

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

June 2026

HHLittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

President's Message

by Tom Taggart

Yikes! It is summer already! The weather is heating up and so are the activities for HHLT.

Your board voted on a play for the fall production – *This Murder Was Staged*. More in a separate Play Time article.

Just a reminder, there will be no general meeting in the month of August. But we can all look forward to the September meeting, when we will enjoy our annual picnic and in-house talent show. It is not too early to polish up your act to entertain your fellow HHLT members. It will be a magical experience (hint, hint).

This month's general meeting is on Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 pm in the Mountain View Room. See y'all there.

Tom Taggart

Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting –
Tuesday, July 7 at 6
p.m. at Alec's home –
6720 Buglecall Pl.

**General Membership
Meeting** – Tuesday,
June 16 at 7 p.m. in
the Mountain View
Room

**HHLT Picnic and
Talent Show** –
September 22, 2026

**HHLT Fall Play, *This
Murder Was Staged***
— Oct. 13-15, 2026

Holiday Variety Show –
December 16, 2026



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HHLT Gernal Meeting Minutes—June 2, 2026

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER GENERAL MEETING

May 19, 2026

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Mary Glascock, seconded by Alec Winfrey to accept the minutes of April 21, 2026. Motion passed

Pres. Report: Things are going well but we still need a play and director for the fall production.

V. Pres. Report: Several plays are being looked at as good possibilities. Valerie Morris said she will direct the next play if someone else does not step up. One good prospect has lots of small parts for those who are a little stage shy. More info at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Membership: No new members, but several prospects. We still need a wardrobe person.

At Large: No report.

Communications: Working on Playtime and The Horn articles.

Activities: Plans for activities going well. Tonight's entertainment will be fun.

Old Business: The thumb drives from most recent play are here, see Andy if you asked for one - \$10 each.

New Business: None.

The next general meeting of HHLT will be June 16, 2026 in Mt. View Room.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:17 p.m. made by Sally Peterson, seconded by Alec Winfrey. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo

Secretary

HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—June 2, 2026

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER BOARD MEETING June 2, 2026

Members present: Tom Taggart, Virgil Whitaker, Sandy Grillo, Valerie Morris, Sally Peterson, Maryann Lesnick, Andy Mays

Excused: Alec Winfrey

Motion by Sally, seconded by Andy: To accept the minutes of May 5, 2026. Motion passed.

Pres. Report: No report except new HOA rules which will be addressed under New Business.

V Pres. Report: Has been working on play library. It includes several books on directing.

Secretary’s Report: No report.

Treasurer’s Report: Balance - \$10,454.02

Valerie and several others attended a meeting with Artistic Concepts Group looking for help with the wireless microphones. ACG could not help, but will check other outlets. More when available.

Activities: Many things are in the planning stage but not set yet. Will be ready for Reg. Mtg.

Membership: No report.

Communications: Working on Playtime and The Horn article. If have info can use, please pass on. Maryann will be away from June through August, but will be available via email and text.

At Large: No report.

Old Business: Two plays with good possibilities *Murder at the Orient Express* and *This Murder was Staged*. Valerie, who will direct, suggests *This Murder was Staged*. She thought it was funnier and had lots of small parts for people who don’t want to memorize a lot of dialogue. Also, good opportunity for first time actors to try out. The positive reviews have been received. Auditions have been set for the next play (to be voted on tonight). They will be:

Tuesday, July 14	Marsh Mansion Parlor	2 – 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 15	Marsh Mansion Parlor	6 – 9 p.m.
Thursday, July 16	Mountainview Room	2 – 6 p.m.

Motion by Sally, seconded by Virgil: To put on the play *This Murder was Staged* Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Thurs., Oct. 15, 2026, to be directed by Valerie Morris. Motion passed.

New Business: A proposal for new Community Group Guidelines were published in a recent E-Communicator. It includes items such as meeting rooms must be reserved 60 days in advance, groups can only use rooms for 3 hours a month and only HH residents can attend events. All of these would adversely effect HHLT as well as groups like Men in Song and the HH Chorale. A memorandum has been written regarding these and other points that need to be addressed. It will be signed by the leaders of all three groups and sent to the HH HOA Board.

