

Heritage Hunt Little Theater PLAY TIME May 2018

Website: HLittletheater.org

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, May 17, 6 pm—General meeting with Tina Mullins presenting “The Art of Character Development” in the Mountain View Room. **Note time change!**

Saturday, June 16, 10 am to noon—Workshop by Tina Mullins on “Moving the Script onto the Stage.”

Thursday, June 21, 7:00–8:30—General Meeting followed by the Off Ballroom Players’ presentation of “The Hitchhiker.”



PREZ SEZ



As we roll into summer; it looks like we are bypassing Spring, we continue to grow and come up with new ideas for this year and beyond. It is exciting that our newer members are getting involved in a big way. The Board members have definitely been forward thinking and keeps me on my toes. So let's keep it up and invite a friend or neighbor to join in.

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AUDITIONS COMING UP!

Co-directors Betty Hitchcock and Marilyn Armon have announced HHLT's Fall 2018 production. *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon will be our 29th production. First produced on Broadway in 1965, *The Odd Couple* was also a movie in 1968 and a TV series from 1970-75. The comedy, with a cast of 6 men and 2 women, revolves around the conflicting natures of Oscar and Felix as they attempt to share Oscar's NY apartment. Auditions will be held in the first two weeks of August. Look forward to more news about *The Odd Couple* in coming months. This will be a dinner theater and the play dates are October 31 and November 1 and 2.



Poetry and the Art of Memorization.

How very blessed we are with the abundant talent in our community. We were once again reminded of this by the wonderful program Dot Schuetze presented at our April meeting. Not only did she describe various methods of memorization and its mental benefits for seniors, she also recited wonderful poems ranging the entire human lifetime from childhood to old age. Her selection of personal props served as touching mementos of a long and rich life. We thank you, Dot, for your meaningful and beautiful presentation.



HHLT OFF BALLROOM PLAYERS

**PRESENTS ANOTHER SPINE-TINGLING
MYSTERY FROM RADIO'S MERCURY
THEATER:**

“The Hitchhiker”

By Lucille Fletcher

JUNE 21 MEETING

**June 4 and 18 (4 pm) rehearsals at
Schmiels**

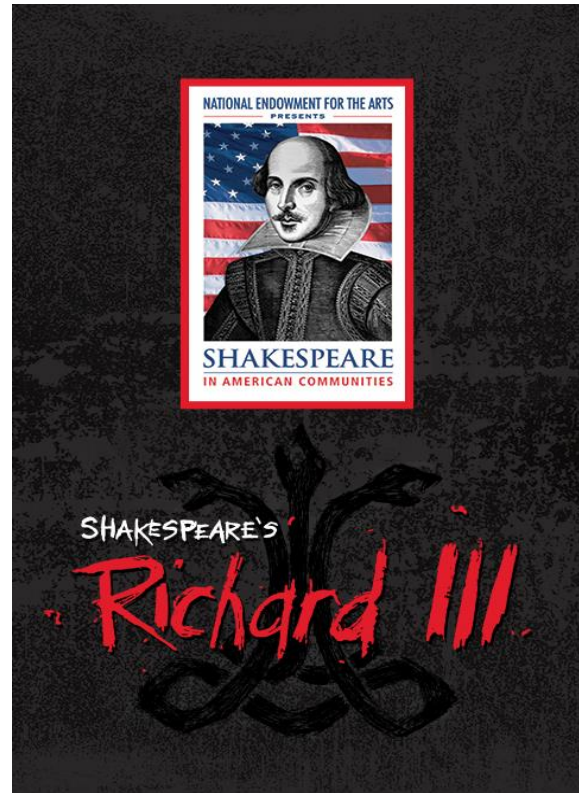


Regional Theater – A Wonderful Experience

Gene and I recently had the very rewarding experience of attending a production at Barter Theatre in Abingdon VA.

Located south of Roanoke off of Interstate 81, Barter Theatre is “The Nation’s Longest Running Professional Theatre” and also the Virginia State Theatre.

Barter Theatre was started in 1933 by a hungry and out of work actor, Robert Porterfield, who recruited fellow NYC actors to move to Southwest Virginia where there was food, but no theatre. Since then Barter has presented two or three simultaneous productions year round, changing with each season. We were fortunate to see *Richard III* in a fast moving, smart, in-the-round setting with the action taking place above, below and beside the audience. Also being presented was *In the Heat of the Night*. Coming up later this month and through the summer are *The Lemonade*



Stand, Sister Act; Steel Magnolias; and Madame Buttermilk. Tickets packages are available.

