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**The Bronx Council on the Arts and the Huntington Free Library present
Puppet-making with Lucrecia Novoa on Saturday, February 18, 12:30-3:00pm
A Free Family-Friendly Craft Workshop at Huntington Free Library**

(Bronx, NY – February 4, 2013) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Huntington Free Library (HFL) continue their 2012-2013 family-friendly craft workshop series at 12:30pm on Saturday, February 16th at Westchester Square's Huntington Free Library with **Puppet Making with Lucrecia Novoa**.

Lucrecia Novoa's fascinating, large-scale puppets and masks are currently on view in the horror and fantasy exhibition "In The Realm of Dreams & Fears" at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street). Marvel at her work at this exhibition and then spend a fun-filled afternoon with her as she helps you to create a small-scale puppet that you will be proud to display.

The workshop runs from 12:30-3:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank). This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome. To reserve a seat, visit <http://021613puppetmaking.eventbrite.com>.



Lucrecia Novoa studied Fine Arts in University of Chile and the Massachusetts College of Arts. The turning point of her career was when she attended the *Art of the Mask* course offered by Eric Bornstein in 1996. Under Eric's patient guidance, she learned not only techniques of mask making, but also how to mold gestures and expressions into the masks. She began producing fantasy creatures using large masks and sophisticated costumes and soon sought her own characters, based preferentially on dark figures representing witches, monsters and ghosts. Over the years, Lucrecia has been involved in several workshops, shows and theater. She's assisted on student art workshops and had a very fulfilling experience with her dramatic adaptation of a Mexican story (*Lucia Zenteno*), which included masked characters, live music and bilingual (Spanish and English) dialogue. Lucrecia has organized her own workshops and exhibits over the last few years. Of particular significance were the exhibits in the Waltham Public Library, which displayed my drawings, paintings, and masks in three consecutive years.

Puppet-making with Lucrecia Novoa is part of the free series of Third Saturday Family Craft Workshops presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts, the Huntington Free Library, and NYC Council Member James Vacca through April 20, 2013 at the Huntington Free Library. **The series continues at 12:30pm on March 16th** as BCA presents **Doll Making with Alba Garcia**. Ms. Garcia's work is also on view at the "In The Realm of Dreams & Fears" exhibition and on her website at www.fantasiation.com. **Admission to all workshops is free, but space is limited.** For information, call 718-931-9500 x33 or 718-829-7770, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

Directions: The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank) in the Bronx and can be reached by the #6 subway and BX 4, 21, 31, 40 and 42 buses. All destinations are to Westchester Square. For additional directions or information, call 718-829-7770.

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