Minutes continue on the following page.

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 previous page

HHLT currently has a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 13, 2025 with HH HOA stating that once our dates for performances are set, they will not be moved for a paid event. We will be allowed use of the ballroom for two major performances a year. Each will include a dress rehearsal and 3 weekday performances,

Motion by Virgil, seconded by Sally: To sign the memorandum opposing policy changes to the Community Group Guidelines. Motion passed.

The **next meeting of the Board** will be July 7 at 6 p.m. at Alec Winfrey's, 6720 Buglecall Pl.

The **next General Meeting** will be Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m. in the Mountain View Room.

Motion by Virgil, seconded by Sally: To adjourn meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo
Secretary

Heritage Hunt Little Theater
Monthly Treasurer's Report – June 2, 2026
From May 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026
by
Valerie Morris, Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of 05/01/2026	\$10,452.65
INCOME:	
Reimbursement for thumbs drives from cast members	\$50.00
Total Income:	\$50.00
EXPENSES:	
Thumb drives for copying <i>A Bag Full of Miracles</i>	\$48.63
Total Expenses	\$48.63
Balance as of 05/31/2026	\$10,454.02

Announcements

Upcoming General Membership Meeting

June 16, 2026, 7 pm

Join us for our next Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th at 7 pm in the Clubhouse, Mountain View Room. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our fall play, to network with HHLT members, and engage in a fun program/activity. Don't miss it!

HHLT Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 6 at 6 p.m. at Alec Winfrey's home – 6720 Buglecall Pl.

Fall Picnic and Talent Show

September 22, 2026

HHLT's annual Picnic and Talent Show to be held September 22, 2026 at Marsh Mansion.

This is an opportunity for you to share your TALENTS with us and enjoy the same from your fellow theatrical cohorts!! We invite you to entertain us with whatever you like - it is your time to shine. Sing, dance, karaoke, or put together a fun skit; read or recite a poem or monologue; play an instrument; sing a song or two (and get us to join in); charm a snake; tell a story - a short story!!; tell a joke. This is our version of America's Got Talent, so step up and do your thing – BE CREATIVE!!

Variety Show

December 16, 2026

Dates have been reserved in the Ballroom for the annual Variety Show, with rehearsal on December 15, and the show at 7:00 pm on December 16.

More Announcements

Fall Play

October 13, 14, and 15, 2026

Our fall production has been selected and will be performed on **October 13, 14, and 15**. See the next page for more details.

Wardrobe Manager Sought!

NOTICE: HHLT is seeking a Wardrobe Manager to help us select, create, and tailor the costumes for our shows. The Wardrobe Manager also assists our stage crew with costume changes during each production. If you are interested, please contact Alec Winfrey (aw333@msn.com, or 202-430-9572).

Join HHLT today!

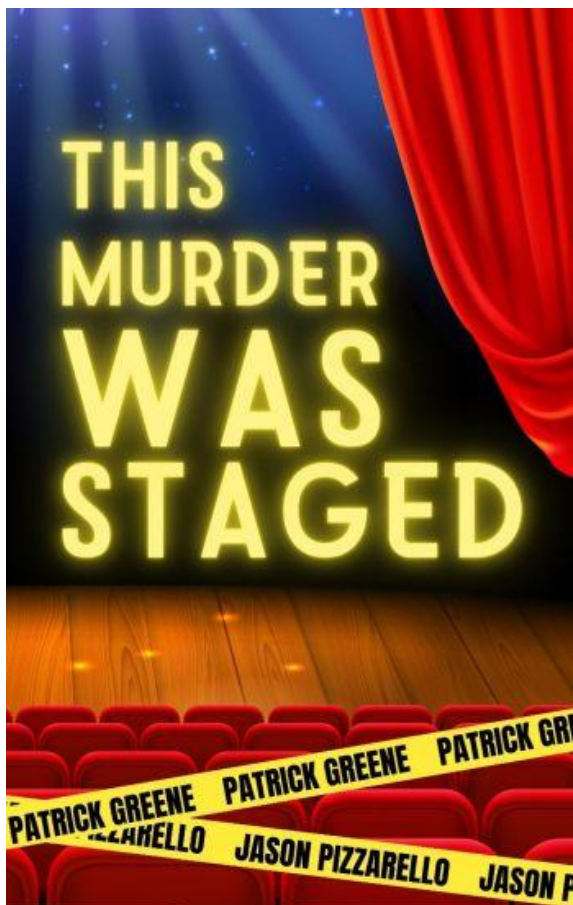
Annual membership dues is just \$10 (individual/couple). Come to the next meeting and join up. Cash/check (payable to HHLT) accepted.

