (www.puppeteers.org), as a way to spread awareness and enthusiasm for puppetry. It is celebrated on the last Saturday of April each year, and hopefully will inspire both young and old to explore puppetry each and every day!



1. Make a Puppet!

Puppets can be made out of just about anything — paper, cardboard, cloth, a sock or mitten, a paper plate — use your imagination! Create a puppet that is your very own, that looks like no other puppet in the world.

2. See a Puppet Show

There are puppet shows being performed all the time at theaters, libraries, schools and festivals. Check your local newspaper, and if there is not one happening near you, make your own!

3. Try “Object Puppetry”

Object Puppetry is using everyday objects to create a puppet show. You’ll be surprised how anything can come to life — a spoon, a sneaker, a ball. Create a character, and try to express feelings like happiness and sadness, just through movement.

4. Start a Puppet Club

Join friends or family to start a Puppetry Club, with membership cards and meetings to make and show puppets. You could put on a show together. You can also have a “Craft Swap”, where you bring in pieces of cloth, ribbon, string, pipe cleaners, and trade them.

5. Puppet Video

If you have a video camera, try making your own puppet TV show! Make a show about what interests you — sports, music, animals — and film it with your friends. Try making your film outside, with an unusual backdrop.

6. Learn More!

The library has many books about all kinds of puppetry — hand puppets, shadow puppets, string puppets, rod puppets, etc. You can also look on the internet or contact your local puppetry guild. (See information below.)

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and has members all over New England and beyond.
For information on how to join, call 617-824-4240, or visit www.puppetsbostonguild.org.