

# Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

## Senior Theater at its best



January 2026

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Tom Taggart

### President's Message

by Tom Taggart

Happy New Year! HHLT is launching into a brand-new year of fun activities for all our members. By the time you read this the month of January may already be half over. I encourage everyone to get involved with the many opportunities provided by HHLT. We will have two stage productions, one of which is gearing up as you read this.

Many social events are being planned such as the origination's birthday party, end of summer picnic/talent show, and fun/games at our general meetings. Just a reminder; ***the general meeting date and time have been changed.*** General meetings will be on the ***third Tuesday of every month except August and December. New time is 7:00 pm.*** The location has not been changed as we will still meet in the Mountain View room at the clubhouse.

I want to welcome the new board members who are joining the board this year: Valerie Morris, Don Norris and Virgil Whitaker.

See you all at the January general meeting on the 20th.

Tom Taggart

### HHLT Variety Show Update

The HHLT Variety Show in December was a big hit, featuring a diversity of performers, genres, comedic and holiday themes, audience participation, dance, and vocal offerings – something for everyone.

Thanks to all who attended and gave generously – ***we collected more than \$800 for each of our selected charities – Haymarket Food Pantry and Charity Classic Cancer Walk – through cash and check donations.***

A special thanks to our sponsor CRC, and to LSTV for providing music, sound effects, lighting, video, and overall technical support for the event.

### Dates to Remember:

#### Board Meeting —

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6 pm  
at Tom's house, 13891  
Chelmsford Dr. Apt.  
108.

#### General Membership

**Meetings** — January  
20, 7 pm, Mountain  
View Room

February 17, 7 pm,  
Mountain View  
Room

#### HHLT Spring Play, *A*

***Bag Full of Miracles***  
— March 24-26, 2026

#### HHLT Fall Play, *TBD*

— Oct. 13-15, 2026

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## HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—January 6, 2025

**Members Present:** Tom Taggart, Sandy Grillo, Valerie Morris, Virgil Whitaker, Don Norris, Sally Peterson, Maryann Lesnick, Alec Winfrey, and Andy Mays

The meeting opened at 6 p.m.

**Motion** by Don, seconded by Maryann: To accept the minutes of Dec. 2, 2025. Motion passed.

### President's Report:

- It's a new year and we are off to a good start. Auditions are in progress. Cast will soon be set for next production, "A Bag Full of Miracles".

### Vice President's Report:

- No report

### Treasurer's Report:

- Went to the bank with Tom, now can write checks. Also met with Helen to go over books. Current balance \$9660.22.
- We have a Clubhouse Account, it has been changed to Valerie's name. It's mostly for making copies.
- Talked about how long to keep records. All records are now on computer.

**Motion** by Valerie, seconded by Don: To keep paper financial records for 7 years, then keep year end spread sheets. Motion passed.

### Activities:

- Next general meeting in two weeks – change of day and time, 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- LSTV made a new rule - only contact our liaison Bob Coggan.
- The LSTV projector can be repaired, it will take about a month, so should be ready for play.

### Membership:

- Mary Ann Beverley wants to join HHLT. She is in the next play.
- Membership dues are due now. \$10 to be a member, \$20 to be a patron. After 12 years, you become a life member and do not have to pay dues

### 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. 2*

### **Communications:**

- Maryann was commended for fine work on poster for Variety show. Will start planning one for next play.
- December was very busy. Missed deadline for The Horn. Will definitely make February's issue. Will emphasize new play, cast, and say where and when will be produced.
- Send info want run in Playtime to Maryann. She will include the need for volunteers and stage crew for next show.

### **At Large:**

- Scholarships through SPARK had an early January deadline. It sounds like ongoing donations are expected and the forms are really complicated. Will not be doing SPARK. We discussed other areas to donate for youth programs. Andy said the Gainesville Community Choir has to buy their own music which prohibits some talented youth from participating. Will look into same. Will do Fauquier Theater Youth Program again.

**Motion** by Don, seconded by Alec to donate \$2000 To Fauquier Community Theater Summer Program. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

- We talked about buying new lenses for LSTV. Will put on back burner until they figure out what they want and need. Sally will continue talking to them on their needs.

### **New Business:**

- When Treasurer is changed, an audit is required. Don, as At Large, will organize an internal audit.
- Mary Anne Bosco collects the money taken in at plays, It is counted several times, then she puts it in her bank account and writes a check to HHLT – system works.
- Dates for fall play set, 10/12 - dress rehearsal, 10/13-15/26 performances. Stage will have to be struck on 10/15 as there is a function in the ballroom on 10/16.
- We need a budget for 2026. Valerie found one, will update and bring to February meeting.

