

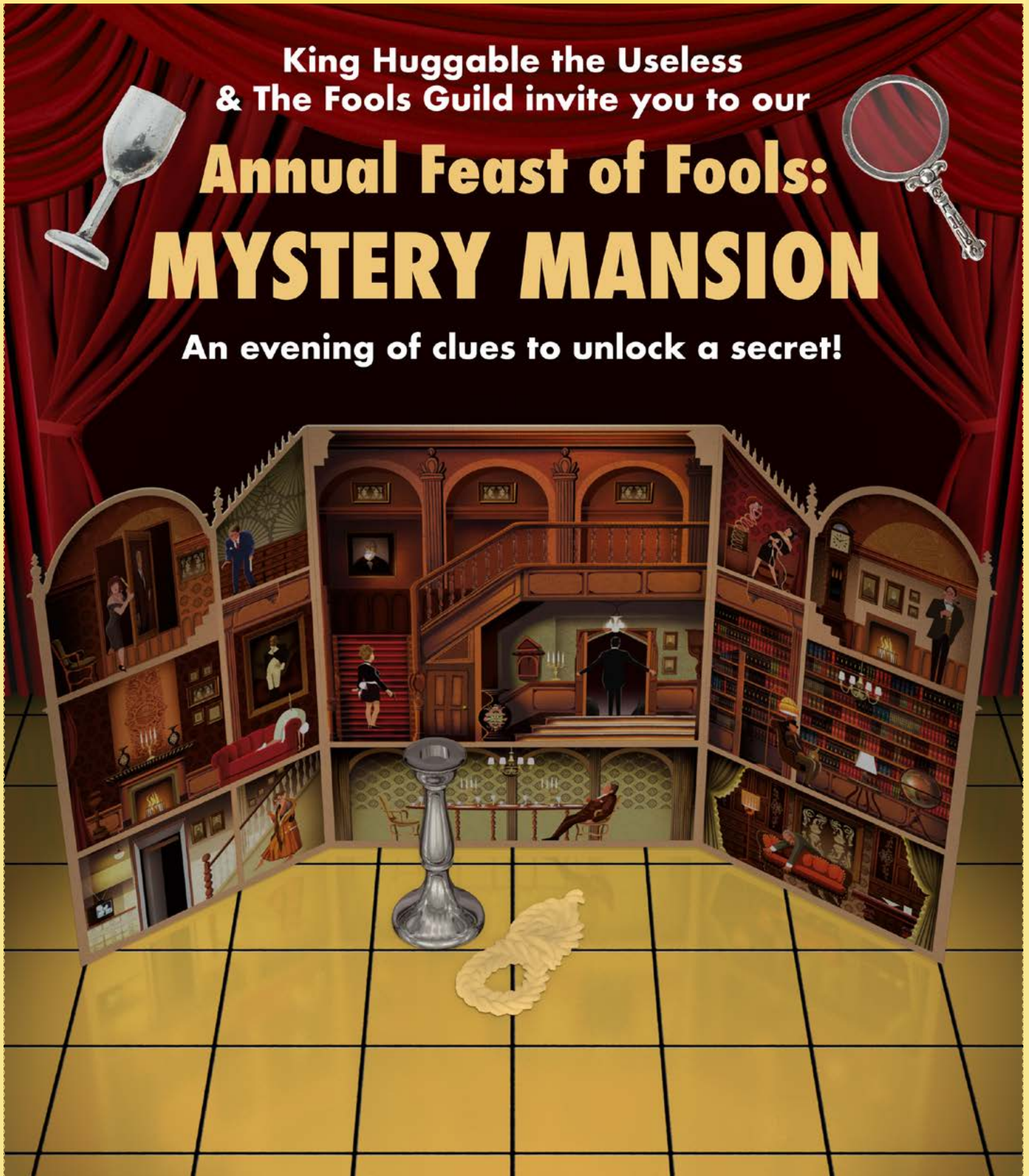


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& The Fools Guild invite you to our

Annual Feast of Fools:
MYSTERY MANSION

An evening of clues to unlock a secret!



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Current reigning...
King Huggable the Useless
- Cal Smith

Mother Folly
Mother MomCat's
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Invitation to Folly

You are hereby invited to peruse and enjoy *The Joker*, but be forewarned that reading this very invitation now qualifies you as a Fool!

“Who, Me?” You might say. “Yes, You!” Comes the inevitable rejoinder.

**If you enjoy a good laugh, if you're willing to be the butt of a joke,
if you don a costume - whenever possible,**

**if telling the truth to power tickles your funny-bone, if you're inspired to sing and
dance**

when nobody else hears the music, or even if none of the above applies to you,

**You are most definitely a Fool. (As is everyone to some extent,
but some of us are not loath to admit it.) Now that we have that settled,
we bid you again welcome and invite you to fascinating fêtes and foolish frolics!**

**This is the Internet, so of course it costs nothing to enjoy *The Joker*, the foolish fruit
of our labors.**

**We've even formatted it so you may print and peruse it at your leisure;
we would even print it ourselves, slap a few stamps on it and send it to you.**

BUT you must contact us to let us know that is your wish.

