

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

April 2026

HHLittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

President's Message by Tom Taggart

Here it is May already! It seems the year is moving along faster than it should. The spring play is in the history books, and we are gearing up for our fall production and variety show. It is not too early to be thinking about these events that will be here before we know it.

Are there any directors out there who have a play you would like to submit for our fall production? Now is the time to step up to the plate. We need to start rehearsing the fall play sometime in early August if we are to be ready by the scheduled performance dates.

Don't forget that our next general meeting is on May 19th at 7:00 pm in the Mountain View room. See you all there.

Tom Taggart



"In my day, Virginia was for people who were just friends."

Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 2 at 6 p.m. at Virgil's home – 6361 Abington.

General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Mountain View Room

HHLT Picnic and Talent Show, Save the Date – September 22, 2026

HHLT Fall Play, TBD — Oct. 13-15, 2026

Holiday Variety Show – December 16, 2026

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HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—May 5, 2026

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER BOARD MEETING May 5, 2026

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

Excused: Maryann Lesnick **Guest:** Gene Schmiel

Motion by Sally, seconded by Andy: to accept minutes of April 7, 2026.

Pres. Report: We are rolling along, making preparations for the future.

Vice Pres. Report: See New Business.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: As of 4/30, there is a balance of \$10,452.65.

Activities: Working on plans for the next General Meeting. They are not complete, but will be fun.

Membership: One new prospect who can sing.

Communications: Not here, but Maryann sent word that she is working on the Playtime and Horn article. If you have any theater jokes, send to her for inclusion.

At Large: Spoke with longtime member Mary Glascock who is having a difficult time with chemo and radiation plus had food poisoning!

Old Business: Sally will attend the next meeting of EPC to find out exactly what they want us to do. First video is on where the AEDs are located. There will be 3 more that we will be involved in making.

We will present entertainment for teachers/nurses luncheon. Sally, Billy Clay, Valerie and Tom will participate in it.

New Business: We need to decide on a play to produce for fall. Gene talked about an updated version of *12 Angry Men*. This one is a drama called *12 Angry Jurors* and includes women on the jury. Earlier Gene sent all the Board members detailed info on this play. He said it cannot be done this time around since he was unable to secure a license for it but would like to see it done when possible and he would be willing to direct. HHLT did *12 Angry Men* 12 years ago and it was well received.

- Virgil found several murder mysteries that all need to be read. He will try to find a website that will allow reading for free. *Murder at the Orient Express* and *Guys and Dolls* were also mentioned. Gene and several others went to see *Guys and Dolls* which he would like to see us produce, but it will take a long period of preparation. Another possibility is *Spider's Web* by Agatha Christie. Valerie said she would be willing to direct a play this time around.

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

- Tom reminded everyone that new plays have to be reviewed and rated by at least 3 people to be submitted to the Board for approval, unless produced earlier by HHLT, then would have been approved at that time.
- Alec has reserved dates for the Variety Show. Rehearsal Dec. 15, show Dec. 16. This was noted in last month's minutes.
- A host is needed for the Christmas party, will ask Maryann. She seems to enjoy hosting.
- Sally would like to see us do a program for children. Lots of grandkids around, so should have a good audience. Many children's shows are available. Sounds interesting, she will look into the possibilities of a program in the summer when kids are out of school.

The **next meeting of the Board** June 2 at 6 p.m. at Virgil's home – 6361 Abington.

The **next General Meeting** May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Mountain View Room.

Motion by Sally, seconded by Valerie: to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo
Secretary

Heritage Hunt Little Theater
Monthly Treasurer's Report – May 5, 2026
From April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026
by
Valerie Morris, Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of 03/01/2026	\$10,515.15
INCOME:	
Membership Dues	\$20.00
Total Income:	\$20.00
EXPENSES:	
<i>A Bag Full of Miracles</i> copying for programs	\$82.50
Total Expenses	\$82.50
Balance as of 04/30/2026	\$10,452.65

**HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER
GENERAL MEETING**

April 21, 2026

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Helen Gillikin, seconded by Maryann Lesnick to accept the minutes of 3.17. 2026. Motion passed

Pres. Report: The Emergency Preparedness Committee has asked us to create three skits on the location and use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). The skits will be shown on a rotating basis on Heritage Hunt's local TV channels. A sign up sheet is in the back of room if want to help.

