

LITTLE THEATER PLAY TIME

July 2024

Hhlittletheater.org

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, July 10, 2—4 pm,
Board Room—Auditions

Thursday, July 11, 6—8 pm,
Board Room—Auditions

Friday, July 12, 2—4 pm,
Mountain View Room—
Auditions

Friday, July 19, 7 pm, Marsh
Mansion—General Meeting and
Sporcle, a game of quick wits
and memory



August—No meeting

Friday, September 20, 5 pm,
Marsh Mansion—Annual Picnic
and Talent Show

Friday, October 18, 7 pm,
Marsh Mansion—Meeting and
Readers Theater

Tuesday, October 29, 7 pm;
Wednesday, October 30, 2 pm;
Thursday, October 31, 7 pm,
Ballroom---Annual Fall Play
Larceny and Old Lace



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Message from the President



We are about to launch our journey toward "Larceny and Old Lace," with productions scheduled on October 29-31. I trust many members will audition for what I know (having been in it back in 2010) will be a zany and funny play.

In the meantime, take a look at the revised HHLT bylaws (attached to the Playtime) which the board has approved. We need the approval of two consecutive general meetings to make them official.

On another subject, I am reviewing members' input about changing our meeting date/time as a means of increasing attendance, and the board will have a recommendation soon.

Try to stay cool and see you at the auditions!!

Gene

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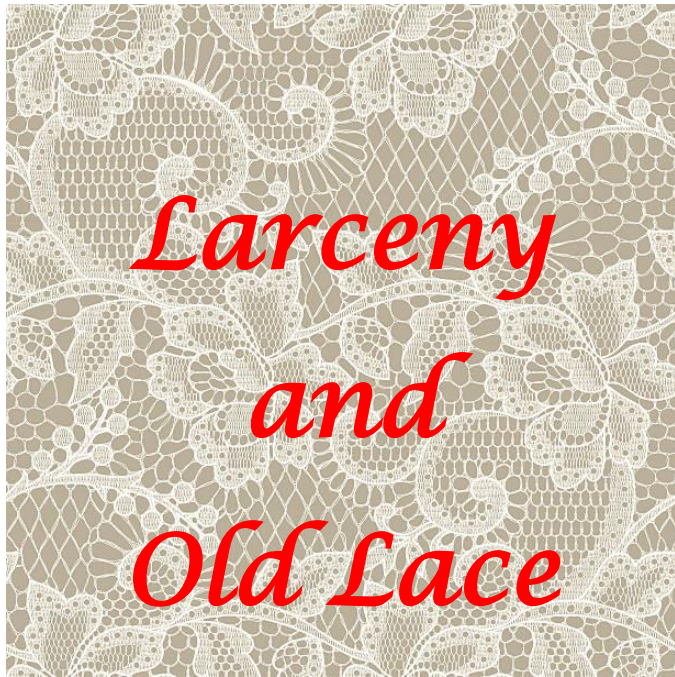
Looking to 2025!

**Our Annual Picnic and
Talent Show**

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Larceny and Old Lace

Our next HHLT play will be the comedy “Larceny and Old Lace”. Based on the classic movie “Arsenic and Old Lace,” “Larceny and Old Lace” features a pair of elderly and kindly but very conniving aunts.

There is a delusional uncle, naïve young nephew, his fiancé, and assorted other characters, 16 characters in all with small parts and large parts.

The 16 characters consist of:

Harold—good hearted and unsuspecting nephew

Gertie and Millie—Harold’s sweet, but larcenous aunts

Mordred—Harold’s criminal cousin

Lester—Mordred’s sidekick

Charlie--Harold’s wacky uncle

Officers McNealy and Larson—local police officers

Agents Klick and Klack—FBI agents hunting for Mordred

Gloria—Harold’s fiancée

Dr. Shortanoar—Owner and director of local asylum

Nurse Widget—works for Dr.Shortanoar

Judge Taylor—handles commitment papers

Taxi driver

Dr. Pretorious –signs commitment papers for Charlie

Most of the characters are gender neutral so there will be a part for everyone who wants to try out. This is a great play, funny, and very entertaining! Auditions will be held Wednesday, July 10, 2:00-4:00pm and Thursday, July 11, 6:00-8:00pm in the Clubhouse Board Room. On Friday, July 12 the auditions will be in the Mountain View Room from 2:00-4:00pm. The cast includes 16 characters, large and small parts. Advanced copies of the script can be sent via email by contacting Director Valerie Morris, taftmorris@aol.com.

The dates of the play are October 29,30, and 31.

Local Theater

Potato Gumbo by Jean Ciampi is being presented July 12, 13, and 14 at the ArtFactory in Manassas by Prime Time Players. Little Theater members Tina Mullins and Carolyn Cameron are in the cast.



