

Heritage Hunt Little Theater

Play Time

Senior Theater at its best



December 2025

HHlittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

President's Message

by Tom Taggart

Wow—December already! What a terrific year it has been for HHLT. We welcomed new members, staged two well-received productions, supported local charities and children's theater scholarships, coordinated the upcoming December variety show (to be performed on 12/10), and enjoyed plenty of fun and fellowship at our general meetings.

And 2026 promises to be even better!

At the November 2025 general meeting, three new HHLT board members were elected for the coming year. Your 2026 HHLT Board includes:

- ⇒ President: Tom Taggart
- ⇒ Vice President: Virgil Whitaker
- ⇒ Secretary: Sandy Grillo
- ⇒ Treasurer: Valerie Morris
- ⇒ Membership: Alec Winfrey
- ⇒ Activities: Sally Peterson
- ⇒ At-Large: Don Norris

Warm thanks to outgoing board members Billy Clay, Helen Gillikin, and Gene Schmiel for their dedicated service.

I have also appointed our Communications Committee, which includes Maryann Lesnick as Chair, Andy Mays, and Kathy Carrico. Thanks to this committee for their work on the Play Time newsletter, our website, Facebook page, and other aspects of communication for the club.

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Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting —

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 6 pm
at Victor's house,
6361 Avington Place

General Membership Meeting — no meeting in December

HHLT Variety Show — Dec. 10, 7 pm

Holiday Party — Dec. 11, 5-8 pm, Tobi and Rob Brock's house, 13028 Triple Crown Loop

HHLT Spring Performance — March 24-26

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Please note a change for 2026: due to room availability, our general meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They will continue to take place in the Mountain View Room of the clubhouse.

Looking ahead, HHLT will be taking on its second-ever musical for the Spring 2026 production! We'll be seeking singers and actors for principal roles, as well as volunteers for non-singing, non-speaking parts, stage crew, and support positions. If you've ever wanted to be part of a show, this is your chance! More details can be found in this issue of Playtime.

And don't forget — two important events still to come in 2025: the **HHLT Variety Show** on December 10 (details below and on p. 3), and our **Holiday Party** on December 11 at the home of Rob and Tobi Brock (details on page 4).

I am honored to serve as the 2026 HHLT Board President, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the holiday party!

Tom Taggart

HHLT Variety Show Update

As this newsletter goes to press, the **HHLT Variety Show, Holiday Edition** performers are having their final tech rehearsals with LSTV in the ballroom. A full rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, December 9th. We have a great lineup for this December 10th show, so you won't want to miss it!

We also ask that you to be generous — there is no admission fee for the show, but we are collecting donations for the Haymarket Food Pantry and the Heritage Charity Classic Cancer Walk (\$\$).



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!

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)



Upcoming General Membership Meeting — *Holiday Party!!*

There is no General Meeting in December. However, we will have a **Holiday Party** at and all are invited!!

Thursday, December 11th

5 pm – 8 pm

***Please bring
appetizers, finger
food, snacks, or
sweets***



***HHLT will supply
beverages***

***At the home of Tobi and Rob Brock
13028 Triple Crown Loop***



HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—Dec. 2, 2025

Members Present: Tom Taggart, Sandy Grillo, Billy Clay, Gene Schmiel, Sally Peterson, Maryann Lesnick, Virgil Whitaker, Valerie Morris

Excused: Andy Mays, Alec Winfrey, Helen Gillikin, and Don Norris

The meeting opened at 6 p.m.

Motion by Sally, seconded by Billy: To accept the minutes of 11/04/25.
Motion passed.

Pres. Report: 1. New board members Virgil Whitaker, Valerie Morris, and Don Norris were welcomed to the group. Many thanks to Helen, Gene and Billy for their time and effort as they leave the board.

V. Pres. Report: 1. Four reviews for possible plays for spring. Billy will still do Patrons program. Tom appointed him a committee of one.

Treasurer's Report: 1. Balance \$10,624.49. The month's expenses were \$229.49.

Motion by Billy, seconded by Sally: To accept the Treasurer's Report.
Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Thanks to Kathryn Schmiel for taking minutes at General Mtg.

Activities: 1. Christmas Party 12/11 at Rob and Tobi Brock's home, just learned there is a concert the same night.

2. Spring play dates are dress rehearsal 3/23, play 3/24-26/25. Auditions will be held in early January.

Membership: 1. No new members. General meetings will be on a new day – third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Mountain View Room.

Communications: 1. Working on Playtime. Send her articles you want included by Friday.

At Large: 1. Do we want him to go to Fauquier Theater about next scholarship or next At Large person? It was decided Gene and new At Large will go together.

2. Andy sent Gene an email on creating a scholarship at the community college for creative writing. We need to know more info before can discuss so tabled for January.

3. We gave \$1000 to Cancer Walk, they gave us 5 tee shirts that will auction off at Christmas party for free.

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. 5

Old Business:

1. Talent Show in progress. Will be ready by date slated, December 10.
2. Three plays were reviewed, they are: "Tales From Maple Haven", "You're Never Too Old" and "A Bag Full of Miracles". Two were rated acceptable and appropriate for HHLT. After discussion, A Bag Full of Miracles was chosen for next production. There are a lot of characters, it is a musical, and is very uplifting, Sally volunteered to direct it if someone with a strong musical background will volunteer to co-direct with her. Concern was expressed about casting a pre-teen girl. Thought was that someone will have a granddaughter who will be interested.

