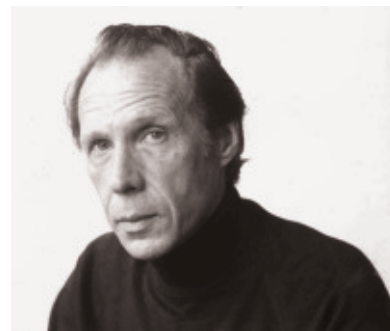


MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

BOB FLESHMAN

Members who went to the 2016 Convention of the US and Canada Magic Lantern Society will recall the very memorable visit, organised by **Steve Barnes**, to the University of New Orleans Nims Center and the Robert Fleshman collection of magic lantern and optical devices now housed there. The collection arrived in 2013 and most of the material is sorted and on display, thanks to Steve, his colleagues and in particular Roger Benischeck at the Nims Center who has organised the work. But Steve would appreciate some help from fellow MLS members. They have very little personal insight into Bob and his passion for collecting. He was a member of both societies and on occasion also bought items in the UK. If anyone has any recollections, anecdotes or stories about Bob please get in touch with Steve (thesteve4@yahoo.com) and/or Roger (roger@nimscenter.com).



CHILDREN'S HOUR

Wilhelm Widenmann has sent this charming picture of small children watching a show. The picture is called *Children's Hour: 'In the cinema'* and is by Austrian artist Pauli Ebner. This idyllic scene comes from a postcard dating from around 1900.

Please send in any interesting 'finds' that might interest other MLS members – we like to feature these in the Notice Board section or elsewhere in The Magic Lantern if there is a longer story attached.

WORKSHOP IN OSAKA

Following her recent event (see p.8), **Mitsue Ikeda-Tanaka** has just let us know that the Osaka Museum of History has invited her group to perform and run a workshop there on 6 May 2019. The Museum has the largest collection of 'Taneitas' (slides, usually with multiple images and movement) in Japan and is famous for its connection with the history of Nishiki Kage-e.

NEW RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Richard Crangle, MLS Secretary and Treasurer, writes: At the Society AGM in January (see p.15), a question was raised as to whether the Society should adopt a reduced subscription rate for new members, to encourage people to join us and see for themselves the delights MLS membership has to offer.

The Committee discussed this at our meeting in February, and decided to adopt the idea as a special offer for 2019, at rates of £35 for individual and £40 for family membership, applying to the first year of a new membership only (student and institutional rates remain unchanged at £20 and £60). We will review this arrangement at the end of the year to decide whether it does help people to join who might otherwise not have done so, but so far the signs are encouraging.

So if you happen to know anyone who 'should' be an MLS member and isn't (yet...), perhaps you could draw this special offer to their attention – we'd be delighted to welcome them aboard!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Magic Lantern Society needs a willing member to take on the editorship of our monthly e-mail publication *New Light on Old Media*. This goes to non-members as well and focuses on modern views and interpretations of earlier phenomena, such as from the magic lantern era. We know Mervyn Heard is a hard act to follow but why not give it a try?



OVERHEARD AT THE AGM

Overheard at the January meeting ... Two lady members are seen admiring a black toy lantern on one of the stalls: "Oh look, it's got red edging round the door! It would match my bag ..." Gentleman: "Of course, that's the best way to choose a lantern ...", rolling his eyes more than a slipper slide, in exasperation.

SOUTH WEST MEETING

Keith Utteridge is organising a Bristol 'at home' meeting at the Church Hall in Fishponds, Bristol, on 7 September 2019. This is to remember and recreate the thoroughly enjoyable meetings run there by the Elsburys in past years (and hopefully featuring fish and chips again). Contact Keith directly if you want to go – but hurry as places are limited and running out very fast.

DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only and confirm before travelling.

2019

5-6 April

Special two-day MLS meeting in Brussels, jointly with the *B-magic* project

27 April

Spring meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Swedenborg House, London

20 July

Summer meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
St Dunstan's Church Hall, Canterbury

7 September

South West Meeting (of MLS members)
Church Hall, Fishponds, Bristol

19 October

Autumn meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham

NEW MEMBERS

John Holden	Reading, UK
Paul Rawlinson	Lymington, UK
Amy Matthewson	London, UK
Nico de Klerk	Amsterdam, Netherlands
Dulce da Rocha Gonçalves	Amsterdam, Netherlands
Pippa Stacey	London, UK
Meegan Kennedy	Yarmouth, Maine, USA
Murat and Gül Russell	Bryan, Texas, USA
Margo Buelens-Terryn	Deurne, Belgium
Daniele Thomas Alessi	Pozzuoli, Italy