

CLOWNS GALORE



Chuckle Sheet

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2000 Parades



Here is the Parade schedule so far for 2000. These are tentative schedules and will be decided on at the next Clowns Galore Monthly meeting. Plan to attend the meeting to get the latest info on all the upcoming Parades!!

- March 4th Sat. Pow-Wow Seminole 9:00 am
 - March 6th Mon. Strawberry Festival 1:00 pm
 - March 18th Sat. Chasco Port Richey
 - April 1st Sat. Bellaire Beach Anniversary
 - April 4th Tue. Festival of States Night 8:00 pm
 - April 8th Sat. Festival of States Day 10:00 am
 - May 6th Sat. Fun & Sun Parade 7:00 pm
- To find out more or to sign up for any of these parades, please contact Joyce Saxon @ 727-789-6736. Clowns Galore new Parade Coordinator.

Upcoming February Meeting

February 7th we will twist the night away! Bring your pumps and be ready to twist with Pam "Itchee" Wolin and Michelle "Nosedive" Alonzo, our resident balloonatics! The alley will supply balloons and you supply the air. Beginners or those who are rusty and want to review the basics, will be able to learn under the patient tutorage of Pam. Those bold enough to go where no one else has gone, or just want to learn a few new creations, will be able to follow Michelle's bubbles and apple twists. All this will take place after the regular meeting.

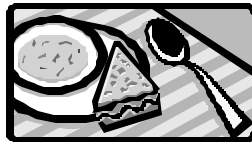


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Upcoming March Meeting

Looking ahead to March, start cleaning your attics and trunks for clown treasures. Yes, Hobo Dinner Night is coming back, and we want your fleas! (Plan on bringing some scratch, too.) For the uninitiated, Hobo Night is an invitation to come dressed as a hobo/tramp, share some "hobo food" (chili, beans, chips, etc.) from your own clean tin cans and utensils. We



will invite other alleys to join us to share their "stuff" for our flea market and partake of our humble meal. If you are planning to come, look for the sign up sheet at February's meeting to indicate what kind of food/beverage you will be bringing to share.

'In every real man a child is hidden that wants to play'

- Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

Note from the President

Missed so many of you at our January meeting. It did come up fast after the busy holidays. Hope everyone will be joining us this month. Our program committee plans a fun evening of balloon twisting. Since so many members were AWOL, the new roster for 2000 will be delayed until after dues are collected this month.

The officers and board members met to plan events for the coming year. We discussed plans to accomplish several goals.

1. To continue education at meetings and seminars. The program committee, Maureen, Pam, and Chuck are working to bring us great lecturers each spring and fall for 2000 and 2001. We agreed to schedule into next year in order to qualify for reimbursement from COAI. for their Artists in Residence Program. Meeting program topics were discussed at length. lots of fun & education planned-if you have suggestions, know someone talented, or want to "entertain" us yourself, let the committee know.



2. To schedule more activities, and to use these activities to raise money for our alley charities. **CLOWNS GALORE WANTS YOU!** Sign up now to chair our Activity/Charity Committee. The board will work with you, but we will not plan any activities for the year 2000 without a chairperson to spearhead this committee.

3. To review the By-laws for any inconsistencies, and to get a current copy to all members.

In keeping our goals simple, we can all gain knowledge, spread our cheer throughout the community, try out our new ideas and have fun together as an alley.

Elaine

Fools for Christ Workshop

Have you ever used your clowning skills to witness for Christ? Do you want to learn more about how clowns can bring the Gospel to life and change hearts? March 10th and 11th the Fools for Christ will hold a workshop on Christian Clowning. Friday night will include a skit show, directed by professional director, Beverly Brewer. Saturday we will host speakers and demonstrations that will hone your clown skills to be better Christian witnesses. The program will run from 7:30 to 9:00 pm Friday night, and from 9 am to 3 pm Saturday. The workshop fee will include a tee shirt and light lunch on Saturday. Cost: ONLY \$30! (Such a deal!) "Graduates"

will be invited to join Fools for Christ, which has no membership fee. This alley has performed throughout Pinellas County, shared a stage with Lori White, and been recognized with a feature in the St. Petersburg Times.

For more information contact alley members Maureen or Gene Belote, Steve Fowler, Becky and Glenn Wardell, Kerry Bauer or Bob White. The alley meets the THIRD MONDAY of every month at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 639 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin. You are cordially invited to attend our next meeting, Feb. 21st at 7:30 in an upper room of the educational building.

