

LITTLE THEATER PLAY TIME

June 2023

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, June 22, 7 pm, Mountain View Room—General Meeting And “Two Truths and a Lie.” (details inside in What’s Next?)

July 12, 13, and 14---Auditions for Fall Play (details inside)

Thursday, July 27, 7 pm, Mountain View Room—General Meeting

August—no meeting

September—Annual Picnic and Member Talent Show (details inside)



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A Message from Andy

“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn’t as individuals.” Jean Vanier

Community is not only our condo buildings, cul-de-sac get-togethers and neighborhoods but beyond with our churches and synagogues. Our communities also include all of the groups and activities we are involved with in Heritage Hunt. We all support each other and together as a group, we make our lives and communities better.

Our Little Theater group welcomed me when I was newly widowed and had just moved into Heritage Hunt. The members were friendly and asked if I wanted to be involved with their upcoming production which I was excited about. I was a reader (a substitute for rehearsals) for *The Odd Couple* and I was hooked. The caring HHLT community made me feel welcome and needed. Through the years now, I have made many friends. Come to our next monthly meeting on June 22 and volunteer to help with our upcoming Fall production, *A Bench in the Sun*. We need you and you will be welcomed.

Andy Mays, President

Upcoming Fall Production: Auditions

Last month the play *A Bench in the Sun* by Ron Clark was chosen as HHLT’s Fall 2023 production. The dates for performances are October 10, 11, and 12 which may seem way off in the future, but in play time, it is just around the corner!

The cast is small, but mighty with roles for two men (Harold and Burt) and Adrienne (the beautiful former actress who arrives on the scene to add interest to their lives). The play, according to Mel Brooks, is “very wise, very moving, but most of all, very funny.”

Auditions are at the Marsh Mansion: Wednesday, July 12, 2–4 pm in the MM Game Room; Thursday, July 13, 6--8 pm in the MM Library; and Friday, July 14, 2–4 pm in the MM Living Room. Contact Director Valerie Morris if interested and for a script via email at Taftmorris@aol.net.





Heritage Hunt Holiday Variety Show

It doesn't seem possible, but once again planning for Heritage Hunt's Annual Holiday Variety Show has begun. Dave Anderson will be the Producer, and hopefully HHLT will be participating in it. The show is held in early December with a couple of rehearsals after Thanksgiving. Each club or individual has approximately 15 minutes for their contribution.

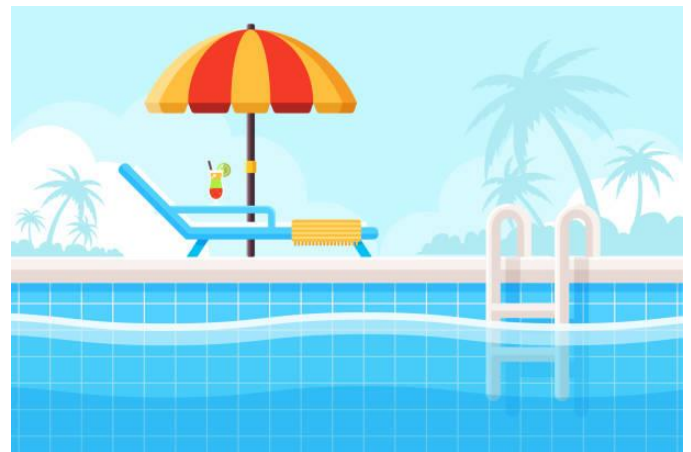
Individuals can participate with monologue, poetry, comedy routine, song, instrumentals, and other acts. Groups can perform skits, dance routines, musical numbers etc. It's time to give some thought to ideas for Little Theater's part and/or for your own contribution. This is a great way to be a part of the Heritage Hunt community!

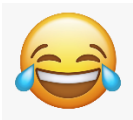
A Bit of Hollywood Trivia from Andy Mays

Can you match these famous actors with their original names?

