

# Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

## Senior Theater at its best

October 2025

HHLittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

### President's Message by Tom Taggart

The curtain has closed on our fall play, and I'm happy to report it was a great success, and well received by the community. A big thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent! We're excited to welcome several new members, some of whom jumped right in and participated in the fall production. But there's no time to rest—we're deep into preparations for the December 10th *Variety Show*.

Looking ahead, our general meeting on **October 20th at 4:00 PM** promises to be both fun and important. We have some entertaining games planned, and will announce the board candidates and accepting nominations from the floor for the November election.

On a bittersweet note, we bid farewell to Walt and Linda Meyers, who are moving out of Heritage Hunt. Walt has been a cornerstone of our club—designing posters and programs, acting, directing, and always lending a hand. We'll miss them both dearly and hope they stay in touch. That's all for now. I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting!

Tom

### ***RADIO DAZE — HHLT Fall Play***

The old saying that “nostalgia isn't what it used to be” certainly didn't apply to HHLT's production of *Radio Daze* on October 7, 8, and 9. After many months of preparation, the 21-member cast—the largest in HHLT's history—along with the crew and support from LSTV, brought to life the golden age of radio. The show captured the spirit of mid-20th-century broadcasting with authentic costumes, sound effects, music, and the lively presence of an enthusiastic audience. Attendees imagined themselves in a 1940s New York studio, some even closing their eyes to relive the feeling of listening to a favorite radio program from years past. The production was entertaining, and evidence of the creativity and camaraderie that define HHLT.

#### Dates to Remember:

**Board Meeting —**  
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6  
pm at Andy's house

**General  
Membership  
Meetings —**  
Monday, Oct. 20 at  
4 pm in the  
Mountain View  
Room

**HHLT Variety  
Show —** December  
10

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## ***RADIO DAZE Continued***

Congratulations to the Director, Gene Schmiel, and the Producer, Walt Meyer, for a wonderful production!

Here are some pictures from the show!



## HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—October 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. at Maryann Lesnick's house.

**Members present:** Tom Taggart, Helen Gillikin, Billy Clay, Sally Peterson, Alec Winfrey, Maryann Lesnick, and Andy Mays

**Excused:** Gene Schmiel and Sandy Grillo,

**Motion** by Sally, seconded by Alec: to approve minutes of Sept. 2, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. Passed.

**Pres. Report (Tom Taggart):** The play, Radio Daze, was a great success. Thanks to all who were involved. Happy fall and happy Halloween! The club is busy now preparing for elections, the Variety Show, and the selection of a play for the spring performance.

**V Pres. Report (Billy Clay):** Billy thanked Tom for working to find candidates for the Board vacancies. Three (3) will be transitioning off the Board—Helen, Gene, and Billy. Three candidates have been identified so far, and each is willing to serve. Will also open it up for nominations from the floor at the November meeting.

The show was well received, and one individual gave an anonymous \$100 donation. Lots of folks are interested in how they can help. Also had a number of new Patrons.

**Treasurer's Report (Helen Gillikin):** Current balance is \$7,419.53. Deposits for ticket sales were about \$3,500 (we had 350+ paid attendees, and about 30 comps). Cost for the Cast Party was \$130. Total costs incurred for the show – about \$1000. Most of the cost was for printing – primarily the scripts and programs. Discussed the option of purchasing a printer and doing our own printing. Billy just got a new printer and volunteered to do our printing through the next show to see how it goes. Then we might consider buying a printer.

**Activities (Sally Peterson):** The program is ready for the October meeting. Paul White will guide us in teams through a series of "Bar Bet" games. Tom will do a reading, and it will be lots of fun!

Still working to select a spring show. Priscilla Knight has suggested Cinderella, but preparing the script will take a lot of time.

**Membership (Alec Winfrey):** A few new members found us as a result of the play. The most recent were Eric and Lisa Faret.

Alec will not be at the next General Membership meeting, but Sally has the nametags.

### 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 Board Meeting Minutes, cont'd from p. 3.*

**Communications (Maryann Lesnick):** Working on the newsletter. The website should be a focus next year. It needs a facelift and kept current.

**At Large (Gene Schmiel – not present but sent report):** The play was a financial and artistic success. The audiences were pleased, and so were the director, producer, and participants (cast and crew). It was also important for finding board candidates and on-stage new members, including one for LSTV! Kathryn and Gene will be returning the pipes and drapes to the shed (that area was being paved over the weekend), and they now have a load of costumes, hats, drapes, suitcases, tables, chairs, clothes, etc. in their basement. We need to be thinking about a new home for this stuff. Ideas?

Regarding the scholarship funding for high schools, Update: Andy Mays received an application template and the timeline/process for the PWC schools scholarship program. Two schools are targeted for scholarships now – Gainesville and Battlefield High Schools. It was noted that we should try to attend any performances put on by these schools this year!

