

# **ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

**October 26th, 2011**

## **Discovering the History of Puppetry with Dr. Neff's Incredible Puppet Company**

**Our guest speakers for this meeting will be George and Ann Neff. Dr. George Neff taught art and puppetry at Rowan University for over 35 years, and his wife Ann Stokes Neff taught puppetry to Child Drama majors for seven years as an adjunct professor at Rowan University. In her early years Ann worked in New York City as a puppeteer, designing costumes and doing voices with the Department of Parks Marionette Theater.**

**Puppetry as an ancient art form is believed to have originated 20 to 30 thousand years ago. From the earliest times puppetry has been used in almost all human societies as entertainment and in ceremonial rituals. Puppets have been used to animate and communicate the ideas and needs of human societies. Present day puppetry, as we now know it, had its origin in Asia about 4,000 years ago.**

**Puppetry is a constantly evolving art form and shows no signs of diminishing growth! Following their retirement from full-time university work in 2000, the Neffs have focused on expanding their repertoire and exploring new areas of technology which include toy theater construction and mechanics, shadow puppetry and the use of multimedia projection. Their company currently offers performances, residencies and workshops in puppetry and toy theater for children and adults.**

**Come out and enjoy an entertaining evening with your friends. Meet the Neffs and their puppet friends.**

**This is a dinner meeting and is designed to be casual and entertaining.**

**This meeting is open to SOCIETY MEMBERS and NONMEMBERS**

**TICKETS ARE \$20.00 for MEMBERS, \$22.00 for NONMEMBERS**

**THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT**

**The Senior Center 69 Spruce St., Pennsville, NJ**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 P.M.**

**FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CALL**

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