

# Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

June 2025

HHLittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

## President's Message by Tom Taggart

Well folks, summer is heating up and so is HHLT. We have been adding new members, so welcome. Sally is planning fun activities for upcoming general meetings; a fall play is now in the works (see details below); and don't forget the end-of-summer picnic and talent show in September.

Remember, there is no general meeting in August. This month's general meeting is Monday, June 16 at 4:00 pm in the Mountain View Room. See you all there.

- Tom

## Become a Patron!

Consider becoming a *Heritage Hunt Little Theater Patron* for \$20.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to contribute as well!

Patron proceeds enable us to support charities, give scholarships to youth who are interested in theater, and offset expenses of the Club.

To support the club in this way, see Billy Clay.

## RADIO DAZE — HHLT Fall Play, October 7-9

The HHLT 2025 fall play has been selected by the Board. "Radio Daze" is both drama and comedy wrapped up in a package of five memorable radio shows from the 1940s and 1950s: *Gunsmoke*, *The Bickersons*, *The Thin Man*, *Our Miss Brooks*, and *Dragnet*. (Even if you are "too young" to have listened to these on the radio, 4 of the 5 shows were also on TV in the 1950s and 1960s).

The play will be performed as a readers' theater, featuring live sound effects provided by our partner (LSTV) and period commercials (like Ipana toothpaste and Maxwell House Coffee). Our director is Gene Schmiel and the producer is Walt Meyer.

*Radio Daze*, cont'd on p. 2.

## Dates to Remember:

**Board Meeting** —  
Tuesday, July 1, 6  
pm at Andy Mays'

**General  
Membership  
Meetings** —  
June 16 and  
July 21, 4:00 pm in  
the Mountain View  
Room

**HHLT Variety  
Show**— December  
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**HHLT Fall Play,**  
*Radio Daze* —  
October 7-9

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*Radio Daze*, cont'd from p. 1.

When these radio programs were originally produced, they were performed before a live studio audience and the actors wore costumes. We will emulate that approach. The actors will read their scripts with, of course, appropriate emotions. Our colleagues from LSTV will provide photos, videos, music, and other appropriate enhancements, and as always we are grateful for their many contributions.

There are a total of 36 roles across the five programs, with additional roles for those participating in live commercials. About half of the roles are for men and half for women. Because there is no memorization required—just a commitment to make each role come alive as it is presented— some members of the cast will likely have multiple roles in the overall play. That of course will depend on how many people audition and are willing and able to do more than one role. At the same time, we hope the nature of the play will encourage many more people to audition because there is no need to memorize. We also need volunteers for non-performing tasks, including stage management, ticket management, sound effects, publicity, and more — those essential elements behind the scenes that are key to success. All are welcome!!

We will go into more detail about the play at this month's general meeting, 4 p.m. on Monday June 16 in the Mountain View Room. At that time we will announce an audition schedule and ask for your commitment to come out to audition or volunteer for backstage work. If you can't make the meeting, please email Gene at [geneofva@gmail.com](mailto:geneofva@gmail.com) to express your interest and we will schedule you for an audition.

We plan to hold auditions in early July and begin rehearsals in mid-July. Rehearsals will likely be held 1-2 times per week through September, preferably in the ballroom, and preferably during daytime since that room is almost always booked in the evenings. But, as always, we will provide opportunities for rehearsal for those who cannot come during the day.

We are looking forward to working with the entire HHLT membership for what we know will be a great play to present to the HH community. Nostalgia is what it used to be, after all!

Gene Schmiel, Director and Walt Meyer, Producer



## Ballroom Usage — PR18 Update

The Heritage Hunt HOA Chairman, Cheryll Sullivan, informed Andy Mays that they are gathering more information concerning the passing of PR-18. Changes we have requested will enable HHLT and other chartered groups in Heritage Hunt to book events in the Ballroom without fear of being bumped by an outside, catered, paying event. The HOA board will be meeting in open session on June 13 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Mountainview Room to discuss this, with several members of HHLT in attendance.