Motion by Billy, seconded by Sally: to have **A Bag Full of Miracles** as next production.
Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Billy and Gene left the meeting with thanks for their service to HHLT. New Board is as follows:

President:	Tom Taggart
Vice President:	Virgil Whitaker
Secretary:	Sandy Grillo
Treasurer:	Valerie Morris
At Large:	Don Norris
Activities:	Sally Peterson
Membership:	Alec Winfrey

Tom appointed to the Communications Committee: Maryann Lesnick, Andy Mays and Kathy Carrico.

Valerie and Tom will visit our bank to update signatures on HHLT bank account.

2. LSTV is requesting lenses for their projector mounted on the ceiling which we helped purchase several years ago. Cost is about \$5000. Other groups in Heritage Hunt may help. The lenses would be a big help to our productions. Haven't gotten an official request yet. Valerie as new Treasurer will pursue this. All agreed need to look into this and get more details.

The **next meeting of the Board** will be at January 6 at 6:00 pm. Location: Virgil's home – 6361 Avington Place.

The **next General Meeting** will be our holiday party on December 11 at the Brock's, 13028 Triple Crown Loop from 5 – 8 p.m.

Motion by Sandy, seconded by Virgil: To adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Grillo, Secretary

Spring Play Update — *A Bag Full of Miracles*

Several scripts were submitted and thoughtfully reviewed, including: *Tales From Maple Haven* by Dawn Campbell, *You're Never Too Old* by Carl Megill, and *A Bag Full of Miracles*, a musical comedy by Tom Northam. The selected play for our spring production is — *the MUSICAL!*

A Bag Full of Miracles was chosen for our Spring Performance. Written specifically for Senior Theatre, it highlights themes and experiences which we believe are entertaining and meaningful to our audiences. The story follows Maggie Hill, an unmarried, newly retired schoolteacher living on a modest pension, and Lady Anne Windesmeer, a recent widow who has been swindled by her unscrupulous lawyer. Facing similar financial challenges, the two women team up to transform Lady Anne's San Francisco home into a bed-and-breakfast — setting the stage for comedy, intrigue, romance, heartfelt moments, and a delightful series of twists that offer a humorous yet touching look at life.

The musical features a large cast and an uplifting spirit. Following the huge success of *Retired Man Martha*, this will be the second musical produced by HHLT since 2022. Sally Peterson will direct, and we are currently seeking a co-director to guide the musical elements of the production. Auditions and casting will begin in early January. There are 6 lady's roles (5 singing), 6 men's roles (3 singing), and lots of opportunities for extras — both singing and non-singing. And we will also need a Stage Manager and crew of 2 or 3.

We will be rehearsing throughout January, February and March. Dress rehearsal will be March 23rd.

Show dates: March 24, 25, and 26.

More to come!!



Meet our new Board Members

Virgil L. Whitaker - Vice President



Virgil brings a highly technical background to the Board. He was an Electrical Engineering instructor, Engineer and Program Manager with the Navy and several engineering companies designing and developing telecommunication test products. He has been involved in international trade, infrastructure development, and financing with a network of international contacts. Virgil became involved with HHLT soon after he moved to HH in April 2025. At that time he read for and was accepted for two parts in Radio Daze, and his wife, Leslie, was involved with LSTV for the Radio Daze sound effects. Virgil also has a son named Dirk.

Valerie Morris - Treasurer



Valerie Morris is our new Treasurer on the HHLT Board. She joined Little Theater in 2019 just in time for the play to be canceled due to COVID. But she rejoined when everything reopened and has enjoyed it all. Valerie has previously served on the Board in charge of Membership and then Activities. Looking forward to serving again.

Don Norris - Board Member At-Large



Don Norris and his wife Carolyn moved to Heritage Hunt from Herndon in July 2019. He joined HHLT in 2022 and played roles in productions of *Retired Man Martha*, *Three on a Bench*, and *Larceny and Old Lace*. He has also performed in HH musical organizations, including *Men in Song*, *Doo Wop Dudes*, *HH Holiday Shows*, and *HH Karaoke*. Don is active in American Legion Post 1799 in Haymarket, serving as Sergeant at Arms. He also is a facilitator with HH's local chapter of Great Decisions.

Don's professional career included Development Engineering at Black and Decker, Institutional Research and Planning at UT Austin and University of Houston; and consulting for over 200 institutions and other enterprises through his firm Strategic Initiatives, Inc.. Don and Carolyn have two sons, Stephen and Brian, and a granddaughter, Molly, who lives in Merrifield.