There will be a luncheon in the Clubhouse for teachers and nurses. We have been asked to create a skit or two for entertainment.

Kathryn has a bagful of items used in the play that no one claimed afterward. Please take a look and see if any items are yours.

V. Pres. Report: Looking for next production in fall. Dates will be Oct. 13 – 15.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,515.15 balance

Membership: No new members, if haven't paid dues for 2026, please do.

At Large: No report

Communications: Hope readers enjoy the newsletter, Playtime. If you have anything to include, please send to Maryann.

Activities: Two ladies from the last play are singing at the Herndon Senior Center on April 25. Flyers on event were shared.

The Sept. General Meeting will be on Sept.22, not our regular date due to Marsh Mansion availability. Please note date change.

Info on a link to view the play will be sent out shortly. Would like to have a showing of the video of the play but several considerations need to be discussed at next meeting.

Ralph Pugh from LSTV was a tremendous help in last production.

Old Business: Need to vote on At-Large position. One candidate, Andy Mays. No new candidates from the floor, so Andy was elected by a vote of Acclamation.

Sally Peterson was given a round of applause for her outstanding work in directing and starring in a complicated play – well done, Sally!

New Business: Gene and Kathryn are going to see a play called Guys and Dolls, Senior Version at the Stagecoach Theater in Ashburn. Will see if it is something we may want to do.

The next general meeting of HHLT will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. made by Priscilla Knight, seconded by Alec Winfrey. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo
Secretary

Announcements

Upcoming General Membership Meeting

May 19, 2026, 7 pm

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

Expect some real May-hem this month!! Don't miss it!

Fall Picnic and Talent Show

September 22, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual HHLT Picnic and Talent Show to be held September 22, 2026 at Marsh Mansion.

Now is the time to start planning to share your TALENT with us at this event!! This is an opportunity for some fun as we invite you all 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!!

Fall Play

October 13, 14, and 15, 2026

Dates have been reserved in the Ballroom for our Fall Production — **October 13, 14, and 15.** More to come!

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

HHLT Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 2 at 6 p.m. at Virgil's home – 6361 Abington.

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).

AED Awareness Project!

HHLT has been approached by the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) to help produce/record a number of skits to familiarize residents with the Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Many do not know what they are, where they are, or how to use them. The skits will be shown on our local HH TV channels on a rotating basis, and at other times/venues to provide useful information in case of emergencies. If you are interested in participating, please contact Alex Winfrey or volunteer at the next general meeting.

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.

Current and upcoming local theater options

Fauquier Community Theatre
48th Anniversary Season 2025 - 2026






Tales of the Artisan, May 1-17, 2026
Anastasis 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



Castaways Theatre


Saving Lives, May 8-24, 2026

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



Castaways Theatre
Presents
SAVING LIVES
Written By
Dr. Harry J. Kantrovich, CNOGM, USN (Ret)
and
Major Bruce "Doc" Norton, USMC (Ret)
**FROM THE CORPSMEN, MEDICS, DUST OFF
PILOTS, NURSES, AND DOCTORS WHO
SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR**
May 8 – 24, 2026

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



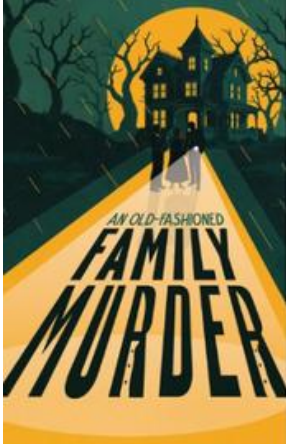
Adapted by Joe Landry
Directed by Allison Chaudet Shelby

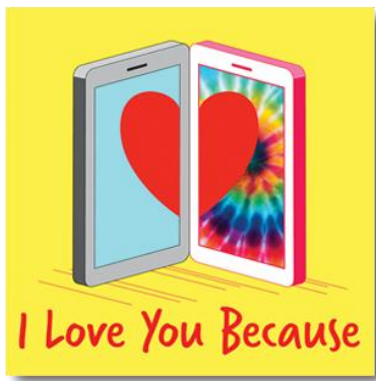
Holiday classic for ages 8 - adult. An Extraordinary Play!