### Helen Gilliken, HHLT Treasurer

Where were you born and raised?	I was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama
Where have you lived?	For someone who was not in the military or State Department, we moved around a lot: North Carolina, California, Illinois, Colorado, and finally here I am in Virginia to be close to my grandchildren (just like the majority of the people in Heritage Hunt!)
What was/is your occupation(s)?	<b>Teacher:</b> Anatomy & Physiology <b>Telecommunications Engineer:</b> maintaining large phone systems where a single control unit could have phones on it around the world.
A little known fact about you?	I grew up in a house where 2 families lived together. A brother/sister married a brother/sister, each couple had 3 children so the kids were double first cousins. We lived with my paternal grandmother. So we had 5 adults & 6 children living together - it was a bit noisy at times!
What motto do you live by?	Do all the good you can, all the time you can, where ever you can.

## HHLT General Meeting Minutes—May 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 4 PM.

A motion was made by Valerie Morris: to accept minutes of 4/21/2025.

Motion passed.

### President's Report:

A visitor stood and was introduced and welcomed.

### Vice President's Report:

Billy is out of town, but sent word that he is working on plays for next fall.

### Treasurer's Report:

\$3,410 in ticket sales for spring play. Total attendance was 399. Bank balance is \$9,580.

At Large: HHLT gave scholarships for students interested in theater to Fauquier Theater's summer program and donated to Cancer Walk in HH. Also working on getting more mikes for shows. Don McMillan said could donate to his church to fix a truck used for interfaith mission helping homeless in Prince Wm. County – very real problem. Helen Gillikin suggested creating a scholarship and sending information to all high schools in the area with an Arts program, not just very local high schools.

Having a bar at plays to ensure not bumped from dates is still not resolved. The Food and Drink Committee is meeting this Wednesday. John Johnson is on that committee, Tom asked John to send Tom an email with an update after that meeting.

### Activities Report:

Fun evening planned for tonight.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Helen Gillikin at 4:30 p.m. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the BoD for HHLT will be Tuesday, June 3 at Billy Clay's home.

The next General meeting will be Monday, June 16 at 4 p.m. in the Mountain View Room.

### HHLT General Membership Meetings

HHLT holds a General Membership Meeting on the third Monday of each month (except for August and September) at 4:00 p.m. in the clubhouse Mountain View Room.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out—we always have a fun program or activity!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Grillo  
Secretary



## HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—June 3, 2025

**Members present:** Tom Taggart, Helen Gillikin, Gene Schmiel, Sally Peterson, Alec Winfrey, Billy Clay, Sandy Grillo, Andy Mays, Maryann Lesnick

**Motion** by Gene: to accept minutes of 5.6.25. Seconded by Sally, motion approved.

**Pres. Report:** Nothing new to report.

**V Pres. Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$9464.42.

**Activities:** Trying to start each meeting with a skit or short reading as warm up. All set for 6.16.

**Membership:** Working on recruiting several people with good voices for HHLT. Karaoke Nights are a good place to spot new talent.

**Communications:** Working on Playtime. Need Tom's report and a biography from Billy and Gene. Would like to include news of other LT groups, so pass info along to Maryann for inclusion in Playtime.

**At Large:** Discussed several local theater groups in area that have upcoming productions. Several will be mentioned in Playtime.

**Old Business: 1.** The Talent Show is coming together. Many people and even groups have contacted Alec about being in the show. No one act will do more than 2 pieces in the show, much talent is available.

**2.** Fall production – Gene's proposal only one presented. Called "Radio Daze" – 5 segments from radio shows including Gunsmoke, The Bickersons, The Thin Man, Our Miss Brooks, and Dragnet. Sally mentioned that LSTV's capabilities have expanded greatly in recent years and they can add a great deal to the show. Gene wants to hold auditions the week after next before he leaves on vacation. He will write an article for Playtime and will talk it up at General Meeting.

**3.** Andy went to HOA meeting to try to get solid answer to question on needing a bar in ballroom and being charged like an outside group, during plays to ensure we don't get bumped for outside paying function. Also, she has had many emails on same. Still working, progress is being made,

**Motion** by Helen: to approve Old Time Radio production of "Radio Daze" for presentation in the fall with Gene as director. Seconded by Sandy. Motion approved.

### HHLT Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and are open to any member who wishes to attend. Unless a certain matter is placed on the meeting agenda, attendance is for observation, not participation. Since board meetings may not take place at the same time and place every month, please alert the Secretary at least one week in advance if you wish to attend (to get current venue/time information).

