

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

November 2025

HHLittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

President's Message by Tom Taggart

The year is drawing to a close but there are still lots of activities going on in HHLT. We have one more general meeting this year, the November meeting on Monday the 17th at 4:00 pm in the Mountain View Room. At this meeting we will vote on the nominations for the 2026 Little Theater board. Be sure to attend this meeting to vote on this important issue.

In December we will not have a regular general meeting. Instead, plans are being made for our annual Holiday Party. More information about the party to come.

Also, in December HHLT is coordinating this year's variety show. This is shaping up to be an entertaining evening for our community.

I hope to see all of you at the November general meeting and the show!

Tom

HHLT Variety Show Update

Production work is well underway for our *Variety Show, Holiday Edition*. We have a great lineup for this December 10th show, so you won't want to miss it!

Our tech rehearsals are scheduled for December 1st and 2nd with LSTV, and a full rehearsal will be on Tuesday, December 9th.

Please mark your calendars and make sure to pass on our show date to your family and friends. It's going to be a great night to enjoy many of our talented neighbors and to sing a few Christmas carols together. See you December 10th. (More details in the "poster" on the next page!)

Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting —
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6
pm at Sally's house

General Membership Meetings —
Monday, Nov. 17, 4
pm in the Mountain
View Room

NO MEETING in
DECEMBER

Holiday Party—in
December—TBA

HHLT Variety Show
— December 10

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Heritage Hunt Little Theater

2025 Variety Show

Holiday Edition

-----One Night Only!!-----

Great Oak Ballroom
December 10th, 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:15)

Director and Host, Alec Winfrey
Producer, Andy Mays
Associate Producer, Geri Lightburn

FREE ADMISSION
and
NO RESERVATIONS

Donations requested for our selected charities:

- The Haymarket Regional Food Pantry
- Heritage Charity Classic (UVA Cancer Center)

Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee (CRC)

HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—Nov. 4, 2025

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

Motion by Billy Clay, seconded by Helen: To accept minutes of October 14, 2025 as written.

Pres. Report: We are chartered for next year. General meetings will be in the Mountain View Room on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9 p.m. Room will open at 6:30 p.m.

V Pres. Report: Election at next general meeting. 3 openings, 3 candidates.

Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$10,723.98

Cost of printing was discussed. HHLT paid Heritage Hunt \$850 in printing costs for programs and flyers for two plays. For next year, Billy said he can print them for us, we will pay for paper and ink costs.

Activities: 1. Next general meeting on Nov. 17 in Mountain View Room at 4 p.m. Working on opening and games. Will be ready. Need LSTV person to show video, regular person can't attend.

2. Toby and Rob Brock agreed to host Christmas party but can't find an agreeable date. As backup if needed, Maryann said she could host.

Membership: Several prospects, but no new members this month.

Communications: Working on Playtime and ads for Variety Show. We need a person to create posters. Walt Meyer is moving. Maryann has mockup for a poster to use this time, will add color. Will ask for graphics volunteer in next Playtime.

At Large: Having difficulty setting up scholarships at local high schools, scholarships are through Prince William County and their process is involved. Might be better to go through theater teachers directly to find students. Will look into doing that. Also, check if NOVA has a Theater Arts program.

Old Business:

1. Holiday show – Alec has rehearsal dates set. Regular rehearsal 11/20 6-9 p.m. Tech rehearsals will be 12/1 2-5 p.m., 12/2 and 12/3 6-9 p.m.

2. Next General meeting is the election for new board members. Since 3 slots and 3 nominees, suggested it be done through Vote by Affirmation. It was opened for nominations from the floor at the last meeting, so nominations are closed.

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

New Business: Sally sent out 2 plays to look at for spring production. They are Tales from Maple Haven by Dawn Campbell and You're Never Too Old by Carl Megill. After discussion, it was suggested we all read them, if have not done so, and submit a review. Forms are available on the website. Also discussed was the need for a committee to review play possibilities, with and without board members on it. One was formed a few years ago, but hasn't been active recently.

The **next meeting of the Board** will be Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m. at Sally's home – 6528 Elder Box Loop.

The **next General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. in the Mountain View Room.

Motion by Gene, seconded by Billy: to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Upcoming General Membership Meeting and Elections

The November general meeting will be held in the Mountain View Room of the Clubhouse on **Monday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.** Please come! Elections for the 3 open Board of Directors positions will be held. Candidates include Don Norris, Valerie Morris, and Virgil Whitaker.



December Holiday Party!

There is no General Meeting in December. However, we will have a **Holiday Party** at a date, time and place to be announced!



HHLT General Meeting Minutes—October 20, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 4 PM. by President Tom Taggart.

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes of the 7.21.25 Gen. Meeting by Helen Gillikin, seconded by Carl Feigerbaum.

President's Report: Play went well, Variety Show is developing. There are several candidates for election to the HHLT Board; more on that later.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Gate from play was \$3302. Balance now \$10,722. Roughly 355 attended the play over 3 performances.

