

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time



Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm; Wednesday, April 10, 2 pm; Thursday, April 11, 7 pm---
HHLT 2024 Spring Production

November 2023

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 15, Marsh Mansion, 7 pm---General Meeting, elections of 2024 Board members, and Readers Theater *The Topaz Flower*

Wednesday, December 6, Ballroom, 7 pm
---Heritage Hunt Holiday Variety Show

Wednesday, December 13, Marsh Mansion, 5—8 pm --- HHLT Annual Holiday Gathering. See inside for details.

Friday, January 19, 2024, Mountain View Room, 7 pm---General Meeting. Note new date

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A Message from Andy

I am amazed at how fast this year has flown by. There were so many tasks that I wanted to do before this month but next year is another year to accomplish cleaning out the garage, organizing our basement and finding more time to just sit and read.

Heritage Hunt and Little Theater are offering many opportunities to enjoy during the upcoming season, to socialize and participate in. I would much rather join in those than to have “fun” with cleaning. Yes, all that house stuff can be pushed off for later - Seize the day! Carpe Diem! L’chaim!

Please join us for the Heritage Hunt Variety Holiday show where HHLT is presenting three different skits and our Caroling & Holiday party. There is just too much to do - how blessed we are.

Happy and healthy times to you all.

Andy



A Bench in the Sun

What an amazing production for Fall of 2023! HHLT’s 37th play surpassed all expectations with humor, compassion, and production values. Set on a minimal stage with only a park bench, two trees, and some straggly flowers, the play portrayed the seasons of the year and life as three senior citizens coped with loneliness and unmet expectations. LSTV superbly reinforced the mood with wonderfully appropriate images on the back wall which illustrated the seasons. The cast consisted of three members on stage (Tom Taggart, Don Norris, and Jocelyn Hamilton) with Helen Gillikin the unseen P.A. announcer punctuating the dialogue with amusing announcements. Valerie Morris was Director with Andy Mays as Producer. Many, many others contributed to the success of the production. A big thanks to all!!!

In Memory of John Gatt



John Gatt, one of the original members of Heritage Hunt Little Theater, passed away on October 9, 2023, with his family by his side. After moving to Heritage Hunt

John became a loyal, hard-working, and talented member of HHLT. He was known for his good nature, creativeness, and talent, as an actor, but especially as a director and playwright. In his first foray into HH theater in 2003, he both wrote and directed *The Last Dress Rehearsal*. Subsequently he played Mickey Schlumpgarden, a nightclub owner, in *Charleston* in 2004. Later John directed *Trouble at the Tropicana* (2005), *Reunion at Mt. Sanguine* (2009), and *Larceny and Old Lace* (2010). For several years he acted the the master of ceremonies for the HH Annual Holiday Variety Show

Born March 18, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan, John grew up with his siblings, Connie, Joan, Shirley and Mike, before joining the US Air Force and beginning a military life that took him around the world. His career took him and his family (his wife Dodie, and children Beth, Karen, Theresa, John, Mary, and Samantha) to a variety of locations, with his favorite being Munich, Germany where he was the Deputy Commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). His last assignment brought him back to Virginia in 1983 where he worked until his military retirement as a Colonel with 30 years of service. He then began a 25-year career in the automotive industry.

Little Theater wishes to express our appreciation for all John did in the early years of our club. We extend our sympathy to his family and his friends. He will be missed.



In Memory of Ginny McCardle



Ginny McCardle, active and talented member of Heritage Hunt Little Theater for over ten years, passed away in her home on October 8, 2023. She

played a variety of roles in ten Little Theater productions. Her versatility allowed her to play a senator, a cook (twice), and a poker-playing man! In addition to HHLT in retirement, she volunteered her time at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum, played many years of golf and bocce.

Ginny's first Little Theater production was as Mother in *Ancestral Voices* in 2013. She went on to play Hildegard Harris in *Murder at the Orient Express* (2013), Sara Jane in *Senior Follies* (2014), Cora Gump in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* (2015), Catherine in *The Book of Murder* (2016), Berthe in *Boeing, Boeing* (2016), Roy in *The Odd Couple* (2018), Senator Feldman in *At First Sight* (2018), Muriel in *I'm Herbert* (2019), and the Announcer in *Old Time Radio* (2021). Ginny was a voracious reader and book club member, and loved to share what she was reading with her friends and family.

Ginny loved her family fiercely and constantly and is survived by her three daughters and their spouses, Cindy Padgett (Andy), Linda Scibilia (Kerry Campagna), and Lisa Eichinger (Steve), as well as her four granddaughters, Meagan Major (Nick), Zoe Fuller (Arthur), Jillian Eichinger, and Kiley Eichinger. She is also survived by her three stepchildren, Tammy Beals, John McCardle and his daughter Lyric, and Laurie McCardle and her daughter Leah. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Pat, her parents, and her three siblings, Lyn, Gordon, and Martin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Heritage Hunt Golf and Country Club on Sunday, November 19, 2 to 5 pm, in the Ballroom. Please contact Ginny's daughter Cindy Padgett if you would like to attend: c.padgett1@verizon.net

Elections

2024

HHLT holds elections every year in November. The elections are to fill the seats on the Board which become vacant every two years. The vacancies occur alternately with three becoming vacant one year and four the next. This year there are 3 vacancies.

The elections are not for a particular office. Rather they are for a seat on the Board. Officers are decided in a collegial manner at the December Board meeting. Each December the offices can rotate but are not required to change. No one, however, can serve more than 2 consecutive terms (4 years).

For 2024 there are three nominees: Billy Clay, Helen Gillikin, and Gene Schmiel. The election will take place at the General Meeting on Wednesday, November 15.