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







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

Declaration of Independence

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

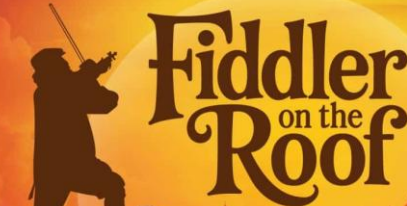
Performed at Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas



UPPER ROOM THEATRE MINISTRY

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

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UpperRoomTheatreMinistry.org/auditions

Fiddler on the Roof, July 21-26, 2026

<https://upperroomtheatreministry.org/>

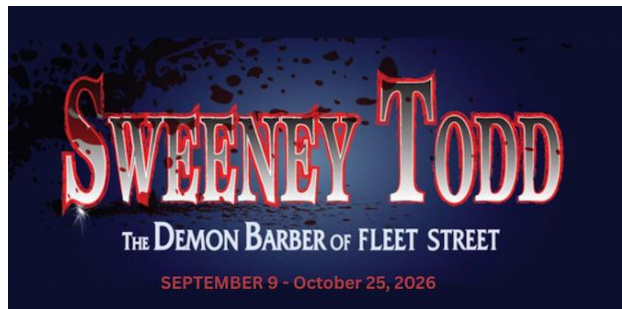
RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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



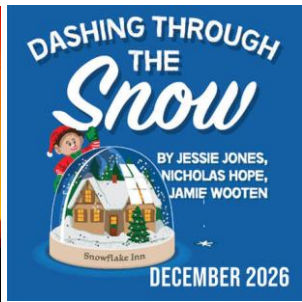
More local theater options



Prince William Little Theatre

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
July 10-19, 2026

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



Book by **Enda Walsh**
Music & Lyrics by **Glen Hansard Markéta Irglová**
Based on the Motion Picture Written & Directed by **John Carney**
Directed by **Heather Lanza**

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/>



Performances held at area historic venues, restaurants, wineries, and breweries March – May 2026.




May 8, 9, 15 & 16
at 7:00 pm
May 9 & 17 at 2:00 pm

More local theater options

UNDER MILK WOOD

BY DYLAN THOMAS



Sterling Playmakers

Performing
May 15-17 & May 22-24

The Theatre at
Sterling Middle School
201 W. Holly Ave

Directed by
Jessie Roberts

Produced by
John Geddie &
Terry Randall

www.sterlingplaymakers.org

Just for Fun


(For our friends at LSTV)

I'm bi-tech-sual
I do lighting and sound

SOUND BOOTH GUEST RULES:

1. SHUT YOUR MOUTH
2. DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING
3. CHECK IF ENGINEER REQUIRES FRESH BEVERAGE UPON ENTRY
4. DO NOT INTERCEPT ANY HOT GIRLS THAT APPROACH THE BOOTH- THEY'RE NOT HERE TO TALK TO YOU
5. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, REFER TO RULE # 1
6. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RULE # 1, REFER TO RULE # 7
7. GET OUT

THEATRE LIGHT BULB JOKES



How many actors does it take to change a light bulb?
Three. One to actually do it, and two more to discuss how they would have done it better.


How many directors does it take to change a light bulb?
"Interesting... why does it want to change? What's its motivation?"

How many playwrights does it take to change a light bulb?
"I'm not changing anything!"

How many producers does it take to change a light bulb?
"Why do we need another light bulb?"

How many theatre publishers does it take to change a light bulb?
We don't actually change light bulbs. We just tell you how someone else did it earlier.

How many stage managers does it -
"Done."



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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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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)

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Facebook group and
our Website!