Now that we have a new infusion of money from "Radio Daze," we can also identify additional recipients!

Gene sent an email to the cast and crew about giving away the poster from "Radio Daze."

Final item, we have several candidates for board positions – and our recent new members are likely candidates as well.

**Old Business:** Alec reported that he and Andy met with LSTV (Bobski) and settled the basic lighting, logistics, and general support requirements for the Variety Show.

Geri Lightburn is the Associate Producer and brought donuts for the meeting with LSTV (Dave always did that!). She and Alec are working to sync calendars for joint rehearsals with the presenters and LSTV to test and finalize things in November, and working with Patty to schedule them. CRC is sponsoring the show and will cover the printing costs.

**New Business:** We need a new poster person when Walt leaves. Walt may still be able to help from his new home after he moves, but if anyone is interested see Andy Mays.

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, November 4. It will be held at Ands May's home, 13485 Victory Gallop Way at 6 p.m.

The next General Meeting will be at 4 p.m. in the Mountain View Room on Monday, Oct. 20.

Motion by Helen Gillikin, seconded by Sally Peterson: to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryann Lesnick for Sandy Grillo, Secretary

### 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!



## *HHLT Picnic and Talent Show*

Our September 17th meeting was our annual picnic and talent show at Marsh Mansion. Thanks to all who shared their creativity and talent!



## Upcoming General Membership Meetings

The October general meeting will be held in the Mountain View Room of the Clubhouse on Monday, **October 20** at 4:00 p.m. Paul White will guide us in teams through a series of “Bar Bet” games. Tom will do a reading, and it will be lots of fun!



## Variety Show Update

Alec Winfrey, the Director, and Andy Mays, the Producer, met with LSTV (Bobski) and worked out the basic lighting, logistics, and general support requirements for the Variety Show.

Geri Lightburn is the Associate Producer and is working with Alec and LSTV to sync calendars for joint rehearsals to test and finalize things in November.

A big THANK YOU goes out to CRC, who is sponsoring the show and will cover our printing costs.



## Upcoming Elections!

### Please Consider Running for the Board in 2026!

Looking for ways to give back to HHLT? We will have 3 openings on the Board of Directors for the 2026 season.

Board members serve a minimum of a 2 year term. Any interested candidates should contact Billy Clay (bclay1976@gmail.com).

Candidates will be announced at the October general meeting, and voting will take place at the November general meeting.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor!

## New Members

*When you have the opportunity, please welcome our new member*

...

***Eric Facet***

...

*who joined HHLT recently.*

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and visit our website!



**HHLT**



## HHLT Spring Performance, 2026!

**We are seeking suggestions for our Spring Play, including a Director!**

The Play Proposal Process and Proposal Form are located on our website at:

<https://hhlittletheater.org/about/misc/>

## Current and upcoming local theater options



**Dracula**

Adapted by William McNulty

Produced by April Bridgeman  
Directed by Tony Marshak

October 2025

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.  
(www.playscripts.com)

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org](http://www.restonplayers.org)