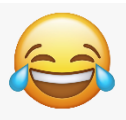
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| 1. Alan Alda | a. Archibald Leach |
| 2. Ben Kingsley | b. Issur Demsky |
| 3. Cary Grant | c. Virginia McMath |
| 4. Charleston Heston | d. Krishna Bhanji |
| 5. Ginger Rogers | e. Alphonse D'Abruzzo |
| 6. Joan Crawford | f. John Charles Carter |
| 7. Kirk Douglas | g. Lucille LeSueur |
| 8. Omar Shariff | h. Michel D. Shalhoub |

Bring your answers to the June meeting and we will see who's the winner.





What's Next?



Let's have fun and at the same time see how well we can "lie." Our activity at the June 22 meeting will be a test of acting and perceptive skills of our members.

"Two Truths and a Lie" consists of members coming up with two facts (true) about themselves and one lie (possible true, but actually not!). The other members will hear your truths and lie and try to determine which is which! Points will be given to the most effective liar and most perceptive guesser!

Come to the meeting June 22 at 7:00 pm prepared with your truths and a lie in any order.

Here is an example:

I rode a camel in Egypt

I fell down the stairs at the White House when I was 12.

I met Princess Anne of England

This is bound to be fun! Come prepared to laugh and learn about our fellow HHLT members.

Annual Picnic



Little Theater's Annual Picnic will be held in September. The location and date will be announced soon.

As usual we will have great food, fellowship, games, and more.

What's more?

A **talent show** from our very talented members! Songs, comedy, monologues, dance, whatever you would like to perform within 5 minutes.

Please let Sally Peterson know if you'd like to participate (scp211@aol.com)

Condolences

Heritage Hunt Little Theater extends our condolences to Betty Hitchcock on the passing of her son Randy. Betty is a long time member of HHLT and has acted in and directed many plays. Our prayerful sympathy is with you, Betty.

Little Theater Outing

Fauquier Community Theater presented *Once Upon a Mattress* this month, the play that gave Carol Burnett her start in theater.

A group of HHLT members made the trip out to Vint Hill to enjoy the musical presented by the youth of FCT. Playing the leading roles of Princess Winnifred (who prefers to be called Fred), Prince Dauntless, and Queen Aggravain (mother of the prince) were very talented area high school students Grace Tessier, Nathan Brooks, and Hope Carey. The very large cast was completed with 25 local high school and middle school students. Everyone sang and danced their hearts out!

The set included a climbing wall over which the princess scaled the wall of the castle, a moat the princess swam in (skillfully implied, though not seen!), and a stack of 20 mattresses.

The costumes were very impressive with a jester, minstrel, wizard, many Knights and Ladies, and royalty all appropriately suited up.

We greatly enjoyed our theater excursion!



"Now in this next scene, Rosalind, you disguise yourself as a boy."

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER

General Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

President's Report:

1. Auditions for fall play will be held in July. The play will need very little scenery. Mostly a bench and plants
2. If anyone has pics taken of plays we've done or meeting activities, please give to Kathryn Schmiel for Playtime.

Secretary's Report:

1. Motion to accept minutes as printed in Playtime made by Sally Peterson, seconded by Tom Taggart – passed as printed.

Vice President's Report:

1. Scripts are now organized on a database so can locate as needed.
2. Reader needed for play "Kitchen Witches". Dawn Nguyen volunteered will read and review.
3. Fall play has been chosen, "A Bench in the Sun" to be directed by Valerie Morris.
4. Tom Taggart will bring one or two scripts to each meeting to have members read them to judge value for HHLT, tried forming committee to read, did not work.
5. He has a book with our reviews on plays past and recently read, will add to it. A play must receive a score of at least 3 to be considered for production at HHLT.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Helen Gillikin is away but approximately \$7600 in treasury. Check for Hearing Assist aids for LSTD is written along with cover letter, but LSTD does not want it yet so on hold.

Activities Report:

1. Tonight's activity will be a game, same for next month.
2. Fall picnic will have a Talent Show.
3. Gene Schmiel suggested having readings of upcoming play so people get a feel for it before

auditions. Can possibly do next spring, but last meeting before try outs already set.

Membership Report:

1. No membership report but spoke about next play and directing it.

Communications Report:

1. If you have any news or ideas for Playtime, give to Kathryn Schmiel to be included in next edition.

At Large Report:

1. No report

Old Business:

1. None

New Business

1. None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Taggart, seconded by Sally Peterson at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo, Secretary