

# Hunt Little Theater PLAY TIME November 2018

**Website: [HHLittleTheater.org](http://HHLittleTheater.org)**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Thursday, November 15, 7 PM—General Meeting, Annual Board Election, **News about and Read-Through of the Spring Play****  
Mountain View Room

**Saturday, December 15—HHLT Annual Holiday Party, Bill Harrison's home, 6200 Settlers Trail Place, 4 pm to 7 pm.**

**January 31, 2019—Deadline for submitting plays for Playwriting Contest**

**The November 15 meeting will be an exciting chance to learn about the spring 2019 play *The Trip to Bountiful* with scripts available, a read-through, and videos of the author and play itself. Don't miss it!**



## **Prez Sez**



Congratulations to the performers, support team, and the directors for making our recent production of *The Odd Couple* such a success. You indeed made HHLT proud! Thanks for breaking a leg!

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# The Odd Couple

What a wonderful production ! Neil Simon's classic comedy "The Odd Couple" was presented on Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2 to hugely enthusiastic audiences. Co-directed by Marilyn Armon and Betty Hitchcock, the talented cast brought down the house with their hilarious portrayals of Oscar, Felix, the Pigeon sisters, and all the poker players. Supported by HHLT members in all manner of theater production jobs from set design and construction, tickets sales, lighting and sound, props and stage management, producer, photography, makeup, readers and greeters, videography, posters and programs, over 50 members of HHLT came together to make this our 29<sup>th</sup> production a roaring success.



Pigeon Sisters Patti Gallatin and Paula James, Felix: Walt Meyer, and Oscar: Gene Schmiel



Poker Players Gene Schmiel, Dave Jackson, Bob Bowman, Tom Taggart, Ginnie McCardle



A special thanks to Louann Larkin and Kerin Vark for the art work behind the window and to Caron Silva for the floral arrangement on the table.



## THE GOLDEN AGE OF CINEMA

HHLT's wonderful October meeting examined the early days of cinema and was topped off by a visit to the home of one of our own neighbors Louisa and Russell Williams. There we were privileged to see the magnificent collection of original, autographed photos of early stars of silent screen. Collected in the heyday of silent pictures, Louisa's grandmother who was a Shakespearean stage actress wrote fan letters to stars and often received personally autographed photos in return. Louisa's grandmother is seen in the collection of photos on the right. We are so grateful to Louisa and her husband Russell for generously opening their home to us.







## Fun for Seniors TTT Needs Help!

If HHLT wants to continue the rewarding programs of poetry and prose which we perform at senior facilities, the Travelling Theatre Troupe needs some help.

1. One or more people who would "book" our performances. (Joey Wagner has the information on venues)
2. One or more people who can run the "boom box" for the songs we insert in our programs.
3. Help making phone calls to confirm "gigs" and or getting performers.

If we have several members who can do any or all of the above, it doesn't preclude you from performing in shows at another time. Please consider helping. We would hate to see this valuable outreach of HHLT be discontinued.

Call Ina Mayer at 703-743-1906 if you are able to help.

## HHLT BOARD ELECTION

We will be electing the 2018-2019 HHLT Board of Directors at the November meeting. There are five openings for the two-year term and, currently, five candidates: Andy Mays, Paula James, Tina Mullins, Kathy Carrico, and Gene Schmiel. (Marian Posdamer and Ginny McCardle will continue on the board for a second year). Members will be able to nominate additional candidates at the November meeting, but, in keeping with our rules, if there are no other candidates, these five can be elected by acclamation. There are seven positions on the Board: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Activities, and Member-at-Large. If you are interested in nominating anyone, contact VP Gene Schmiel at x1305.

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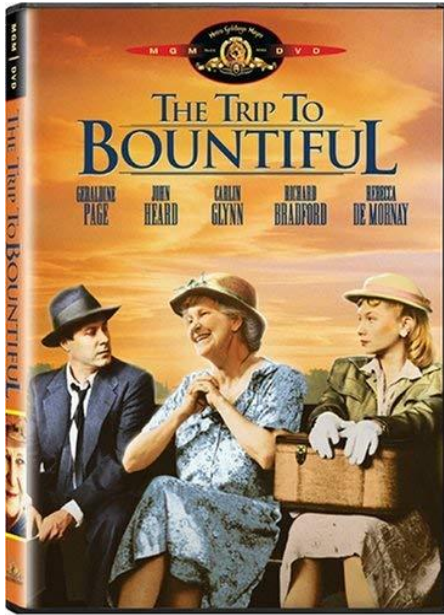
## Playwriting Contest

The HHLT Playwriting Contest deadline is approaching. January 31, 2019, is the day all entries must be received. For additional



information please consult the Little Theater website at [HHlittletheater.org](http://HHlittletheater.org). Remember this is open to any individual or group in Heritage Hunt.