Or contact the HHLT Membership Chair, Alec Winfrey (aw333@msn.com, or 202-430-9572) for more information.

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

HLT FALL PLAY

On **October 13-15, 2026**, Heritage Hunt Little Theater will present our next play: ***This Murder Was Staged***, by Patrick Greene and Jason Pizzarello. It is a modern murder mystery comedy in two acts. Sinclair Hemmings, the director of *A Shot of Murder*, is found dead on stage during the opening night performance. Detective Drake, who was in the audience, steps in to solve the murder. However, everyone has a good motive for killing the director ... the cast, the crew, the theater owner, the theater donor, the theater critic, and even the audience. Who dunnit?



AUDITIONS

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00-6:00 pm

Marsh Mansion Parlor

Wednesday, July 15, 6:00-9:00 pm

Marsh Mansion Parlor

Thursday, July 16, 2:00-6:00 pm

Mountain View Room

Please contact Valerie Morris, who is directing the play, for a copy of the script at taftmorris@aol.com.

There are ten characters with only 1-8 lines, five characters with only 21-27 lines, and ten characters with 40-232 lines. So, there is something that everyone should find to their ability. All are welcome to audition.

We are also seeking a Producer and Stage Manager for this production. There are no set changes and very few props, so this is a good opportunity for anyone wanting to try Stage Managing.

Current and upcoming local theater options

Fauquier Community Theatre 48th Anniversary Season 2025 - 2026

PURCHASE
SEASON
TICKETS
2026 - 2027
49th
Anniversary
Season



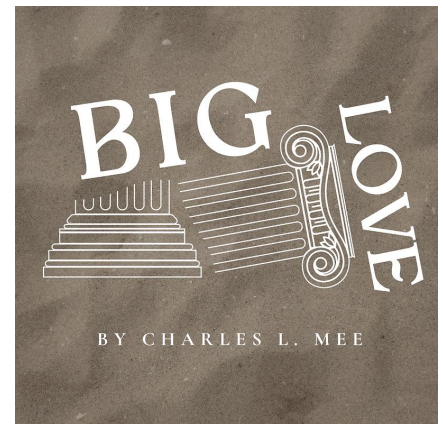
Anastasia the Musical, Sept. 18 – Oct. 4, 2026

4225 Aiken Drive, Warrenton, VA

Purchase tickets in advance online at

www.FCTstage.org. Info: Info@FCTstage.org

NOVA Nightsky Theater



Big Love

June 12-27, 2026

Falls Church Presbyterian Church
225 E Broad St, Falls Church, VA

Season tickets available.

www.novanightskytheater.com



Into the Sun




Castaways Theatre

Into the Sun – COMING IN NOVEMBER

AJ Ferlazzo Building,
15941 Donald Curtis Dr.,
Woodbridge, VA

castawaystheatre.org

More local theater options



Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry S. SE, Vienna VA


An Old Fashioned Family Murder
Fall 2026 – Dates TBA

It's a Wonderful Life
Dec. 6-7, 2026

Southern Hospitality
Winter 2027 – Dates TBA

Vienna Dept. of Parks & Recreation,
Vienna Theatre Company and Emmaus UCC
present

“It’s a Wonderful Life”
Live Radio Play



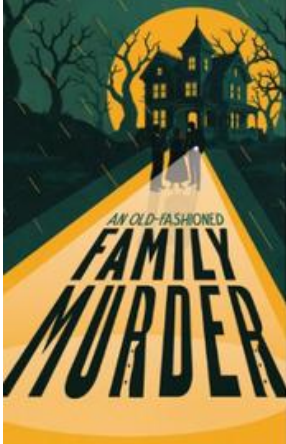
Adapted by Joe Landry
Directed by Allison Chaudet Shelby


Holiday classic for ages 8 - adult. An Extraordinary Play!