HHLT, BoD mtg, June 3 2025, cont'd from p. 3

**New Business:** Board discussed scholarships for high school students interested in the Arts. This year gave one \$2000 scholarship to Fauquier Theater for their summer student programs. We have enough money that can give several \$1000 scholarships. Board would like to continue supporting the summer programs and to give at least one scholarship to a local high school student planning to continue his/her education to pursue the Arts. Gene will work on a proposal for an application form requiring a student to write a brief essay on intentions. It was suggested that since scholarships are given in spring, should put some funds in a 6 month CD instead of just sitting in bank, but not feasible with HHLT's structure.

**Motion** by Sally: to create application form applying for a scholarship requiring brief essay on why student wants to pursue the Arts. Seconded by Billy. Motion passed.

The **next meeting of the Board** will be July 1, 6 p.m. at Andy Mays home, 13485 Victory Gallop Way.

The **next General Meeting** is June 16 at 4 p.m. in Mountain View Room of Clubhouse.

**Motion** by Sally: To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Alec. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Grillo  
Secretary

### Upcoming General Membership Meetings

Future meeting dates are June 16th and July 21st. All meetings are held at 4:00 pm in the Mountain View Room of the Clubhouse unless otherwise notified.

### Variety Show Update

Alec Winfrey, Director of the Heritage Hunt Little Theater Variety Show, is coordinating with LSTV, the High Steppers, the Heritage Hunt Clubhouse, and potential talent sources to move plans forward for a year-end Variety Show. It will be held on the evening of December 10th in the Clubhouse Ballroom.

A formal request for participants will be issued sometime this summer. Brush up on that special talent and plan to join us—in the audience or on stage—for this fun-filled, entertaining event. Want to learn more?

Details on how to get involved will be shared at the **HHLT General Membership Meeting on June 17th**. We hope to see you there!

*All the  
world's a  
stage, and  
I'm just  
playing my  
part.*

## Theater Memories!



This quilt is a daily reminder of all the truly wonderful people I have met through community theatre. Times of entering the “white room”, the fun and sometimes frustration of a rehearsal, the camaraderie, and the thrill of transporting an audience to another world for awhile. Lasting friendships were born from many of these shows and part of our decision to move to the Hunt was because of those I met participating in HHLT. ***There’s no people like show people!***

**Kathy Young**

*Thank you, Kathy, for sharing your quilt with us!*

*FYI—the quilt was made from Kathy’s theater T-shirts!*

**My kids and grandkids keep laughing about me losing my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!**





## Current and upcoming local theater options

**Our 59th Season**  
October 2025      January 2026

**THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**  
RICHARD O'BRIEN'S

**SHE KILLS MONSTERS**  
By Qui Nguyen

**WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME**  
BY HEIDI SCHRECK

**FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM**  
BOOK BY BURT SHEVELOVE AND LARRY GELBART  
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM  
ORIGINALLY REVISED BY HAROLD F. PRINCE

**HADESTOWN**  
TEEN EDITION

Performances: June 12-15

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Ashburn, VA 20147  
571.477.9444

[info@stagecoachtc.com](mailto:info@stagecoachtc.com)

**Reston Community Players**  
Sunset Business Park  
266 Sunset Park Dr.  
Herndon, VA, United States, 20170  
[www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org)

Prince William LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS

**THE WOMAN IN BLACK**

October 2025

Prince William Little Theatre  
Performances at  
Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas, VA

**NextStop** theatre company

MAY 8-JUNE 8

**FOOTLOOSE**  
THE MUSICAL

269 Sunset Park Drive  
Herndon, Virginia 20170

Little Theater of Alexandria

**THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG**

Performances June 7-28.

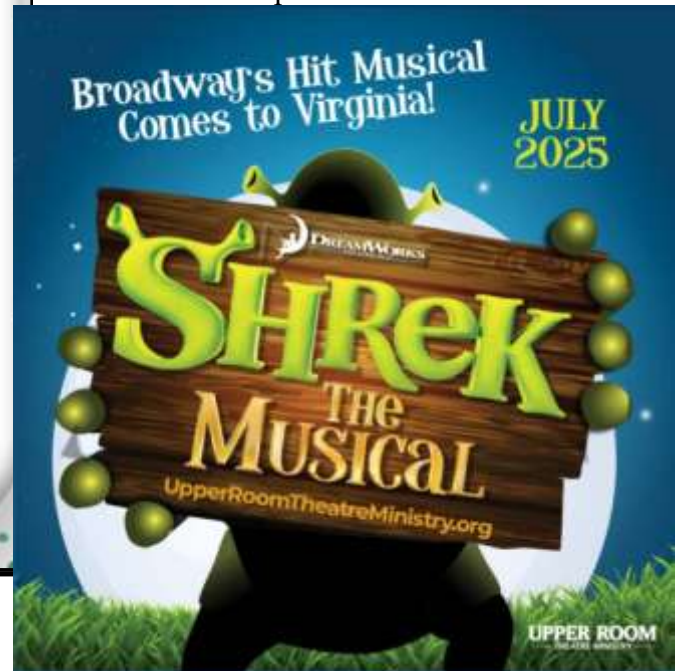




### Prince William Little Theatre

Performances at: Hylton Performing Arts Center  
10960 George Mason Cir, Manassas, VA 20110