This is a sensitive, heartfelt, honest, yet zany look at the challenges of aging. It is about Gretchen and Thomas and their children who face their changing roles with love and determination.



Dates and Times

Friday, July 12 at 7:30
Saturday, July 13 at 2
and 7:30
Sunday, July 14 at 2 pm

For Tickets

www.VirginiaArtFactory.org/tickets

Location

Art Factory
Wind River Theatre
9419 Battle St.
Manassas

Local Theater



Freaky Friday, a new Disney musical, is the Upper Room Theatre Ministry's summer 2024 production. Following in the tradition of wonderful summer



LAURA MILLS
Katherine Blake

musicals, Upper Room Theatre Ministry is presenting *Freaky Friday* on July 16 through 21 at All Saints Performing Arts Center, 9310 Stonewall Rd. The musical, based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a hilarious, contemporary update on an American classic in which a mother and daughter really see what it's like to be a family and experience each other's lives first-hand, if only for a day.

AND AN ADDED BONUS: Andy Mays' daughter Laura Mills is playing the role of Katherine Blake the mother

Email for your tickets at UpperRoomTickets.com.

Looking Toward 2025

Even though we are currently baking in the heat of 2024, the cooler weather is eventually coming as are two of Little Theater's annual pieces of business: board elections and our Spring 2025 play.



1. The election for the Board is held in November, but nominees are presented in October. Tom Taggart, Vice President, heads up the nominating committee and is looking for volunteers both as potential Board members and as members of the committee. The board consists of seven members who serve two year terms. Nominees do NOT run for office, only for the board. Officers are determined at the December Board meeting of old board and newly elected members. Three members and four members generally alternate terms so that there is never a completely new board. Please contact Tom (leatherstocking46

@comcast.net) if you are interested in being on the board or nominating committee.

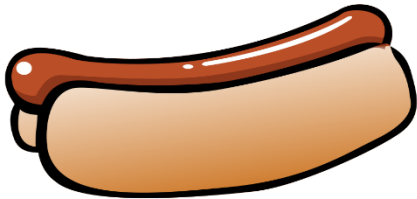


2. Next item of business is the selection of a play for Spring 2025. If you know of a play you would love to see HHLT present, if you would like to try your hand at directing, even if you just want to read plays, this is for you. Twice a year the Board votes on the next play for our production. For over twenty years HHLT has presented plays for our community to enjoy and for our own creative satisfaction. Please contact Tom Taggart for the details of the play application process. We have a large library of plays to choose from and are always welcome to new suggestions.

**Annual Picnic and
Talent Show
Friday, September 20
Marsh Mansion
5.00 pm**



Potluck with HHLT providing hotdogs, buns, condiments, water, lemonade/iced tea, and paper/plastic products.



Members are asked to bring sides, appetizers, salad, desserts for 8 to 10.

Cash bar.

There will be more information in August and September, but please mark your calendars now.

Looking for any member who has an interest in participating in our annual members' talent show:

Sing
Dance
Musical instrument
Comedy
Mime
Recitation/Monologue
Other ideas are welcome!

NO MEETING IN AUGUST



**HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE
THEATER
GENERAL MEETING
June 21, 2024**

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May 17, 2024 .

Pres. Report:

1. Gene had a medical procedure this week and is glad to be able to be with us. Really need to get more people out to these meetings – 15 tonight. Will put a survey in Playtime, perhaps afternoons or different day. Will ask for opinions

V. Pres. Report:

1. Auditions for fall play *Larceny and Old Lace* will be July 10, 11, 12. Play will be Oct. 29, 30, 31. Very large cast is needed, many small parts, some nonspeaking – good time to try acting!

2. Working on bylaws. Sent a copy of old bylaws to board to look over. When revised, will put in Playtime for members to read prior to voting on changes

Treasurer's Report: no report

Membership:

1. All at this meeting have paid their dues, no new members this month

Activities:

1. Valerie is directing next play, now has production team.

Auditions next month and Kathryn has agreed to again be stage manager.

2. Whole program planned for Veterans Day on Nov. 11 in Ballroom honoring Women in the Military, but HHLT not involved now

Communications:

1. Working on articles for The Horn and Playtime for July and August

2. Play will be advertised in Sept. and Oct. issues of The Horn

3. If interested in being in Talent Show at Sept. General Meeting, let Valerie know

At Large: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. It's not too early to submit a play to be produced next spring The next general meeting of HHLT will be July 19, 2024 at Marsh Mansion.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm made by Walt Meyer, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo
Secretary

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Bylaws

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Heritage Hunt Little Theater.