The **next meeting of the Board** will be at 6:00 pm on Feb. 3. Location: Tom's, 13891 Chelmsford Dr., Apt. 108.

The **next General Meeting** will be Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Mtn View Room of Clubhouse at 7 p.m.

**Motion** by Alec, seconded by Don: To adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Grillo, Secretary

## Spring Play Update — *A Bag Full of Miracles*

*A Bag Full of Miracles*, a musical comedy by Tom Northam, will be HHLT's play for our spring production — and it's a *MUSICAL!* Following the huge success of *Retired Man Martha*, this will be the second musical produced by HHLT since 2022.

*A Bag Full of Miracles* highlights themes and experiences that we believe are entertaining and meaningful to our Heritage Hunt audience. The story follows Maggie Hill, an unmarried, newly retired schoolteacher living on a modest pension, and Lady Anne Windsmeer, 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. **Sally Peterson** will direct the play, and **Peggy Sabato** will co-direct the musical elements of the production. **Andy Mays** is the Producer, and **Maryann Lesnick** is the Assistant Producer, program and poster designer. Auditions and casting have been underway. There are 6 female roles (5 singing), 6 male roles (3 singing), and lots of opportunities for extras — both singing and non-singing.

We **need cast** for the choir and extras for wedding attendees, plus two guys to play the roles of technicians who set up the mics, cables, etc. at the beginning of the wedding scene. We also **need additional volunteers** to help with stage management, technicians, costumes, makeup, props, and other support functions. Please contact **Andy Mays**, Producer, at 703-608-2403, or [amays53@aol.com](mailto:amays53@aol.com) to get involved!

The cast will be rehearsing throughout January, February and March. Dress rehearsal is on March 23rd, with show dates on March 24, 25, and 26.



# Announcements

## Upcoming General Membership Meetings

January 20, 2026, 7 pm

February 17, 2026, 7 pm

Join us for a Membership Meeting, networking with HHLT members, and a fun program / activity the third Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7 pm in the Clubhouse, Mountain View Room!!

## Spring Play Rehearsals

Spring Play rehearsals have begun. If you are part of the cast, watch for emails from Sally regarding times and places. Also, consider volunteering to help in other areas if ANYONE is interested!! (See page 4).



## Fall Play

Dates have been reserved in the Ballroom for our Fall Production —

Dress Rehearsal: **October 12**

Performances: **October 13, 14, and 15**

## Dues Reminder

HHLT dues are due! They are \$10 per year (individual/couple). Members who have been in HHLT for twelve years or more are exempt. Please bring payment to the January 20 meeting or mail to HHLT Membership Chairman Alec Winfrey at 6720 Buglecall Place. Cash or check accepted.

Consider also becoming a Patron for an additional \$20. Contact Billy Clay at 703-577-8884, or bclay1976@gmail.com for more information.

Make checks payable to HHLT.

## New Members

*When you have the opportunity, please welcome our newest member ...*

**Mary Ann Beverley**

*... who joined HHLT recently.*

## Spring Play Update — *A Bag Full of Miracles*

*Images from auditions held in early January!*



## Current and upcoming local theater options



**Vienna Theatre Company**

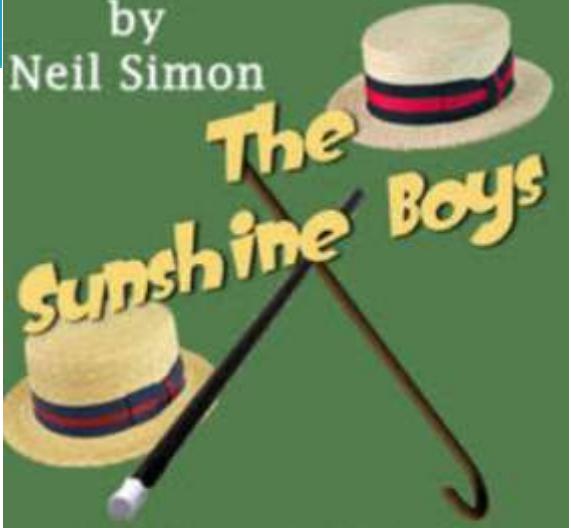
Vienna Community Center  
120 Cherry S. SE, Vienna VA 22081

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](mailto:vtcshows@yahoo.com)

Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation and  
**Vienna Theatre Company**

by Neil Simon



**The Sunshine Boys**

Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry St. NE 22180  
[www.viennatheatrecompany.org](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org) [vtcshows@yahoo.com](mailto:vtcshows@yahoo.com)