**We'd welcome you in any case, but if so moved and could spare a few shekels
for mailing YOURS, we wouldn't mind. (A Fool and his what..?)**

\$21 per year will do nicely.

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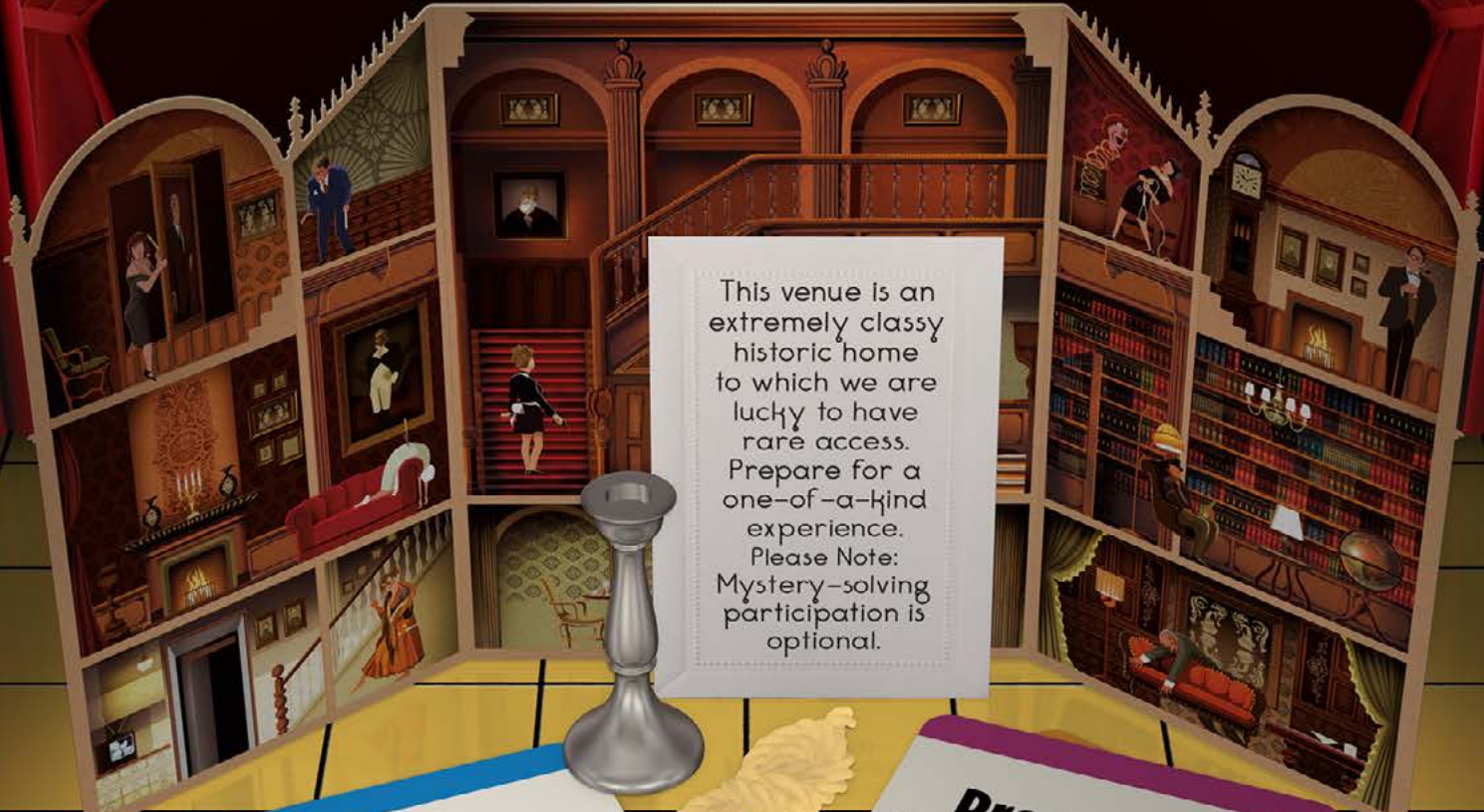
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You came from dust, you will return to dust. That's why I never dust, it could be someone I know!

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**Wednesday
April 1, 2020
6-10pm**

**280 Crosby Street
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HALLOWEEN '19 PARTY REVIEW: A Country Fool Jamboree
By Roving Reporter Rover

Born on a mountaintop in... Denver, Colorado, King Huggable the Useless has always considered himself a bit of a hillbilly, even if those jagged peaks were the Rockies and not the Appalachians. To celebrate his roots Cal treated us to a Hillbilly Hoote-nanny on November 2, 2019 at the venerable Tinhorn Flats Saloon in Burbank. A local tradition since 1939, the Saloon graciously offered us their backyard Cactus Garden, already decorated with frontier flair, leaving us little to do but set up a stage for our band and hang up a wash-line with our freshly-laundered long-johns & petticoats hung up to dry.