Section 2: Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To present live theater productions to entertain, educate and inspire the community of Heritage Hunt and the surrounding area.
2. To foster and develop, through theatrical workshops and other appropriate means, the artistic talents, and skills of the Heritage Hunt Little Theater members.
3. To engage in and subsidize activities designed to foster the foregoing purposes of the organization as limited by federal and/or state law.

Section 3: Membership

Membership is open to any resident of the Heritage Hunt community upon payment of dues as outlined in Section 4. Persons not residing in Heritage Hunt may become auxiliary members upon payment of dues and shall have the same rights and privileges as Heritage Hunt members.

Section 4: Finances

The organization shall be financially self-sustaining, obtaining funding through production ticket sales and annual dues. The Board of Directors (hereinafter Board) shall determine the annual dues, subject to member approval at any general meeting. Annual dues will be

payable each January. Payment of the current annual dues will reinstate membership to a rejoining member. Annual dues will include all members of an individual members household with no distinction made between "individual" and "family" membership.

An individual who has been a member for twelve continuous years shall have his/her dues waived and become known as a "Lifetime Member."

Section 5: Board of Directors

1. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, elected by the general membership at the meeting in November and one (1) non-voting member appointed annually by the president of the board.
2. The voting Board members shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, Activities/Program Chair, and Member At-Large. Individuals to fill these positions are selected by the elected Board after each annual election, at a combined board meeting that is held in December. The non-voting member appointed by the President shall be the Communications/Publicity Chair.
3. The term of office for each elected Board member shall be two years, with four (4) members elected in one year and (3) in the following year. No elected member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.
4. At the meeting in November, the membership shall elect the Board by a majority vote of the members present.
5. If the office of President becomes vacant, for any reason during the elected term, the

Vice-President shall become Interim President. Vacancies in any other elected office shall be filled by a simple majority vote at a regularly scheduled general meeting. After such an election, the newly constituted Board shall have the right to reorganize the positions other than President.

Section 6: Duties of Officers

1. President

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Conduct the Office of the President by the letter and spirit of these By-Laws.
- c. Prepare and submit the Heritage Hunt Homeowner's Association Annual Charter.
- d. In case of prolonged absence of the Treasurer, will take over Treasurer duties.
- e. Schedule Board of Directors and General meetings.
- f. Reserve room for General and Board meetings.
- g. Appoint standing committee chairs and other committees, as necessary.
- h. Write a monthly message for the HHLT Newsletter.
- i. Represent the HHLT within the Heritage hunt community and serve as the contact for outside individuals or groups.

2. Vice-President

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.

- b. Perform the President's duties whenever the President is unable to fulfill them.
- c. Chair the Play/Director Selection Committee.
- d. Order plays as requested by members to review, keeping within budget.
- e. Keep physical possession of plays/playbooks and all review forms.
- f. Recruit reviewers so the necessary number of reviews is completed when a play is being considered for production.
- g. Actively recruit directors each year, trying to line up shows and directors as far ahead as possible.
- h. Book dates for the performances as soon as possible.
- i. Chair Nominating Committee for election of the following years board, selecting committee members in September and distributing complete membership list to all committee members.
- j. Announce slate of candidates at the October General Meeting.
- k. Provide voting forms for the November General Meeting and along with committee members count votes during the meeting.

3. Treasurer

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Receive and promptly deposit all monies.

- c. Upon receipt of proper documentation and necessary approvals, reimburse members and/or vendors for Theater related expenses.
- d. Maintain an accurate bank account.
- e. With input from Board members, prepare an annual budget for income and expenses.
- f. Monitor budget status monthly.
- g. Prepare monthly report of income and expenses to be distributed to the Board of Directors and report on current financial status at the General Meeting.
- h. Keep an accurate record which will be readily available for review or audit by the President and/or designee.
- i. Conduct any reasonable organizational business as requested by the President.
- j. At the end of their term, arrange for an audit of books by a volunteer.

4. Secretary

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Record all official minutes of said meetings.
- c. Maintain a file of the minutes to be readily available for review or audit.
- d. Be responsible for any correspondence required for conducting the business of the organization.

- e. Preside at meetings when both the President and Vice-President are absent.

5. Membership Chair

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Distribute information about HHLT website to all new members.
- c. Have new members complete the Member Information Sheet.
- d. Introduce all new members at the next General meeting.
- e. Prepare name tags for all new members.
- f. Provide new member information to the Communications/Publicity Chair.
- g. Keep an attendance record for each general meeting.
- h. Follow up with members who do not renew their membership not later than the March General Meeting.
- i. Encourage increased membership of HHLT within the community.
- j. Maintain a record of all paid members.
- k. Turn over all collected membership dues to the treasurer in a timely manner.

