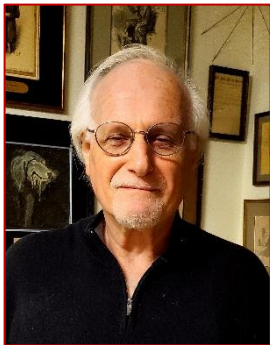


Meeting Notes

March 26, 2022



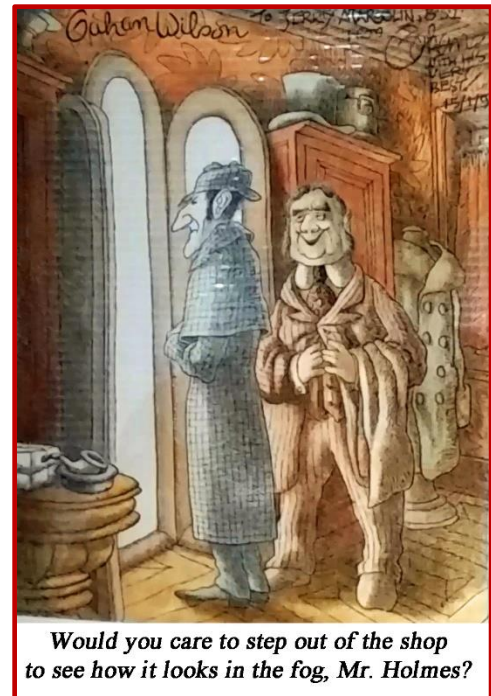
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Over eighty participants joined The Red Circle's March meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker Jerry Margolin, renowned collector of original Sherlockian art, was able to join us from his home in Portland, Oregon. Jerry's talk—"Art in His Blood: Sherlockian Collecting"—focused on only a few pieces in his immense collection. But what pieces! The artists range from

Sidney Paget and Frederic Dorr Steele, both well-known for their classic illustrations of canonical stories, to Charles Shultz of *Peanuts* fame, and Gahan Wilson, whose cartoons graced the pages of *Playboy* for many years. Almost as amazing as the artwork are Jerry's stories about how and when he acquired the pieces.

The Q&A afterward turned into a show and tell, as audience members shared some of their art treasures.



Then came the time we were all dreading... er, anticipating: the Dana Richards quiz. Taking the theme from Jerry's talk, Dana devised thirteen mind-bending questions about artists mentioned in Canon. Just to show how difficult these questions were, our first-place winner, Joe Eckrich, gained the title with a score of eight. Regina Stinson and Stefan Weishaupt tied for second place with six points apiece, while Greg Darak and Michael Quigley tied for third with five points each.

While we were all recovering from Dana's quiz, Peter explained that he was establishing a new tradition of irregular toasts. The first irregular toast was given by Michael Quigley, in honor of the hound Roy in "The Creeping Man", as well as Michael's departed Murphy and new good boy Thorin, both Irish Wolfhounds. He toasted the noble beasts with Christopher Morley's poem "At the Dog Show: To an Irish Wolfhound." Verna Suit gave the second irregular toast to the city of Odessa, inspired by Watson's comments on the city's beauty in Nicholas Meyer's book, *The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols*. Greg Ruby provided a comprehensive January Birthday weekend report, and Peter reminded everyone about upcoming events. Details can be found in [Ron Fish's Sherlockian Calendar](#).

The next Red Circle meeting will be in person on June 24th. We will be joined by the [Sub-Librarians Scion](#). Location to be announced.