Activities Report: Several ideas for the spring play have been suggested. Sally would like to find a musical for next production so still looking. A few ideas will be presented next month.

At Large: Play went well. Thank you to all who participated and/or helped, including LSTV. HHLT will be giving 2 \$1000 scholarships to seniors interested in Performing Arts from Battlefield and Gainesville High Schools. Forms are being prepared.

Communications: No report.

Membership: No report.

Old Business: The Variety Show is coming along, it has been fun getting the acts in an order to flow smoothly, looking good. There will be 2 rehearsals, one tech and one dress. Posters for the show will be created by the end of this month. The set will be simple, mostly using spot lights. There will be no admission fee, but two donation jars will be out and money will be given to named local charities.

New Business: Next month will be the election for HHLT Board of Directors. Three candidates for the three openings are running. They are Don Norris, Valerie Morris and Virgil Whitaker. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations are closed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Don McMillan, seconded by Sally Peterson at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was turned over to Sally to lead fun games.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Grillo, Secretary

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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!

Join the StageCoach Theatre Production of *Guys and Dolls Sr.*!

StageCoach Theatre in Ashburn is assembling the creative dream team for their Spring 2026 production of *Guys and Dolls Sr.* — a vibrant musical featuring performers age 55 and up!

They are currently seeking:



Choreographer – experienced in working with an elder cast



Set Builders – to help bring our Broadway vision to life



Costumer – with an eye for classic 1950s flair

Rehearsals begin January 2026, with performances scheduled for April 2026.

If you're passionate about theatre and want to be part of something special, they'd love to hear from you!



Contact jerri@stagecoachtc.com for details.

(Audition announcements will be shared once the production team finalizes the dates — so hang tight on those questions for now!)

Tina Mullins

#StageCoachTheatre #GuysAndDollsSr #TheatreProduction #AshburnVA #JoinOurTeam

Spring Play Update

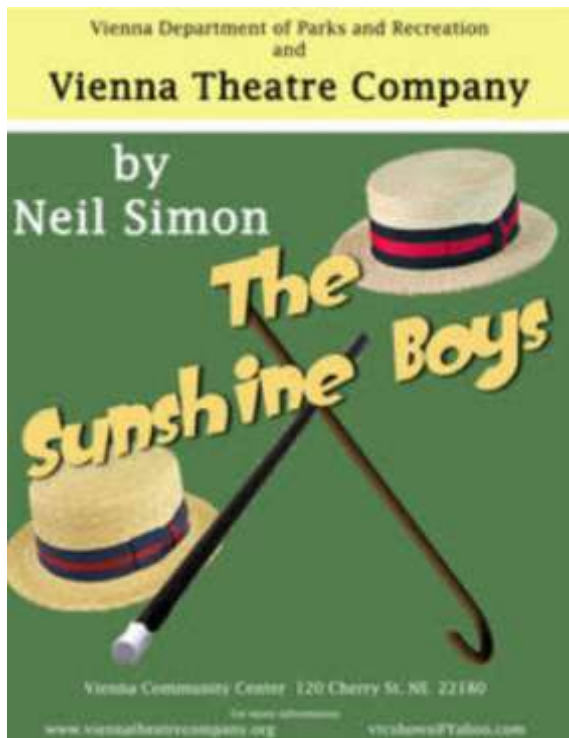
Several scripts have been received, and a committee has been identified to read, review, and score each one.

The show will be in late March or early April.

More to come!!



Current and upcoming local theater options



Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry S. SE, Vienna VA 22081

Evenings: Jan. 23, 24, 30, 31 & Feb. 6, 7, at 8:00 p.m.
Matinees: Feb. 1 & 8 at 2:00 p.m.

vtcshows@yahoo.com



The James Lee Community Center Theater
2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VS 20242

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12—20
Saturday and Sunday Matinees 2:00 p.m., Dec. 13, 14, 20, and 21

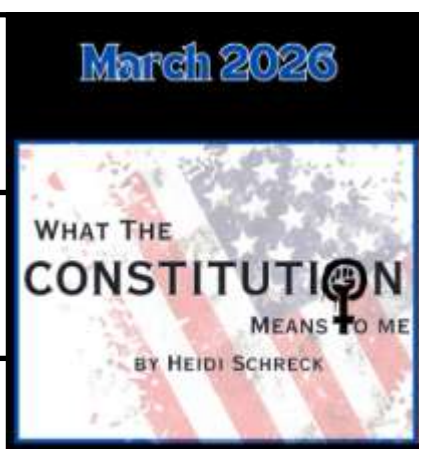
info@providenceplayers.org



Reston Community Players
Sunset Business Park
266 Sunset Park Dr., Herndon, VA, 20170
www.restonplayers.org

She Kills Monsters
January 16—February 1, 2026
(Produced by Andy Mays daughter —
Laura Mills!)

