

ZOOMING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

Although started during the Pandemic, this online event has proved so popular that now it has become a regular MLS 'meeting'. It's been great to get together virtually and chat with members around the world, as well as enjoying the sort of shows and presentations that might be harder to include in our normal in-person meetings. As a result on 17 December 2022 over 60 members via 49 connections joined in from countries including USA, Australia and around Europe. The programme, compèred by **Jeremy Brooker** (in exotic 'costume'), was:

- *Introduction* by MLS Chair, **Richard Feltham**
- *Ars Minor Lucis et Umbrae* by **Felix Cikanek** and **Elli Jegel**. A one-candle magic lantern and shadow theatre show – lit by Edelweiss matches of course (Austria)
- *Reproducing 'The Raven' (Edgar Allan Poe)* by **Matt Schnittker**. Creating a set of Joseph Boggs Beale (1841-1926) slides for

modern performance of this 1845 narrative poem (USA)

- *The Perfect Holiday Dinner* by **Dick Moore**. The 'dishes' took unexpected turns in this recreation of the festive feast (USA)
- *A Procession of Festive Images* by **Lester Smith**. This included skaters, mad bulls and a hunt riding on strange creatures (UK)
- *Dragonfly in Amber* by **Ed Murray**. A short film of one of Ed's poems illustrated using multi-layered original slide images (USA)
- *The Glow Arts Trail, December 2022* by **Nicole Mollett** and **Frog Morris**. Featuring their glow-worms and an underwater world section using magic lantern images 'Sea what thou wish to sea' (UK)
- *'Little Breeches' an American Christmas story* by **Terry Borton**. An 1871 story by John Hay, Secretary to Abraham Lincoln, and featuring 1906 slides by Joseph Boggs Beale (music by **Charlotte Paulsen**) (USA)

The event can be viewed online via the MLS website (sign in with your name and password (www.magiclantern.org.uk/events/search.php)).