6. Activities/Program Chair

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Recruit other HHLT Board and/or general members for the Activities Committee.
- c. Coordinate and oversee events, in conjunction with committee

members and Board of Directors, in accordance with annual budget guidelines.

- d. Develop, arrange, and promote ongoing social programs for HHLT members.
- e. Periodically develop, arrange, and promote educational programs for HHLT members.
- f. Support efforts by others to strengthen HHLT membership and increase participation by members.

7. Member At Large

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Share ideas, guidance, and expertise with the Board.
- c. Assist Board of Directors as requested.
- d. Record minutes of meetings when the Secretary is not present.

8. Communications/Publicity

Chair

- a. Attend all Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Compile, edit and distribute the club monthly newsletter.
- c. Author a monthly article for the HH Horn.
- d. Maintain an up-to-date e-mail list of all members.
- e. E-mail special notices as needed.
- f. Periodically review and update other communication sites (Save the Date, Fill Your Calendar.)
- g. Coordinate with website manager to ensure that

current information is posted.

Section 7: Committees

Standing Committees

1. The Executive Committee:

The Board of Directors shall constitute an Executive Committee charged with the responsibility of the organization and management of Heritage Hunt Little Theater, including the approval of all plays before they are accepted for production.

2. The Activity/Program

Committee: An elected board member shall serve as Chairperson of this committee, which is responsible for arranging social activities and educational programs that may be suitable for the group. The committee chair shall select/recruit committee members as needed.

3. The Membership

Committee: An elected board member shall serve as Chairperson of this committee, which is responsible for encouraging increased membership; orienting new members into HHLT activities, productions, and use of the website; and keeping attendance records at general membership meetings. The committee chair shall select/recruit committee members as needed.

4. The Communications

Committee: The President of the Board shall appoint the Chairperson of this committee, which is

responsible for general publicity, publishing the HHLT newsletter and maintaining the HHLT website. The chair shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and shall select/recruit committee members as needed.

5. **The Nominations**

Committee: The Vice-President will serve as the Chairperson of this committee, which is responsible for nominating candidates to replace the outgoing board members at the annual election held at the November general meeting. The committee chair shall select/recruit at least two committee members as needed from among the membership.

Ad Hoc Committees

These committees shall be formed as needed. The President shall appoint the committee chairs. Each committee chair shall select/recruit committee members as needed.

Section 8: Meetings

1. HHLT shall hold a monthly general membership meeting except for the months of August and December. The date and time of the general meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by majority vote of the club members at a general meeting. The President may call a special meeting at any time by notifying members no later than four days ahead of time, designating the date, time, and location of the meeting.

2. The elections for the Board of Directors shall be held at the November General meeting.
3. **Standing** and Ad Hoc committee meetings shall be held at the discretion of the committee chairs as to date, time, and place. Minutes of these meetings shall be distributed to the President and Secretary.

Section 9: Election Procedures

1. In September, the Vice-President shall recruit at least two (2) members of HHLT to serve on the nominating committee. The Vice-President shall provide the nominating committee with copies of the bylaws and a membership list provided by the Membership Chair.
2. Only members of HHLT whose dues are current may be nominated or vote in the election. A simple majority of the votes of those present at the November general meeting and the absentee ballots will elect new board members. If there are more nominees than board positions to be filled, the election will be by paper ballots.
3. A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Vice-President, shall present the proposed slate of nominees at the October General meeting and voting will occur at the November General meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October General meeting if the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. All nominees shall agree to their nomination before they are put to a vote. Nominees will be afforded an opportunity to speak on their own behalf at the November meeting. Speeches will be limited to one

minute. No nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting. No write-in votes will be accepted.

4. Absentee ballots shall be available not later than one (1) week prior to the election. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Vice-President in a sealed envelope and will be opened and counted the evening of the election.

a majority vote of the members present and any pertaining federal and/or state law.

Section 10: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended through the following procedure:

1. The person(s) desiring the change must present the proposed change in writing to the membership at a general meeting or to the Board at its monthly meeting.
2. The proposed amendment shall then be read at the general membership meeting and published in the Newsletter or transmitted electronically to the general membership with a notice that the amendment will be on the agenda at the next General membership meeting.
3. The proposed amendment shall be read again at that General membership meeting.
4. Adoption of the proposed amendment shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at that meeting.

Section 11: Dissolution of the Organization

If, for any reason, the organization is dissolved, it will give notice of the dissolution to the Heritage Hunt Board of Directors. At the last meeting, all funds or other property remaining after payment of debts and obligations shall be liquidated in a manner determined by