**CRIMES of the HEART**



**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., Mar. 13—28  
Sunday Matinees 2:00 p.m., Mar. 15 and 22

[info@providenceplayers.org](mailto:info@providenceplayers.org)

**January 2026**



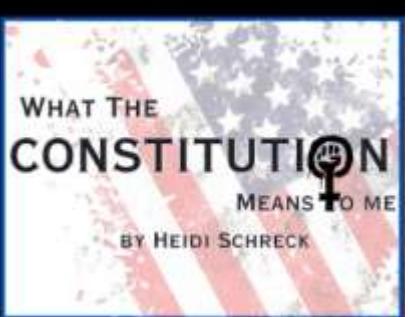
**SHE KILLS MONSTERS**  
By Qui Nguyen

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



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

## More local theater options



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

**FAUQUIER**  
COMMUNITY THEATRE

**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)  
Phone: 540.349.8760  
Email: [Info@FCTstage.org](mailto:Info@FCTstage.org)

CASTAWAYS THEATRE  
Presents  
DISNEY'S  
**FROZEN**  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL  
Music and Lyrics By Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez  
Book by Jennifer Lee  
Originally Directed on Broadway by Michael Grandage  
Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee  
and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee  
Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Group

**Castaways Theatre**

Feb 20—Mar 1, 2026

AJ Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr.,  
Woodbridge, VA  
[castawaystheatre.org](http://castawaystheatre.org)

## More local theater options

### Pied Piper Theatre Productions

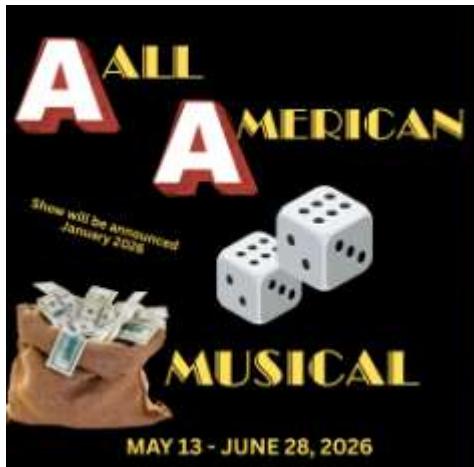
Performed at Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas



### RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

95 Riverside Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540.370.4300

More Info: <https://www.riversidedt.com/>



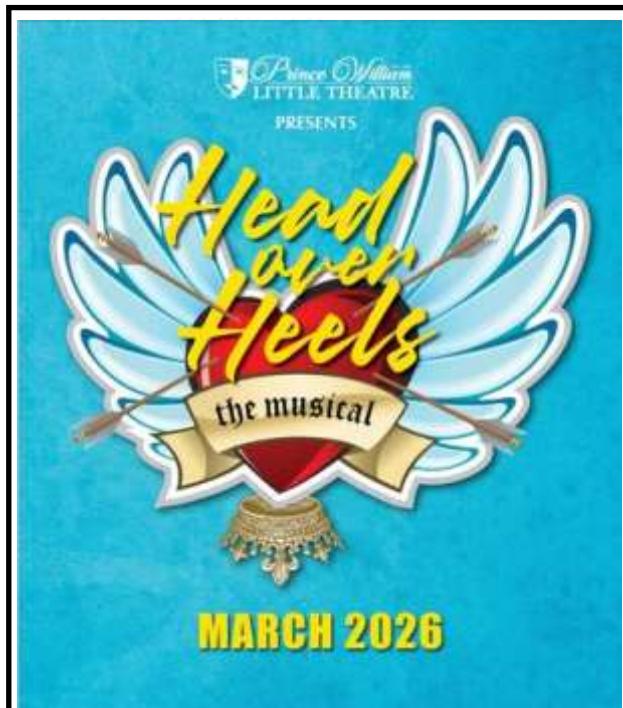
ROLL THE DICE AND TAKE A CHANCE WITH US FOR A CLASSIC ALL - AMERICAN MUSICAL.  
IT WILL BE THE PERFECT SHOW TO CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!



MAY 13 - JUNE 28, 2026



## More local theater options



### Prince William Little Theatre

March 13—22, 2026

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas, VA  
[info@pwlt.org](mailto:info@pwlt.org)



### Next Stop Theatre

October 3 - November 23, 2025

269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20170  
[info@nextstoptheatre.org](mailto:info@nextstoptheatre.org)

## StageCoach Theatre Company

20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120, Ashburn, Virginia 20147  
[info@stagecoachtc.com](mailto:info@stagecoachtc.com)



MISS  
GULCH  
RETURNS

Feb 21 & 28

THE ORIGINAL WICKED MUSICAL



## More local theater options



**HYLTON PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER**



THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

Aquila Theatre

### **The Hound of the Baskervilles**

BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 4 P.M.