HHLT Annual



Holiday Festivities

Little Theater's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 13, at Marsh Mansion Living Room and Parlor from 5 to 8 pm. This will be a potluck with a cash bar.

Hope to see everyone there. Please RSVP [here](#) if you can make it.



LOCAL THEATER NEWS

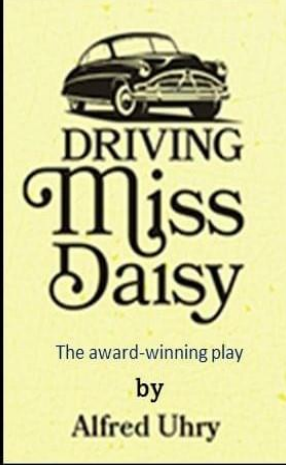
Fauquier Community Theater is presenting *Miracle on 34th Street*, the classic story of a little girl and her belief in Santa Claus and a man who truly believes he is Santa. HHLT member Gene Schmiel plays the part of Mr. Sawyer who insists that no sane person can believe in Santa. The dates of the show are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sunday matinees, December 1, 2, 3; 8, 9, 10; and 15, 16, and 17. Order tickets online at fctstage.org.



Congratulations, Tina!

Fauquier Community Theatre

Driving Miss Daisy
Cast List



Daisy – Tina Mullins
Hoke – Edgar “Ed” Johnson
Boolie – Wilson Johnson

Assistant Director – Debbie Martin
+ u/s Daisy

Producer – Stub Estey
Director – Jeff Walker

Performances:
March 8-24, 2024
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Fauquier Community Theatre
Vint Hill Theater on the Green
4225 Aiken Drive, Warrenton, VA

FCTstage.org

Tina Mullins, longtime member of HHLT, has been cast as Miss Daisy in the Fauquier Community Theater production of *Driving Miss Daisy*. The warm and inspiring story tells of the growing friendship of an elderly Jewish woman in Georgia and her African-American driver as they get to know each other. Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman starred in the 1989 movie which won the Oscar for Best Picture.

Kathy Carrico's new address
14241 Clubhouse Rd.
Gainesville, VA 20155

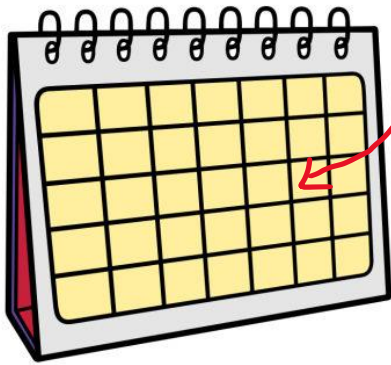
SHOAH

The much-lauded production about the experiences of a diverse group of holocaust survivors will be presented in January 2024 at Castaways Theater in Woodbridge VA. Walt Meyer, HHLT member, is in the cast. Dr. Harry Kantrovich is directing the production which was at Fauquier Community Theater last year. The dates are Friday evening, Saturday evening, and Sunday matinee January 5-14, 2024.

HH Concert Series

Danielle Talamantes, close family friend of Tom Sutton, one of the original members of HHLT, will be the HH Concert Series artist on Thursday, November 16. The concert will be dedicated to Tom with Danielle making the dedication.

New Monthly Meeting Date



HHLT will begin meeting on the third Friday of the month starting on January 19, 2024.
Location will be the Mountain View Room; time 7 pm.



Broadway In the Mountains



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What a wonderful experience Gene and I just had! We attended a 5-day Road Scholar program at Montreat Conference Center near Asheville NC. The weather was perfect: the height of the fall color was everywhere we looked. The program was absolutely thrilling: the Story of the Broadway Musical. Starting with the earliest musical shows (Gilbert and Sullivan, vaudeville, George M. Cohan) through *Showboat*, *Oklahoma* and the Golden Age of Broadway; on to *Hair*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Company*; then the mega musicals like *Cats*, *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Lion King*, and *Wicked*; ending with the outrageous and the cutting edge *The Book of Mormon* and *Hamilton*. We enjoyed countless clips of original musicals and even better listened to our instructor who was a classically trained pianist.

I hope to tell you more about this amazing experience at a later date.

Directors and Plays



The deadline is drawing near for Play Proposals for HHLT's Spring 2024 production. The ballroom is booked for April 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2024. Are you interested in directing a play or have a play you would love to see HHLT present? Be thinking if you have any dreams of what you'd like to see next! Proposed plays require at least three positive evaluations by HHLT members, a completed Play Proposal form, and an in-person interview with the HHLT Board. Contact Vice President Tom Taggart if you are interested: (leatherstocking46@comcast.net)

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HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER

General Meeting

October 26,
2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM.

The **Minutes** of 9/12/23 were in Playtime. **Motion** made to accept by Sally Peterson, seconded by Valerie Morris, passed unanimously.

President's Report:

1. Andy welcomed everyone and talked about what HHLT does in and for the HH

community. The Spring Play will be presented April 9-11, 2024

Vice President's Report:

1. Tom not here, but has 2 nominations for board, welcome more. Talk to Tom if interested.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Helen away, \$7835 before costs of play deducted and income added in.

Activities Report:

1. Nov. General meeting will be a Readers' Theater.

2. Christmas party and caroling planned for 12/14, but HH has concert same night. Priscilla Knight is hosting, suggested changing to Friday 12/15. Will keep caroling 12/14.

3. Holiday show will be 12/6. A partial run through of HHLTs part will be done at Dec. general meeting.

Membership Report:

1. One new member this month. Sends info to new residents.

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Walt Meyer, seconded by Sally Peterson at 7:18 pm. Passed unanimously. Next General Meeting will be Nov. 15 in Marsh Mansion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo

Secretary