**Shrek** will feature:  
*Laura Mils (Andy Mays' daughter) and Nick Villacorte (2019 HHLT scholarship recipient)*  
as Mama and Papa Shrek and other characters.



### Upper Room Theatre Ministry

Performances at: All Saints Performing Arts Center  
9310 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110



## Fauquier Community Theatre

### 48th Anniversary Season 2025 - 2026

#### Bright Star

Sept. 12 - 28, 2025

#### White Christmas\*

Dec. 5 - 14, 2025 (\*New!  
Saturday matinees added!)

#### Dirty Work at the Crossroads

Jan 23 - Feb. 8, 2026

#### Calendar Girls

March 6 - 22, 2026

#### Tales of the Artisan

May 1 - 17, 2026

Fri. and Sat. 7:30 pm, Sun. 2 pm  
4225 Aiken Drive, Warrenton, VA  
All tickets are for reserved seating  
Summer Camps: June-July 2026

Purchase Tickets in Advance:  
Online: [www.FCTstage.org](http://www.FCTstage.org)  
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## Just 4 Fun ...



## Monthly Trivia Quiz

### *Alfred Hitchcock Movies and their Famous Props (answers next month):*

- |                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Rear Window          | A. Telephone  |
| 2. Psycho               | B. Airplane   |
| 3. Strangers on a Train | C. Park Bench |
| 4. Dial M for Murder    | D. Binoculars |
| 5. The Birds            | E. Boat House |
| 6. North by Northwest   | F. Wig        |



### *May Answers (Singers and their Signature Songs):*

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Louis Armstrong | A. Dream a Little Dream of Me |
| 2. Frank Sinatra   | B. Love Me Tender             |
| 3. Ella Fitzgerald | C. Sweet Caroline             |
| 4. Elvis Presley   | D. What a Wonderful World     |
| 5. Neil Diamond    | E. Jolene                     |
| 6. Dolly Parton    | F. Strangers in the Night     |



### *Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh*

His dizzy aunt—Verti Gogh  
 His brother who ate prunes—Gotta Gogh  
 His magician uncle—Where-Diddy Gogh  
 His bird-loving uncle—Flaming Gogh  
 His Mexican cousin—A Mee Gogh  
 His constipated uncle—Can't Gogh  
 His ballroom dancing aunt—Tang Gogh  
 His sister who loved disco—Go Gogh  
 His brother with low back pain—Lum Bay Gogh  
 His nephew psychoanalyst—E Gogh  
 His bouncy little nephew—Poe Gogh  
 His nephew who drove a stage coach—Wells-far Gogh  
 His niece who drives an RV—Winnie Bay Gogh

I saw you smiling ... *there ya Gogh!*



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**HHLT 2025 Board of Directors** (Left to Right): Alec Winfrey, Sandy Grillo, Tom Taggart, Sally Peterson, Billy Clay, Helen Gillikin, and Gene Schmiel

**HHLT Committees for 2025**

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The Communications Committee provides general publicity, publishes the HHLT newsletter, coordinates with the website manager to maintain the HHLT website and social media, writes a monthly Horn article, and keeps members up to date on meetings, times, locations, special notices, and other matters. The chair is a non-voting member of the Board and attends monthly Board meetings.



**HHLT 2025 Communications Committee:** Maryann Lesnick, Andy Mays, and Kathy Carrico (not pictured)

Visit HHLT's  
Facebook group and  
our Website!

**Our Mission**

The mission of the Heritage Hunt Little Theater is to present live theater productions for the cultural education, entertainment and inspiration of the community; to foster and develop, through theatrical workshops and other appropriate means, the artistic talents and skills of its members and other interested persons; to engage in and subsidize social activities designed to foster the forgoing purposes of the organization as limited by federal and/or state laws.