\$50, \$43, \$30



### **CAHOOTS NI Secrets of Space**

Direct from Northern Ireland is theater company Cahoots NI with an out-of-this-world production of *Secrets of Space!* Using magical illusions and mystifying technology, sisters embark on an interactive journey across the galaxy to learn about the wonders of outer space. *Secrets of Space* is an entrancing performance that guarantees to leave its audience starry eyed! \$20. *Recommended for ages 7 and older.*

**Sunday, February 15 at 1 and 4 p.m.**

4 p.m. performance =

Performances take place in Merchant Hall unless otherwise indicated.



TheaterWorksUSA

### **Click, Clack, Moo**

Written by Billy Aronson; lyrics by Kevin Del Aguila;  
music by Brad Alexander

Based on the book by Doreen Cronin with  
illustrations by Betsy Lewin

No more milk and eggs... the cows and hens are on strike  
in this hilariously moo-ving musical about negotiation  
and compromise. \$20. *Recommended for ages 4 to 9.*

**Sunday, April 19 at 1 and 4 p.m.**

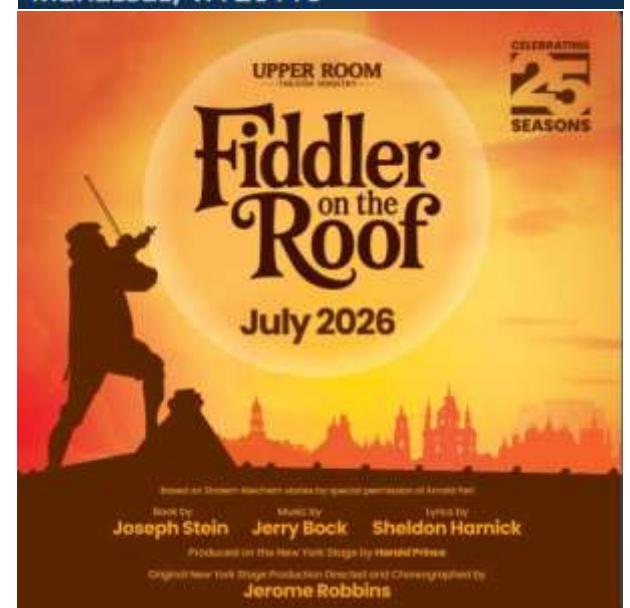
4 p.m. performance =

## **UPPER ROOM THEATRE MINISTRY**

All Saints Performing Arts Center

9310 Stonewall Road

Manassas, VA 20110



CELEBRATING  
25  
SEASONS

### **Fiddler on the Roof**

July 2026

Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Aronson Hall

Book by Joseph Stein Music by Jerry Bock Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Includes on the New Stage by Harold Prince

Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed by Jerome Robbins

## Just 4 Fun

Seamus hadn't done any acting in a long time and was thrilled to have been given an opportunity in a local production.

The director said, "This is the most important part, and it has only one line. You walk on to the stage carrying a rose. You hold the rose to your nose, delicately, with just one finger and thumb, sniff the rose deeply, and then say the line: 'Ah, the sweet aroma of my mistress!'"

Seamus practiced his line and the director's instructions every day for weeks, over and over again, until finally, the time came.

The curtain went up, Seamus walked on to the stage, lifted his hand to his nose and said his line, "Ah, the sweet aroma of my mistress."

The theatre erupted with laughter and the surprised Irishman gave an impromptu bow as he walked off the stage.

The director was livid. "You bloody fool!" he screamed. "You've ruined me!"

"What happened?" said Seamus, bewildered. "Did I forget my line?"

"No!" shouted the director. "You forgot the rose!"

Why doesn't anyone listen to each other on New Year's Eve?

*Because their words go in one year and out the other.*



2026  
ON STAGE!

### 2026 HHLT Board of Directors

President	Tom Taggart	703-743-1435	leatherstocking46@comcast.net
Vice President	Virgil Whitaker	703-764-5315	isivirgil@gmail.com
Secretary	Sandy Grillo	571-248-2925	sandyg0105@live.com
Treasurer	Valerie Morris	571-447-0978	taftmorris@aol.com
Activities	Sally Peterson	703-473-9526	scp211@aol.com
Membership	Alec Winfrey	202-430-9572	aw333@msn.com
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 2026 Communications Committee:**  
Maryann Lesnick, Andy Mays, and Kathy Carrico (not pictured)

Visit HHLT's  
Facebook group and  
our Website!



**HHLT**

### 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.