Vienna Community Center Emmaus United Church of Christ
120 Cherry St SE, Vienna, VA 900 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA
Saturday Dec. 6 - 4 PM Sunday Dec. 7 - 4 PM


Tickets available at the door
Produced by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing

vtcshows@yahoo.com





I Love You Because



Providence Players
OF FAIRFAX

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

I Love You Because, June 12-21, 2026

info@providenceplayers.org


Reston Community Players
and
South Lakes High School Theatre Arts

Dear Evan Hansen
July 24 – August 1, 2026

www.restonplayers.org

Content warning: Dear Evan Hansen depicts serious themes like suicide, mental health struggles, and drug use.

266 Sunset Business Park, Herndon, VA 20170



More local theater options



American Dream Deferred

A new musical revue

June 5-14, 2026

Cultural Arts Center at Montgomery College
7995 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD

<https://blt-online.org/wordpress/upcoming-events/>

BETHESDA LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS:

AMERICAN DREAM DEFERRED

A NEW MUSICAL REVUE

PERFORMANCE DATES:

JUNE 5	8:00 PM
JUNE 6	8:00 PM
JUNE 7	2:30 PM
JUNE 12	8:00 PM
JUNE 13	8:00 PM
JUNE 14	2:30 PM

LOCATION:
CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AT
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
7995 GEORGIA AVE.
SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

TICKET PRICES:

ADULT	\$28.00
STUDENT/SENIOR/MILITARY	\$22.00
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER	\$18.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: WWW.BLT-ONLINE.ORG



The Little Theatre of Alexandria

600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
asklta@thelittletheater.com

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

May 16 - Jun. 6, 2026

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

JUL 17 - AUG 8, 2026

BLITHE SPIRIT

AUG 29 - SEPT 19, 2026

Summer 2026

July 17th - August 2nd

1776

Written by: Peter Stone
Music & Lyrics by: Sherman Edwards
Directed by: Cody Boehm

MP McLean Community Players

Location is TBD.

mcleanplayersva@gmail.com

More local theater options



Pied Piper Theatre Productions

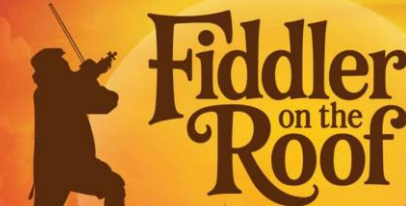
Performed at Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas



UPPER ROOM THEATRE MINISTRY

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

AUDITION SIGNUPS NOW OPEN!



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Fiddler on the Roof

AUDITIONS May 15 & 17	CALLBACKS May 23 & 24	PERFORMANCES July 21-26
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UpperRoomTheatreMinistry.org/auditions

Fiddler on the Roof, July 21-26, 2026

<https://upperroomtheatreministry.org/>

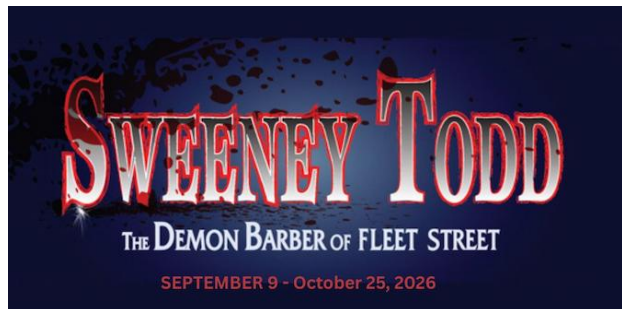
RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

95 Riverside Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406
Phone: 540.370.4300

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



Wednesday, May 13, 2026
to Sunday, June 28, 2026



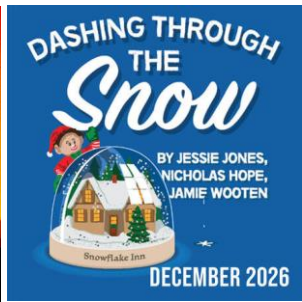
More local theater options



Prince William Little Theatre

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
July 10-19, 2026

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



Next Stop Theatre

Once

May 21-June 21

Don't miss this beautiful, award-winning musical!