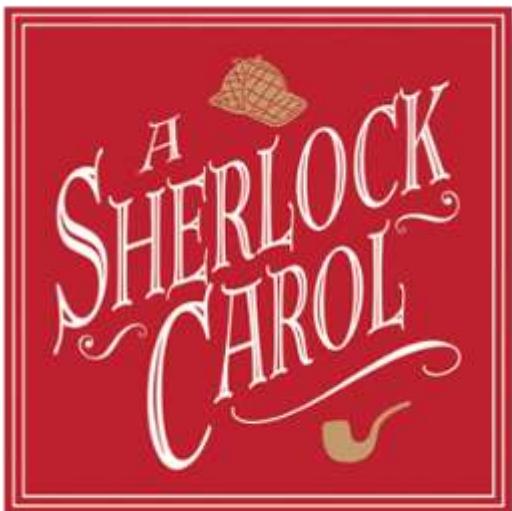
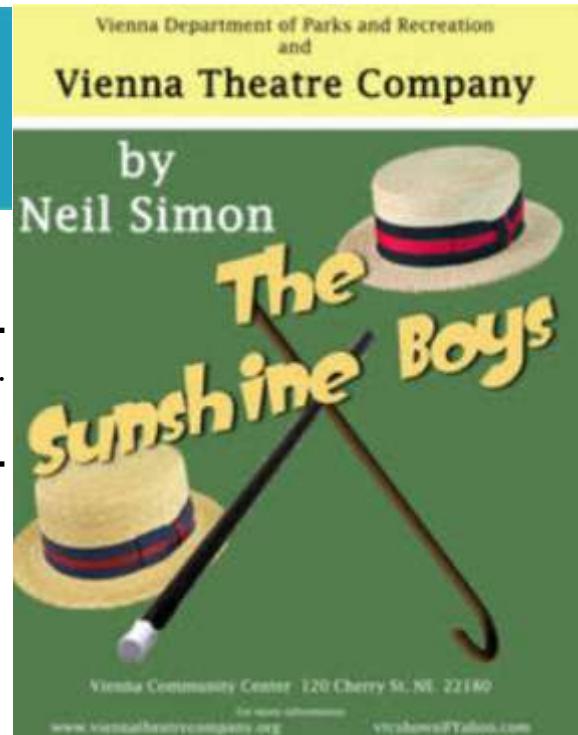
Current and upcoming local theater options



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



**Providence Players
OF FAIRFAX**
The James Lee Community Center Theater
2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

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

January 2026



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

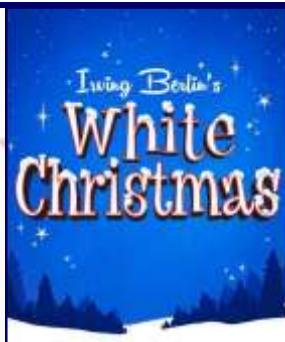
She Kills Monsters
January 16—February 1, 2026
(Produced by Andy Mays daughter—
Laura Mills!)

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

March 2026



More local theater options



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

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

Purchase Tickets in Advance:
Online: www.FCTstage.org
Phone: 540.349.8760
Email: Info@FCTstage.org

UPPER ROOM THEATRE MINISTRY

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



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25-26

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

Pied Piper Theatre Productions

Performed at Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas



95 Riverside Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406
Phone: 540.370.4300
More Info: <https://www.riversidedt.com/>

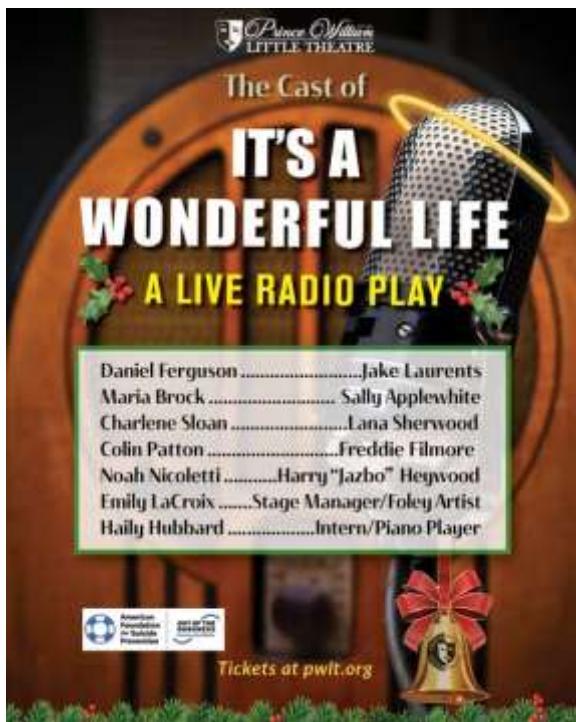


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MAY 13 - JUNE 28, 2026

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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

from Dan Walsh, boredpanda.com



"Hello, young man. They tell me you're quite the wrapper!"



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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Member-at-large	Don Norris	703-447-7563	dmn@strategicinitiative.com

HHLT Committees for 2026

Communications/ Publicity Committee	Maryann Lesnick	703-479-0673	mlesnick@mlesnick.com
	Andy Mays	703-608-2403	amays53@aol.com
	Kathy Carrico	703-336-3876	kcarrico327@gmail.com
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.			
Patrons Program Committee	Billy Clay	703-577-8884	bclay1976@gmail.com



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

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our Website!



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