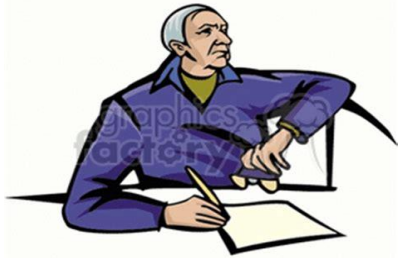
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT STAGE MAKEUP?



Contact Val Bowman
(vabowman54@comcast.net) and
sign up for stage makeup crew.
Instruction will be provided.

PLAY WRITING CONTEST

Time to get your brain cells and imagination up and running for the HHLT 2018 Play Writing Contest!



Marian Posdamer will be heading it up. The contest is open to all residents of Heritage Hunt either

individually or as a group effort. Rules are posted on our website (HHLittleTheater.org). The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2018.

Please encourage friends and neighbors to participate. Winning entry will receive a prize and the possibility of production!



Arlene in "Afraid of the Dark"

In Loving Memory of Arlene Maroney

Arlene Maroney, one of the original 38 members of HHLT, passed away in April. She appeared in a number of productions and was a loyal member and good friend of Little Theater. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends. She will be missed.



As Straight Shooting Sally in "Westward Whoa"



Beulah Burymore in "The Hound of the Clackervilles"

Special Opportunities for Actors

We at HHLT are very fortunate to have talented and experienced members in our midst. Tina Mullins, a longtime member who has appeared in numerous HHLT and community productions, will be presenting two workshop programs on theatrical skills in the coming months. On Thursday, May 17, at 6 pm she will discuss character development for actors; and on Saturday, June 16th, she will lead a workshop on Stage Movement and Blocking Techniques. These programs are sure to be both enjoyable and educational.

Heritage Hunt Little Theater

General Meeting April 19, 2018

President Bill Harrison called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

President's Report: Bill asked those involved in the play to sit and everyone else gave them a standing ovation for a great play!

Vice-President's Report: There was no Vice-President's report. Georgianna reported for Betty Hitchcock and Marilyn Armon that a read through of the play will occur at the May or June meeting. Auditions will happen the first two weeks in August. Dates for the Fall production of Odd Couple are Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and Nov. 2. This will be a dinner theater. It was also noted that the new hearing devices worked very well and HH now has 8 devices people may use during plays or concerts.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 13, 2018 General Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The screen showed the treasurer's report that there was income of \$90 in March and there were expenses of \$679.48. The Balance as of the end of March 2018 is \$10,503.34.

Membership Report: Ginny reported that if you have 12 years of consecutive membership in HHLT then you become a Life member and do not need to pay dues. There are currently 54 members in HHLT for 2018. There were 20 people in attendance for this meeting.

Activities Report: Val reported that the One-Act Play Committee has met and will perform at the June Meeting. Tina Mullins will be our speaker at the May meeting on the topic of auditions and character building. There will be a staging and blocking workshop on Sat. June 16 from 10-12. We are also looking to have a make-up workshop in the near future for those interested in learning how to apply make-up.

Communications Report: Kathryn reported that Walt Meyer was the winner of the April brain-teaser in the newsletter. Kathryn also answered a question from the membership about how we work with the other Fine Arts



"The classic masks of Comedy and Tragedy, or as they're now known, emoticons."

groups in HH.

At Large Report: Marian reported that the Drama teachers at Charles Colgan High School have chosen the scholarship winner. Next year Marian will meet with the teachers to let them know we would like to pick the winner. The \$1000 scholarship will be given this year to a senior drama student. We will ask the winner and her parents to come to a meeting to accept the award. Marian also announced the Play Writing Contest to begin later this year. The contest is open to all HH residents. She'd like some help on her committee to establish the rules and choose the winner.

New Business: Bill asked us to approve the purchase of a shed for holding the wooden pieces of our sets. It will cost between \$3 and \$4 thousand dollars and will be located at the maintenance yard by the back gate. Approval was given by the membership.

Dot Schuetze gave a talk on memorizing and then kept us enchanted as she recited poems that dealt with aging from birth through old age.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Turner, Secretary