

Heritage Hunt Little Theater PLAY TIME

June 2019

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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, June 19, 7 pm,

Marsh Mansion-- **Note Date**

Change—Monthly Meeting/Awards

Evening with our scholarship winner and playwriting winner receiving their awards. Enjoy a few scenes of the award-winning play performed by our members.

Friday, June 14, and Saturday,

June 15-- **Auditions for Fall play.** See details on next page

Wednesday, July 17, 7 pm,

Marsh Mansion-- **Note Date**

Change—Monthly Meeting/Improv Night. Fun for all!



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PRES SEZ:

Note the changed dates and locations of our next monthly meetings! See you all there! Also, see the article about LSTV and volunteer to work with them on our plays.



Make 'em Laugh, make 'em laugh, make 'em laugh

The HHLT is producing a double feature designed just to do that,

The fall play will include "I'm Herbert", a hilarious one act play

about two seniors whose memories are fading. The cast will require one male and one female.

The second one act play with two scenes will be two seniors who are dealing with trying to program a TV remote. They are also a little "frisky". This play has one male and one female and a "customer service tech" who can be male or female.

The only challenge for the performers will be waiting for the laughs before going to their next line.

Because of the small casts there will not be a need for significant rehearsals in the clubhouse; a plus for many of us.

The play will be October 15-16-17.

**Auditions will be Friday evening June 14th
and Saturday morning June 15th.** If needed, a third date will be set or an individual accommodated who wants to try out.

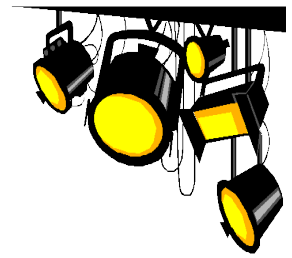
If interested in performing please contact Ina Mayer at 703-743-1906 to get a copy of the script.

We are also looking for folks to help in the production if you are not interested in performing.

Ina/Bill

**FALL PLAY
OCTOBER 15, 16, 17**

LSTV Reports



John Bisaga, longtime member of LSTV and talented sound and light tech who has worked all of our plays, visited our May meeting to discuss the needs of LSTV. He pointed out that the recent play demanded of the LSTV more technical support that past plays due to complicated lighting moves and carefully-timed sound effects. John pointed out that many hours were invested in the technical aspects of the play. Among the tasks LSTV undertakes are studying and marking the scripts for sound and lighting cues, researching appropriate sound effects on the internet, assigning and marking microphones for actors, consulting with directors for their input on lighting and sound, and video production and editing. John emphasized the need for more volunteers especially from the HHLT membership. He expressed the hope that one day HHLT will be able to handle the technical as well as the dramatic aspects of play production.

Another issue he brought up was the limited use of the hearing assist capability. Only two audience members made use of the technology for *The Trip to Bountiful*. John suggested that more intense advertising would improve the rate of usage. The amplifiers make attending a play much more rewarding for audience members who are hearing impaired.





HHLT 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Pictured above is Nick Villacorte with HHLT President Gene Schmiel at the Charles J. Colgan High School Senior Awards Assembly where Gene presented Nick with our annual scholarship award.

Nick has been an active, enthusiastic, tireless student of Performing Arts during his high school years. He first appeared in the fall of 2016 in the school's inaugural production of *Anonym(ous)*. He carried the weight of the school's first show with unparalleled success. He performed as Orrin the Dentist in *Little Shop of Horrors* and in *The Diviners*, *Hairspray*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, and *A Few Good Men*.

Nick is performing as *Shrek* currently at Fauquier Community Theater. Seats are still available for Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15. Contact www.FCTstage.org for tickets.

Nick will be a freshman at Shenandoah University this fall. We are honored to present our annual scholarship to this very worthy young man. Come and meet him at the next monthly meeting.



June General Meeting and Awards Evening DATE CHANGE



The June meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th, in the Marsh Mansion**. This change was necessitated by the conflict with the concert on Thursday, June 20th, and by the desire of the Board for as many members as possible to attend our event. We are thrilled to have both our scholarship winner AND our playwriting contest winner in attendance to receive their awards. In addition a short selection of the winning play *Retired Man Martha* will be read by some of our members. To make it a real celebration we will have desserts, iced tea and lemonade. If you are able, please bring a plate of **finger food sweets to share**. The Activities committee will provide beverages and paper products.

What's Coming Up?
Mark Your Calendar Now

Next month's meeting (July) will also involve a change of date to accommodate the concert which is on the third Thursday. We will be meeting on WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, again at Marsh Mansion, at 7 pm. Plans are to have a very fun evening learning about IMPROV and trying out our powers of humor and imagination.

August is our off month. No meeting is scheduled.

September is our annual Picnic. The date is Saturday, September 7th, at Andy Mays's home. More details will be coming.



Summer Trivia

Summer is here! Have you noticed folks relaxing around the Heritage Hunt pool? What a beautiful setting. Romance, mystery, adventure—all are enhanced by beautiful, crystal clear water. Can you identify these four pool movies?



Heritage Hunt Little Theater
General Meeting
05-16-19

President Gene Schmiel called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM. Before beginning the meeting, however, Gene introduced John Bisaga from LSTV who described the work LSTV does for the entire community. John particularly emphasized the contributions they have made to our productions over the years and their need for more members to fulfill LSTV's responsibilities to the community. Gene acknowledged the great work they did on the last play and expressed our gratitude. John asked for anyone who is interested in learning about LSTV to contact him.

President's Report: Gene spoke about other meeting times to accommodate concerts scheduled for every third Thursday.

Vice-President's Report: Ginny was absent, but Gene mentioned the fact that Ginny will soon be looking for nominees for the board election. He said that the Fall Play will be directed by Ina Mayer and Bill Harrison.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy was absent, but Gene reported at the end of April the balance was \$7967.08.

Membership Report: Tina was absent.

Activities Report: Andy was absent.. The activities committee will meet soon to plan the remainder of the year.

Communications Report: Kathryn reported the answers to the trivia on who were the oldest recipients of Academy Awards: Christopher Plummer and Jessica Tandy.

At-Large Report: Marian reported that the winner of the 2019 HH Playwriting contest is Paul White!! We will ask Paul to join us at our next meeting to recognize his winning in person and celebrate. We will also be inviting the Scholarship winner to the same meeting – Nick Villacorte who will receive \$1k dollars in scholarship to his school of choice. Sally suggested that we read a portion of Paul White's play at the June meeting as well.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: The conflict of our meetings with the HH Concert series was noted. No practical solution was arrived at. It was agreed that meetings would stay to the schedule that was created in the beginning of the year, with the expectation that the attendance may be down from time to time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula James