Fools showed up in backwoods finery, sporting a humble array of overalls, straw hats, daisy-dukes and corn-cob pipes. We grazed on delicious snacks cooked up by the Saloon's kitchen, and enjoyed a hilarious cake (thank you Brittany) resembling a road-killed armadillo. We two-stepped and boogied to marvelous music mixes by DJs Delecta and Archivus. And lucky us, live band "Frosty Possum" kept the Saloon stomping with Kate Friedrichs on banjo and vocals, Bob Applebaum on mandolin and Mark Fletcher on string bass; PLUS "The Jug Grubs!" Tuba on gutbucket, jug, washboard, and vocals; John Higley on jugs and vocals; James Hendricks on jugs, vocals, washboard, concertina, and bones; and our very own King Huggable blowin' on a jug! (*Quoth he: "It's not as easy as it looks!"*) Yours truly taught a line dance called Cotton-Eyed Joe that had everyone dizzy and bumping into each other like we choreographed it that way on purpose.

Special thanks to Archivus for providing our sound system, to Hippy-Bear Terry for lighting, to Russell for making our awesome flyer, and to Michael Kember for staffing the door. A superb time was had by all, with a minimum of fuss, though we were a tad disappointed it didn't end in a drunken brawl. The kindly folk at the Saloon loved us, and even invited y'all to drop in anytime now, y'hear?



“Wise men learn by other men’s mistakes, fools by their own.”



**TO MY LOYAL SUBJECTS!
FROM KING HUGGABLE THE USELESS!**

This will be my last chance to address you in print so let me say what a PLEASURE it has been to lead you and hug you! If you haven’t received a hug from me in the past year, please accept this virtual one RIGHT NOW: (Wraps arms around you... Squeezes gently but firmly... Ahh...) There you go! Feeling secure and loved and cared about? Good. Remember, hugs are healthy, so make sure you get some every day.

I know, I haven’t been COMPLETELY useless during my reign. I just wanted to make sure everyone’s expectations were low, LOL. It’s been a sweet and memorable year for me. I was so proud of my Coronation at the Faire, where the freaky, big-headed baby transformed into your sovereign at the Washing Well. We had a wonderful picnic in Griffith Park followed by Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night.” Our Hillbilly Hootenanny at Tin Horn Flats was off the charts! And I hope you picked up one of our limited-edition Fools Guild Coat-of-Arms Pins with which to adorn your foolish outfits. But most importantly, being your king was, for me, a year of strengthening incredible relationships and beautiful bonds. Thank you for making my year so special. As I join the ranks of ex-Rexes in April, I hope to continue to participate in future Foolish events with the same verve and vigor.

This Spring we’ll be crowning our 40th king. It’s amazing that the Fools Guild has found a way to sustain itself for so long. I’m proud to be part of that heritage. The Fools Guild has brought me great joy over the past 20 years! I hope it always will. See you at the Mystery Mansion on April Fools Day and at the next Coronation at the Faire!

Fondly yours, Cal Smith AKA King Huggable



“Controversy equalizes fools and wise men...and the fools know it.”

“A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends.”

**All Hail Joan Hotchkis,
Our Lady of Perpetual Storage
By Rover 1/12/2020**

**All our Foolish decorations
In North Hollywood reside
Where our trove of fun creations
Is kept dry and locked inside
Of a rented storage cubicle
Not free of monthly charge.
But fortunately suitable:
Not small and not too large.
Our kind sponsor (here depicted)
Promptly pays those monthly fees
So our stuff won't be evicted
To a dumpster, if you please!**

**All Fools join in thanking Joannie
For her generosity!
We should have a ceremony
With mirth and pomposity!
To show our endless gratitude
And fondness for Ms. Hotchkis,
We offer this sweet platitude:
(I'm trying not to botch this)
Hail to Joan, our Benefactress!
Let us whoop and roar and swear again!
Lucky us! Not just an actress,
She's a genuine Samaritan.**

And smiled a rainbow overhead.



Please give me a cloud to wipe my eye;



“Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something.”

HAPPY APRIL FOOLS, FOOLS

The first of April, some do say
 Is set apart for All Fool's Day;
 But why the people call it so
 Nor I, nor they themselves, do know,
 But on this day are people sent
 On purpose for pure merriment.
 [--Poor Robin's Almanac (1790)--]



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“A fool flatters himself, a wise man flatters the fool.”



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Altadena CA 91001

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10AM to 7PM 626 / 969 - 4750 Irwindale

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Fools Parade & Coronation

Sunday, April 19

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