**October 2025**



**January 2026**



**March 2026**



## More local theater options



### Fauquier Community Theatre 48th Anniversary Season 2025 - 2026

#### Dirty Work at the Crossroads

Jan 23 - Feb. 8, 2026

#### Calendar Girls

March 6 - 22, 2026

#### Tales of the Artisan

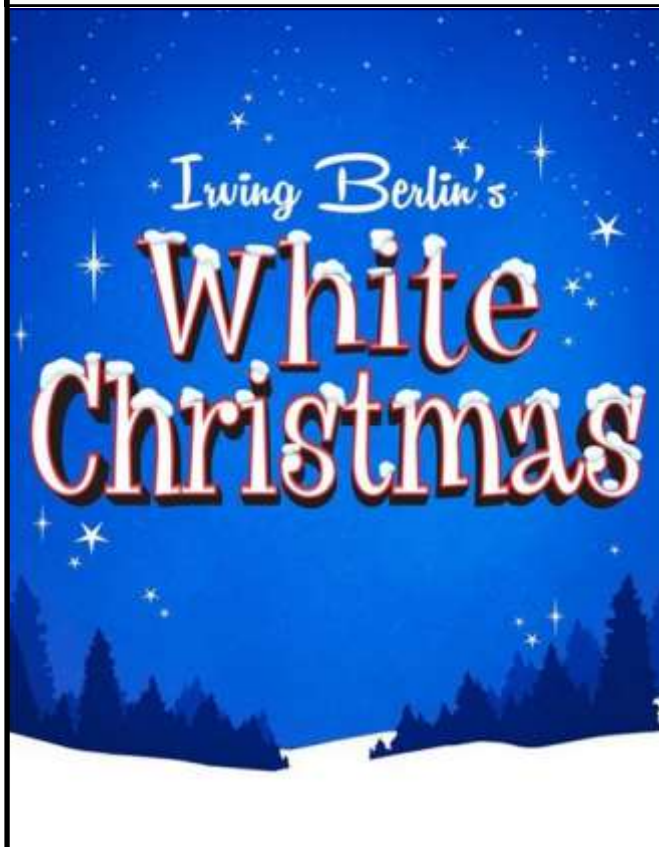
May 1 - 17, 2026

#### White Christmas\*

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

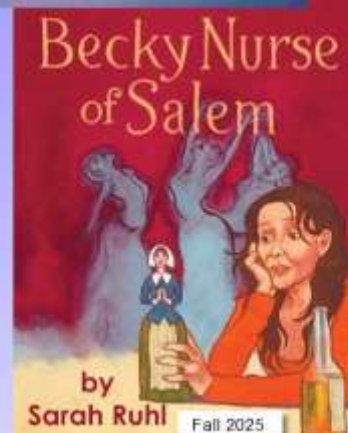
Fri. and Sat. 7:30 pm, Sun. 2 pm  
4225 Aiken Drive, Warrenton, VA  
All tickets are for reserved seating  
Summer Camps: June-July 2026

Purchase Tickets in Advance:  
Online: [www.FCTstage.org](http://www.FCTstage.org)  
Phone: 540.349.8760  
Email: [Info@FCTstage.org](mailto:Info@FCTstage.org)



**White Christmas**  
Dec 5, 2025 - Dec 14, 2025

### Vienna Theatre Company in '25 - '26



Winter 2025



## More local theater options



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better, and a night out!**

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**The  
Woman  
Black**

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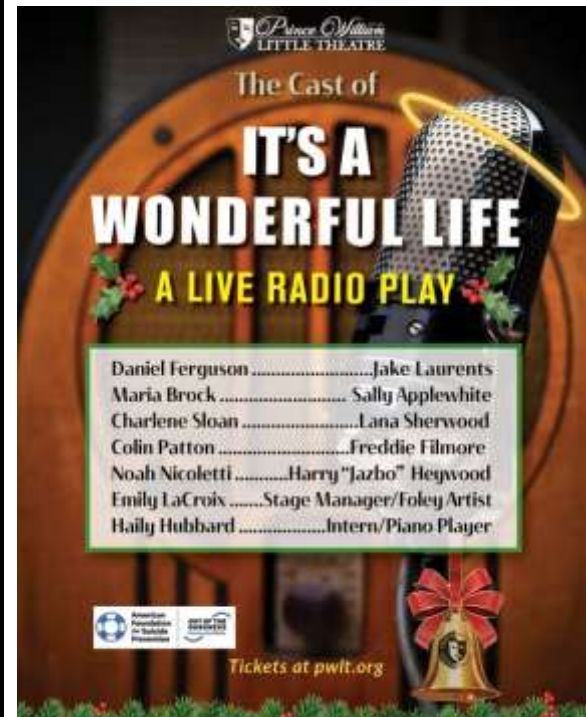
**October 10, 11, 17, 18**

**Use Discount code TWIBOGO in person  
at the Hylton center or  
call the box office at 703-993-7700**

**Valid Government ID required or  
verification over the phone.**

**October 10-19, 2025**

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



**December 12-21, 2025**



## Just 4 Fun

A guy is sprawled over the seats at a theater. The show is over, so the usher tells him he has to leave. The guy just slurs some gibberish. The usher says "come on fella, we all just wanna go home." Again the guy doesn't move and slurs more gibberish. So the usher gets the theater manager and tells him there's a drunk sprawled out near the back orchestra who won't leave.

The manager approaches him and says "it was a great show, but the actors are gone and we have to close up so please move on." Again the guy just mutters something incoherent. So the manager calls the police.

The cop comes, walks up to the guy and says "hey bud what's your name?" The guy replies in a hushed voice "John." The cop says "so where are you coming from John?" John answers "the balcony."

Son:  
"Dad, I've got a part in the school play, I play a man who's been married 25 years"  
Dad:  
"Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part"

SOME PEOPLE  
WON'T ADMIT THEIR  
FAULTS. I WOULD,  
IF I HAD ANY.

INSIDE  
EVERY  
OLDER  
PERSON  
IS A  
YOUNGER  
PERSON  
WONDERING  
WHAT THE  
HELL  
HAPPENED.

- Cora Harvey Armstrong

I did some financial planning and it looks like I can **retire at 97** and live comfortably for **11 minutes**.

Apparently there are  
2 types of flu.  
The harmless one that  
women and children get,  
and the "near death"  
version that men get.

Today,  
8 year olds are  
asking for the  
latest iPhone.

When I was 8  
I felt like I'd  
won the lottery if  
I had this pen.





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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**

Communications/ Publicity Committee	Maryann Lesnick	703-479-0673	mlesnick@mlesnick.com
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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)

**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.

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