What the Constitution Means to Me
April 17—May 9, 2026



More local theater options



Fauquier Community Theatre

48th Anniversary Season 2025 - 2026

Dirty Work at the Crossroads
Jan 23 - Feb. 8, 2026

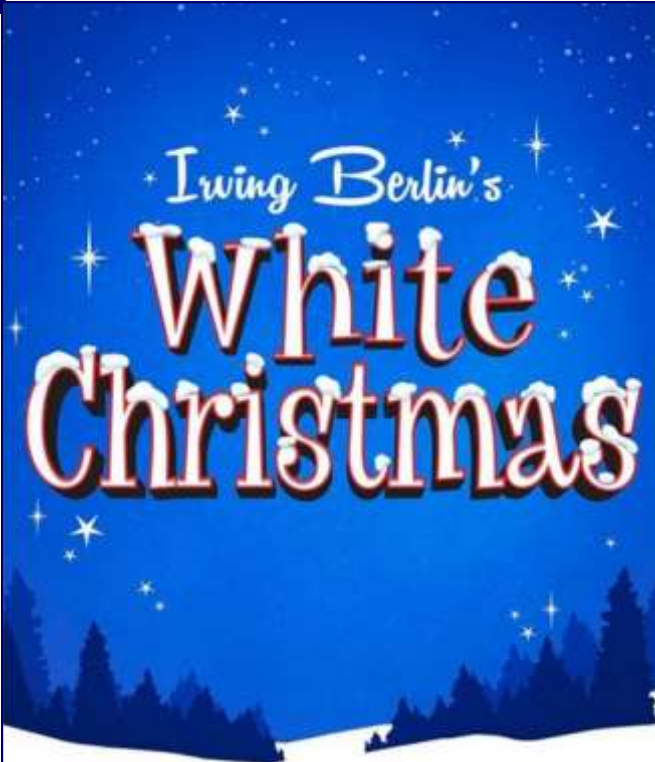
Calendar Girls
March 6 - 22, 2026

Tales of the Artisan
May 1 - 17, 2026


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
Phone: 540.349.8760
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White Christmas
Dec 5, 2025 - Dec 14, 2025



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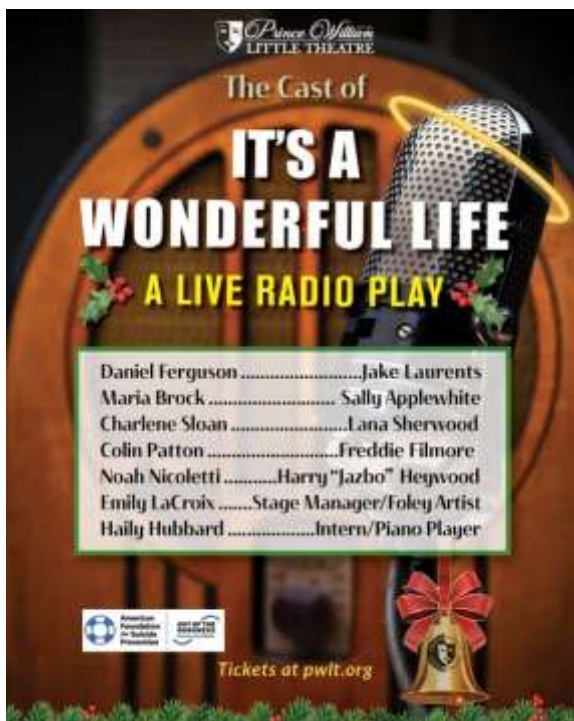
HYLTON PERFORMING ARTSCENTER

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Chicka Chicka Boom Boom *the musical*

Hylton Family Series
**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom:
The Musical**
 Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.*

More local theater options



Prince William Little Theatre

December 12 - 21, 2025

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas, VA
info@pwlt.org



Next Stop Theatre

October 3 - November 23, 2025

269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20170
info@nextstoptheatre.org



StageCoach Theatre Company

December 5 - 23, 2025

20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120, Ashburn, Virginia 20147
info@stagecoachtc.com

Just 4 Fun

- Coming to Theaters: The thrilling tale of a man who cooked biographical books like turkey on Thanksgiving. Baste on a True Story.
- I once wrote an entire theater production based on puns. It was a play on words.
- A priest walks into a movie theater and finds that most of the seats are taken. He finally sees an empty seat and asks the man sitting next to it, "Excuse me, is this seat saved?" The man looks the priest up and down and replies, "No, but it's willing to listen."
- A police detective walks into a bar and orders a beer. "Just got done investigating a burglary at the local movie theater," the detective tells the bartender. "They lost almost \$10,000." "That's horrible," the bartender says. "Did they get the cash register?" "No," the detective replies. "Just three jumbo tubs of popcorn, two large sodas, three boxes of candy and a hot dog."
- What do you call a theater major who works hard to portray his drug addict role?
A meth-head actor.



- "It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." -Andy Rooney
- "The older I get, the better I used to be." – Lee Trevino
- "To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." - Oscar Wilde
- "At age 20, we worry about what others think of us...
at age 40, we don't care what they think of us...
at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers
- "The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - Mark Twain

2025 HHLT Board of Directors

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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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