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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



It's so hard to believe March is almost here!!! Already I've noticed the days are longer and it seems a tad bit warmer (sometimes). I am really looking forward to spring this year. This was a tough and not so happy winter for me so I am only all too glad to close that chapter and start a new one.

We have an exciting month to look forward to. Our March meeting promises to be colorful!!! We have a very talented face painter hosting a one hour lecture Monday, March 7 at 7:30 PM. Take a peek at her website [GinCProductions.com](http://GinCProductions.com). If you would like, bring in a picture of some of your face painting work to share so she knows the level of our talent and can gear her lecture to improve our skills.

Also we have a couple of events coming up. The Mall Walk is a real popular event, early in the day and loads of fun. It takes place at the South Shore Mall and you can do either balloon sculpting or walk around. It was a real treat to work with all the talent last year. Steve Brenner was a real hit entertaining the masses while a bunch of us twisted balloons for the walkers and their families and friends. We were in and out in no time and they really appreciated us.

Later in the month there is the Relay for Life event at Northeastern University. My soon to be graduating daughter, Tara, is co chair of this event and expects quite a turnout! I'm twisting balloons and will gladly chauffeur whoever would like to come for a few hours. Again, a no pressure event to twist balloons or just be a clown!!! Details are in the newsletter so please sign up for one of these events if your schedule will allow.

Look forward to seeing you Monday!

Pickles

## Clown Jamboree 2011

A great time was had at Clown Jamboree...Lots of workshops, lots of competitions and lots of fun.....Attendance was a little on the slim side, about a 100-ish. Sorry to say that only Koo Koo, Twinkles and her husband Onion were there from the Joeys.

The Jamboree is moving to the last weekend of January next year. So mark it down in your calendars now.....

There were a few glitches during the weekend, which were understandable....don't forget this is now being run by Steve Kissel "Salty".....but I think Steve handled everything well and is making a real effort to improve the weekend. It was nice to see some of our old friends. And, Doug and Sue, and their kids/grandkids all joined us to just plain enjoy the weekend as well....

Dealers included the new owner of Clown Supplies, "Simplicity".....as well as Holliday for costumes....and several magic dealers. BB and Robo were once again entertaining us in the Hospitality rooms.....

Prayers and hope should go out to Leon "Buttons" McBryde whose son is at the end of his fight with cancer.

Best wishes also go out to Claire Marcotte "Cheerio" from the Greater Boston Clown Alley up in Salem. Claire was at the convention, and was rushing to volunteer to be in a skit onstage during the competitions when she fell hard, face forward onto the ballroom floor and had to be taken to the hospital. She has several bad breaks to her arm/shoulder. Luckily, Steve Kissel and two others from his convention team are EMT's and were able to comfort and care for her until the ambulance arrived.....She will be needing surgery but is back home and resting.

Steven E. Cook  
Koo Koo the Clown

## Twist & Shout

I went to the Twist & Shout balloon convention for one day. The only other Joey member that I saw there was Bill Leblanc. Everyone seems to have had a great time. There were some phenomenal balloon creations made by some really talented twisters. The balloon jam room was stocked with virtually every balloon, in every color you can imagine....you could just sit and play, and twist, and share ideas for hours....

The place was busy all week with at least 4 workshops going all the time that ranged from decorating/delivery/twisting, and twisting/face painting ideas to the business/entertainment sides of making money with balloons. They had well over 200 people come to the convention from all across country as well as a number of international guests, and a lot of walk ins on both Friday and Saturday. Great dealers included T-Myers, Diamond Magic, Rainbow Balloon, and many more. Lots of videos, and new ideas.

Kudos to Jon Hubbard, Royal and Patty Sorell for putting together a great weekend.

ALSO...Have you seen the TV show "Unpoppables" ????? It is all about a 3 person balloon decorating company in CA that twists balloons into creations of all sizes for their business. They have made an outdoor castle with a damsel in distress, a bridal wedding gown, Eiffel Tower and many oversized creations. Very interesting look into their business.

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Koo Koo the Clown

## Upcoming Conventions

**WCA Annual Convention / March 14 - 18**

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

[www.worldclown.com](http://www.worldclown.com)

**COAI Convention / April 13-17**

Anaheim, CA

[www.2011coaiconvention.org](http://www.2011coaiconvention.org)

**Face and Body Art Convention / May 25-29**

Orlando, Florida

[www.fabaic.com](http://www.fabaic.com)

Please share your stories or experiences  
at conventions or workshops.  
Send to Marmalade...Thanks!!!



**FT MONDAY'S @ 7:30 PM**  
(EXCEPT SEPT IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY)  
No meetings in July and August

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>**

Face Painting with  
Ginny Colangelo of Gin C. Productions

Bio about Ginny from her website:

As a professional makeup artist for over 35 years, I formed Gin C. Productions in 2000 to bring my exclusive creative talents to my existing clients and those needing my creative art. As well as being an International Face and Body Artist, I am a licensed, professional hair & make up media artist. I work for TV, the motion picture film industry and commercial productions. In addition, I am a union makeup artist with Local 798 NYC.

Face painting is just one phase of my abilities. As a professional makeup artist, the variety of events and make up techniques we offer are not limited to Airbrush Face Painting. Gin C offers Human Statues, Living Art Roving tables, Body Painting, & Special Make Up Effects. These effects also include, Prosthetics. I design make up for theatrical productions, fashion and runway. I am also an educator.

**Apr 4<sup>th</sup>**

Nominations and Workshop TBD

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Annual Auction

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Elections and Party

# Events

**Sat, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 8-10am**

Walk for Hospice at the South Shore Plaza  
Balloons/Walkaround  
Need a Boss Clown !!!

**Sat. March 26<sup>th</sup> - 6-8pm**

Relay for Life  
Mathews Arena 20 Tremont Street Boston  
Balloons/Face Painting/Walkaround  
Boss Clown – Pickles

**Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am**

Needham's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade  
& 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
We need a good size group to support this parade this year...the more the merrier!!!

## *Face Painters...*

Did you know at Sillyfarm.com you can see new instructional videos each month?  
Or check them out on Youtube!

Have you heard about FabaTV???

You will soon be able to see online workshops from your favorite instructors covering all areas of Face and body Art.

You will be able to learn at your own pace in the comfort of your own home from the world's finest and most talented instructors.

[www.fabatv.com](http://www.fabatv.com)