
HHLT Play Time

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May 2016

Next Meeting--Thursday, May 19

7:00 Ballroom

General Meeting

Followed by Leland Shook speaking on directing

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Prez Sez

Our spring production, Boeing Boeing took us back to the sixties when flight attendants were air hostesses and the world of flying was far different. But the audience certainly was kept guessing and laughing, wondering who would come through which door when. Thanks to all the cast and crew for a fun evening.

Following our April 28th General Meeting, in preparation for the *Sounds of Sedaka* performance in the ballroom, we sang along with Neil Sedaka songs via You Tube. Strains of Calendar Girl, Oh Carol and Breakin' Up Is Hard To Do rocked the Mountain View Room. And then the dancing started. Lots of fun but dance lessons may be on the agenda for a future meeting.

Our May 19th General Meeting will be in the ballroom and feature Leland Shook who will speak on directing and producing amateur plays. We're looking forward to interesting and enjoyable evening.

See you soon, Denny

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LOCAL THEATER NEWS

Fauquier Community Theater has announced its 2016-2017 season. The plays will be: "Legally Blonde" (September 30-Oct. 16); "A Sanders Family Christmas" December 2-18); "Steve Martin's *The Underpants*" (January 27-Feb 12); "Twelve Angry Men" (March 17-April 2); and "The Secret Garden – A New Musical" (May 5-21). Details can be found at <http://fctstage.org/2016-2017-season-of-shows/>

Fall Play News

We are excited to be co-directing HHLT's fall production. It is called "The Book of Murder" by Ron Cowen which hopefully will keep our audiences guessing who the murderer is. The cast consists of four females and two males. A short read through is planned for the July meeting. Copies of the play will be



available for those interested in auditioning. Auditions will be held at the end of August and rehearsals begin after Labor Day.

As you know, more than just actors are necessary to the success of a play, and we welcome all of you who wish to volunteer for the many other opportunities available to produce a performance. Just give one of use a call or e-mail and let us know where you'd

like to contribute to the success of the play.

Bill Harrison (1644) and Ina Mayer (1906)

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Boeing Boeing Has Landed

By Walt Meyer and Betty Hitchcock
Co-Directors

Ladies and gentlemen, from the flight deck, we are pleased to tell you that we have arrived safely at our destination. We had 432 guests on the three legs of our journey, exceeding our budgeted expectations by 42. Our net revenue appears to have exceeded our budget by over \$900. More importantly, the feedback from the community has been continuous and extremely positive.

We thank the very hard-working cast for learning an enormous amount of lines and blocking that was so critical to the success of bring this farce to life. Beyond the scheduled rehearsals, they also put in time on their own to meet and rehearse. There was a sense of team, as cast members jumped in to help each other, when necessary.

They couldn't have done it without the backing of our producer, Marlene Griffenhagen, and an outstanding crew, many of whom put in countless hours

attending rehearsals and understudying, working on costumes and stage decorations, coordinating the sound effects and lights, selecting and applying makeup, coordinating ticket sales, and greeting people at the door. If we tried to name them all, we might inadvertently leave someone out.

However, we have to give special thanks to Ted Day for designing a very intricate set. It had six doorways, four of which required doors that had to work perfectly, so as not to throw the timing off. Also, thanks to his dedicated crew for months of building the set components, and erecting and tearing down the set on very tight schedules.

We stepped in at the eleventh hour to take on this project so that the Heritage Hunt Little Theater could have a spring show. We had to work on a very compressed and intense time schedule. At times, we questioned our sanity. In the end, due of the unwavering support of so many, it all turned out great.

Sincere thanks all of you who took part in this effort.

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Brain Teaser

Ahh! Spring has come! Or at least the calendar says it has despite all the rain and gray clouds. This month's Brain Teaser asks you to determine what each of these movies has in common (remember spring!). Once you've figured out the movies (or even just two or three), it'll be easy to see the link. Send your answer (not all the titles) to geneofva@gmail.com.

1. Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner play a married couple who loathe each other.
2. Bette Midler is a 1960's rock star.
3. Sean Connery plays a Franciscan monk.
4. Mia Farrow is a lonely housewife during the Depression.
5. Jack Lemmon and Lee Remick play an alcoholic couple.



Update on Inventory

With every production the HHLT inventory in the Schmiel home grows: small items are acquired for use as props, yards and yards of fabric are purchased, wood and other building supplies are bought. We save most of these with the hope that they may be used again, and frequently they are! We also have a collection of furniture: sofas, chairs, tables, as well as suitcases, a few costumes, hats, lots of wood, and assorted household items (10 large bins). Some HHLT inventory is stored in other members' houses also. The inventory is listed on the website. Please consult the list if you need any item for any production or contact Schmiels' (1305).

Heritage Hunt Little Theater

General Meeting April 28, 2016

Mountain View Room

The meeting was called to order by President Denny Cumber at 6:30 PM. 26 members were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 17, 2016 General Meeting were reviewed on a screen display and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Carrico reported an additional Income of \$110 and expenses of \$322.02. (Report attached) The Balance as of April 16, 2016 is \$8,771.99. The reports were displayed for review on a screen and approved as presented.

Vice-President's Report: Bob Bowman reported that the Spring Play, "Boeing, Boeing" was a tremendous success. New Fall play will be "The Book of Murder." Ina Mayer and Bill Harrison will be Directors.

President's Report: Denny Cumber reminded everyone that the May General Meeting. Will be in the Ball Room with a speaker.

Membership Report: No report

At-Large Report: Ina Mayer reported that TTT (Traveling Theater Troupe) has 1 performance coming up in May and it has a Patriotic Theme. Another performance is planned with a Just for Fun theme. Anyone interested in joining the troupe should get in touch with Ina.

Activities Report: Georgiana Ide thanked Val and Bob Bowman for stepping in and organizing the April meeting. She also thanked her whole committee for the wonderful job they are doing preparing for each of our general meetings. She reminded everyone we would have a program and sing along with Neil Sedaka after the General Meeting tonight.

Next month the meeting will be May 19th in the Clubhouse Ballroom at 7 PM. The speaker will be Leland Shook. Mr. Shook is very active with Fauquier Community Theater, acting in many plays - including Twelfth Night and Black Coffee. He has directed many plays including One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, and he recently founded Ghost Light Players Theater in Warrenton, now presenting Steel Magnolia's. If that's not enough, he is also a professional photographer.

Mr. Shook's presentation will be on directing and he will end with a Q & A session on any theatrical topic that interests you.

Cabaret table seating will be available in the Ballroom, so stop by the bar in the dining room and buy a glass of wine to bring with you.

Please RSVP, to Georgiana, so we will be able to arrange the correct number

of tables & chairs.

Communications Report: Walt Meyer won a ticket for the Heritage Hunt Concert Series.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: No New Business

The meeting was adjourned by Denny at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Turner, Secretary