Hobo Style Magical Balloon Twisting Jam

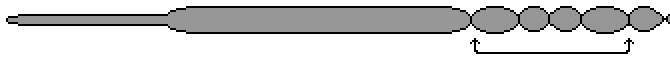
That's right all you Twisted folk, it's that time again. I have the camp fire wood ready Hot boiled peanuts simmering in the pot, Chili cooking down real slow, Fry bread ready for the eating, Yum! That's the way we like it way down south in Florida land. If you live near enough to get to I-4 & I-75 between Orlando and Tampa Florida on Tuesday Feb 8th from 4PM till? you are in for a treat, and most WELCOME. Elmo Twist will be hosting another Balloon Jam. This time we have moved the event outside by the fire, well mostly. We have a very nice sponsor at 1-800-4 Balloons from Chicago Illinois. They will be supplying all the balloons we can twist, plus some to give as door prizes, plus I will be giving A Masters One Stroke Balloon Pump. I will be gathering other stuff to give away as we go along to Fry Pie Day. Oh you don't know what a Fry pie is. Well, it is one of the most delicious things you will ever pull out of a camp fire. I want say more I'll let the ones that can make it to the Jam do the talking, after. Yum! Yum! Wayne & Marty Scott from Howey In The Hills Florida will be our Guest of Honor this time. They will share clowning from the heart as

well as there wonderful line of Clown shoes & Props. They were featured at Mooseburger camp 98, as well as many other major Balloon events around the world. What a treat to watch them strut there stuff. Wayne never runs out of gags and Marty always wins. For complete information on HOBOS MAGICAL BALLOON TWISTING JAM and schedule for the evening go to <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Interview/4893/special3.html> Registration Fee 0 Cost for new Ideas 0 Cost for New Balloon Creations 0 You may leave a donation to cover the cost of your food. If you don't eat please don't leave any money. If you would like to come in from another State to play and need a place to stay that night check with me 813-659-3435. I have a four bedroom three bathroom home and lots of floor space, we'll bed down as many as we can. Cost - 0. Peaches and I hope to have lots of old friends from the last Jam and hope to meet many new ones this time. Come early and stay late but most of all bring a smile and be ready to have some fun. HOBOS Style!

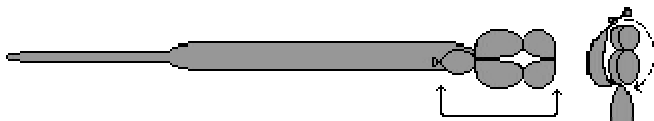
Balloon Corner

Supplied by Professor Wonder's Wonder Factory <http://www.willinet.net/~gardner>

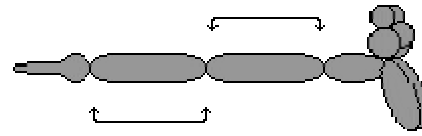
I found a photo of this frog on the Balloon Modeling page (follow the link below). It was submitted by G. David Graves, and after seeing it I had to add it to my menagerie. The drawings below show how I make it (Graves' method may be a little different). First inflate a 260 balloon about 1/3 of the way and tie it off.



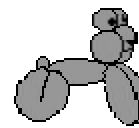
Begin with a soft 1.5" bubble, followed by 2", 1.5", 1.5", 2". Twist joints 1 & 5 together. Pull the knot over joint 3 and stretch the nozzle down the back and secure to joint 1. This completes the head.



Now finish the figure with 2" front legs, a short body and long hind legs folded back on themselves in a Loop Twist.



Leave just enough of a 'tail' to tie off the back end and wrap up any remaining uninflated end in the last joint.



Eye and mouth details may be added with a permanent marker.

To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children ... to leave the world a bit better ... to know even one life had breathed easier because you had lived, that is to have succeeded.

(adapted from an original verse by:)

Bessie Anderson Stanley

Website of the Month

This month the website of the month is providing our Balloon instructions. Since he is allow us to use this wonderful resource, it just seemed liked a good idea to highlight his website:

Professor Wonder's Wonder Factory
<http://www.willinet.net/~gardner/>

Professor Wonder lives in Boone, Iowa and produces Wonder out of the factory in his home. The Wonder can be seen in a child's laugh or a parent's smile as a skinny

balloon is transformed into a tiger or a horse. The wonder can fill an auditorium as the professor causes objects to appear or vanish before your eyes.

Come by and visit Garry Gardner's wonderful site!!



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Next Meeting February
7th Monday Night 7:00pm

Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

We're on the Web
[http://www.geocities.com/
Broadway/Alley/3725/](http://www.geocities.com/Broadway/Alley/3725/)

Dates to Remember

This section will always have the latest dates and times to remember about coming events.

February 7th— Elmo Twist Balloon Jam (See story in newsletter) Call 813-659-3435.

Every Wednesday – Tampa Bay Jugglers Club 7PM 4719 Prescott St, Tampa For details call Ed (813) 527-1716.

3rd Sunday (even Months only) - Storytellers Guild, Seminole Library.

All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate group for any schedule changes and details.

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