You may have the chance to see your original work on stage!



### **HHLT's Spring 2019 Production:**

#### ***The Trip to Bountiful***

***by Horton Foote***

**The Play:** Kathryn and Gene Schmiel will be directing this heartwarming play, which is scheduled for April 9-11, 2019. The main character is Carrie Watts, an elderly woman forced by economic circumstances to live with her son and whiny daughter-in-law in Houston, Texas in 1952. Carrie has wistful memories of her childhood home of Bountiful, Texas. Her one wish – to return to Bountiful one last time before she dies – has been repeatedly thwarted by her family. But Carrie finds a way to make her journey. What she finds there are lessons in nostalgia and memory which have universal applications for all.

The play has been produced on Broadway three times, and was made into a movie in 1985, for which Geraldine Page won the best actress Oscar. One reviewer wrote, "It is great to know that a spectacular **movie** can still be made with a simple but strong story line. No violence, no foul language, no special effects – just pure raw emotion and a big heart."

**Audition Information:** There are five main characters (Carrie; her son Ludie; daughter-in law Jessie Mae; bus passenger Thelma; and The Sheriff) and three minor characters, bus clerks. Thus there are three female characters, one male character, and four characters of either sex.

Copies of the script will be available at the November 15 meeting. There will also be a read-through of part of the play then. Auditions will be the week of December 16 and, if necessary, in early January. (E-mail the Schmiels: [geneofva@gmail.com](mailto:geneofva@gmail.com) if interested in auditioning or helping in other ways). Rehearsals should begin in mid-January.

The movie version is available on YouTube (for free). The movie script follows the play script to a significant degree, so that will give you a good feel for the play.

## Horton Foote,

### Playwright

Albert Horton Foote, Jr. was an American playwright and screenwriter, perhaps best known for his Academy Award-winning screenplays for the 1962 film *To Kill a Mockingbird* and the 1983 film



*Tender Mercies*, and his notable live television dramas during the Golden Age of Television. He received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in

1995 for his play *The Young Man From Atlanta*. The first production of *The Trip to Bountiful* was in 1953 on NBC's Kraft Theater, a live production of the original work, during the Golden Age of television drama. It starred Lillian Gish, Eva Marie Saint, and Eileen Heckart.



### HHLT Website

Check out our new and improved website. Kathy Carrico is not only our Treasurer, but also maintains our informative and attractive website. See pictures of past plays, read bylaws and rules, read many years' worth of previous Play Times. It's easy to find at:

[HHLittletheater.org](http://HHLittletheater.org)



"Hello? Oh, I'm at the theatre...  
a play...yeah, it's not bad."

## **Heritage Hunt Little Theater**

### **General Meeting Minutes, Oct. 11, 2018**

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

**President's Report:** Bill said he was excited about the program tonight.

**Vice-President's Report:** Gene reported that he had 5 volunteers for the Board Positions for 2019. They include: Gene Schmiel, Kathy Carrico, Paula James, Tina Mullins, and Andi Mays. If anyone is interested in being on the board, they should see him. Election will take place at the Nov. meeting.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill reported that there was no income and expenses of \$614.61 for September. This leaves us with a balance of \$6731.67.

**Membership Report:** Ginny reported that we have 1 visitor this month.

**Activities Report:** Val thanked the Ide's for hosting another great picnic. She also thanked Kathryn for running her fun filled Jeopardy Game. It was reported that we took 6 boxes of food to the Haymarket Food Pantry from donations at the party. Val reported the November meeting is a work in progress. Our holiday party will be at the Harrison's home on Dec. 15. She also was excited about tonight's program featuring Russell and Margaret Williams collection of signed photos from early

Hollywood stars.

**Communications Report:** Kathryn reported that Bob Bowman and Walt Meyer were the winners of the September brain-teaser in the newsletter.

**At Large Report:** no report

**New Business:** Ina asked for volunteers to help with TTT. She needs someone to arrange for booking the troupe at various Senior Centers and Nursing Homes in the area. She would like someone to call the cast and arrange a practice session time, and a third person to work the Boom Box at the shows. Anyone interested should see Ina to volunteer.

Bill read a change to the by-laws that the Board voted to approve. The amendment says:

*Non HH residents may join the HHLT organization at an Associate Level upon payment of dues. The Associate Level benefits include attending General Meetings and participating at all levels of HHLT Productions. Associate Level*

*members will not serve on the Board of Directors or have voting privileges, No more than 15% of the membership will consist of Associate Level members.*

This amendment will be up for discussion at the Nov. meeting and voted on by the membership.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Joan Turner,  
Secretary

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