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



Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120
Ashburn, Virginia 20147

info@stagecoachtc.com

<https://www.stagecoachtc.com/hopelessly-devoted-to-murder/>

SUMMER CAMP STAGE PRODUCTIONS

Little Shop of Horrors

July 10 - 19



Disney's The Little Mermaid

July 24 - August 2



Madagascar, A Musical Adventure KIDS

August 7 - 9



She Kills Monsters

August 14 - 16



More local theater options



Sterling Playmakers

ANASTASIA: THE MUSICAL

Performances: July 24-26, July 31-August 2, August 7-9
Location to be announced

Book by
TERRENCE MCNALLY

Music by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

Inspired by the Twentieth Century Fox Motion Pictures by special arrangement with Buena Vista Theatrical.
From the Play by Marcelle Maurette as adapted by Guy Bolton.

Just for Fun

Theater Definitions:

ETERNITY: The time that passes between a dropped cue and the next line.

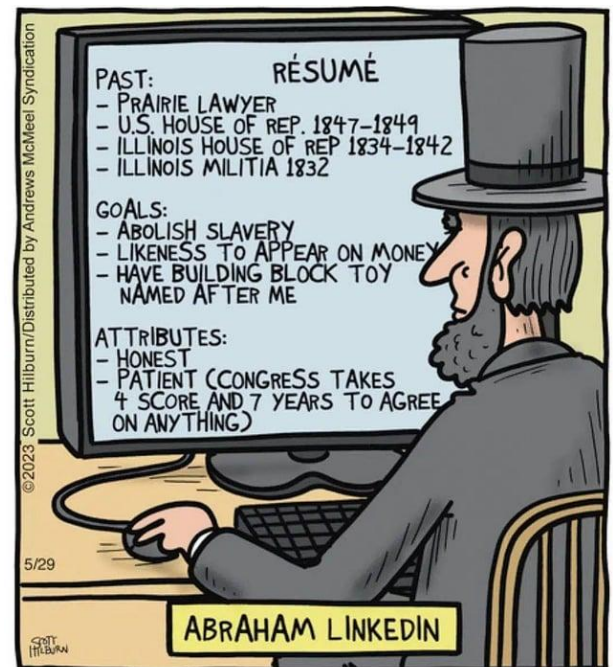
PROP: A hand-carried object small enough to be lost by an actor exactly 30 seconds before it is needed on stage.

DIRECTOR: An individual who suffers from the delusion that they are responsible for every moment of brilliance cited by the critic in the local review.

BLOCKING: The art of moving actors on the stage in such a manner so as to have them not collide with the walls, furniture, or each other, nor descend precipitously into the orchestra pit. Similar to playing chess, with the exception that, here, the pawns want to argue with you.

BLOCKING REHEARSAL: A rehearsal taking place early in the production schedule where actors frantically write down movements which will be nowhere in evidence by opening night.

TECH WEEK: The last week of rehearsal when everything that was supposed to be done weeks before finally comes together at the last minute. This week reaches its grand climax on DRESS REHEARSAL NIGHT when costumes rip, a dimmer pack catches fire and the director has a nervous breakdown.



**I never thought
I'd be the kind of
person who'd
wake up early in
the morning to
exercise ...**

And I was right.

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.

2026 HHLT Board of Directors			
President	Tom Taggart	703-743-1435	leatherstocking46@comcast.net
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Membership	Alec Winfrey	202-430-9572	aw333@msn.com
Member-at-large	Andy Mays	703-608-2403	amays53@aol.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!

