

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

August 2026

HHLittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

President's Message

by Tom Taggart

Have you noticed that summer is heating up, or is it just me? There are a lot of activities going on in HHLT. Play rehearsals for the fall play are in full swing. The board is working with LSTV to acquire additional belt packs for the sound system, and our end of summer picnic/talent show is scheduled for next month. If you want to participate and show off your talent, contact Sally Peterson. Please note that it is not on our usual meeting night or location. It will be on September 22, the fourth Tuesday in the Marsh Mansion.

I also want to remind you that there is no general meeting this month. We also need to be thinking of electing new board members this fall. Please consider running for the board to contribute to the business of managing HHLT. Contact Virgil Whitaker if you are interested in running for a position on the board. See y'all at the picnic in September.

Tom

Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting –
Tuesday, September 1
at 6:30 p.m. at Sandy
Grillo's, 13891
Chelmsford Dr, Unit
302

**General Membership
Meeting –**
NO MEETING IN
AUGUST

**HHLT Picnic and
Talent Show –**
September 22, 2026,
6:00, Marsh Mansion

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

Holiday Variety Show –
December 16, 2026

**THIS MURDER
WAS STAGED**

PERFORMANCES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13	7 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14	2 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15	7 P.M.

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HHLT General Meeting Minutes—July 21, 2026

Meeting called to order by Tom Tagger.

Motion by Val to accept the June General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Virgil. Passed.

No report by President or Vice President

Treasury - Val, as treasurer, reported \$10,354.02 at the start of the month reduced to \$9,696.86 by this month's expenses. Also in reserve is approximately \$4,000 to buy 4 of the 16 belt packs that LSTV is planning to buy.

Membership - Two new members, Anne Burns and Anastasia Piakowski, were introduced at the meeting. Both have significant roles in the fall play "This Murder Was Staged."

Activities - Sally mentioned that there will be no general meeting in August. The next meeting will be the HHLT talent show/picnic on the fourth Tuesday of September, September 26. Members were encouraged to get their talents ready for that meeting.

Old Business - Gene Schmiel reported that the \$2,000 given to Fauquier Community Theater for youth scholarships was being put to good use according to Debra Smyers, with 5 scholarships for Chorus Line, and 1 scholarship for Finding Nemo. Gene recommended that HHLT continue to support the youth program at Fauquier Community Theater for this worthy effort.

Sally, as activities director:

1. Read a poem concerning King Arthur / Sir Launcelot on what women really want. Had to choose a wife that was going to be an ugly witch half of the day and a beautiful woman the other half. Because the woman was given the authority to choose herself, she chose to be a beautiful woman full time.
2. Presented the songs from 15 musicals and the audience was asked to guess the musical they came from.
3. Led a balloon water bottle game with four players at a time separated by a long table. The object was to knock down bottles on the opposing side with the balloons. A variation of this game was actually played.

In the finale, Bobski presented a video containing one of the songs, One Day More, from Les Misérables.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:15.

Virgil Whitaker, Secretary Pro tempore

HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—July 6, 2026

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER BOARD MEETING August 4, 2026

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

Excused: Maryann Lesnick

Motion by Sally, seconded by Valerie: To accept the minutes of 07.07.26. Motion passed.

Pres. Report: No report.

V Pres. Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: \$50 from five new members added, so far well under budget for play so in good shape. Balance: \$9718.82.

Activities: Hasn't had a great many volunteers for the talent show in Sept. so far, but knows they will come. Several at meeting said they were working up acts for it. Sept. regular meeting will be on the 22, not on 15 because of availability at Marsh Mansion. No regular membership meeting in August.

Membership: Five new members: Anastasia Piatkowski, Anne Burns, Delores "Dee" Mordas, Angela Green, and Andrea Silverman. All are in the next play. Welcome to all.

Communications: No report, but if have articles for The Horn or Playtime, email to Maryann soon.

At Large: Gainesville Community Choir is a group of mixed age singers in Gainesville. To join, they are required to pay a \$65 fee per year. Some high school and college students cannot afford this. In the spring when giving out scholarships, maybe we can consider this group for inclusion. We should have extra, usually donate \$1000 to the Cancer Walk which is coming up next month, but still have enough to donate to Fauquier Theater and possibly Gainesville Community Choir.

Old Business: Bob Coggans was coming to this meeting to explain status of battery packs we are donating to LSTV. Bob couldn't, as he had another meeting, but Virgil's wife is in LSTV and took some notes at the meeting. Nothing has been ordered yet so in limbo, wonder if will arrive in time for play in October. Reps from LSTV are planning to be at the rehearsal on Friday. Val and Virgil will attend the next LSTV next Monday to determine status.

Virgil discussed publicity for the play. We need more outside of HH, possibly flyers in stores, if allowed.

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

Fall play is coming together, rehearsals going well.

Alec will officially be in charge of the Variety Show in December. He would like to set up auditions and would like a couple of volunteers to help him judge – does not want to make decisions on who is in the show and who is not alone. Sally would like to see the Sing Along extended as it is a very popular piece of the show. More on show when closer. Kate Smith's rendition of God Bless America will definitely begin the Sing Along.

New Business: None

The next meeting of the Board will be on September 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (please note time change) at Sandy Grillo's, 13891 Chelmsford Dr, Unit 302. Call from lobby and I can open door from up here.

The next General Meeting is September 22, 2026 at 6 p.m. This is the talent show! Please note date change.

Motion by Valerie, seconded by Virgil: To adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo
Secretary

Heritage Hunt Little Theater
Monthly Treasurer's Report – August 4, 2026
 From July 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026
 by
 Valerie Morris, Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of 07/01/2026	\$9,696.68
INCOME:	
Membership dues	\$50.00
Total Income:	\$0.00
EXPENSES:	
Cabinet remodel for Fall Play: <i>This Murder Was Staged</i>	\$27.86
Total Expenses	\$27.86
Balance as of 06/30/2026	\$9,718.82

Announcements

Upcoming General Membership Meeting Fall Picnic and Talent Show

September 22, 2026

HHLT's annual Picnic and Talent Show to be held September 22, 2026 at Marsh Mansion. PLEASE NOTE DATE AND VENUE CHANGE.

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!! If you want to participate and show off your talent, contact Sally Peterson.

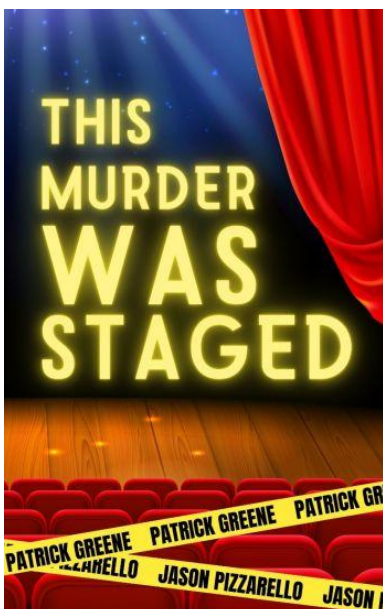
HHLT Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 1st at 6:30 p.m. (please note time change) at Sandy Grillo's, 13891 Chelmsford Dr, Unit 302. Call from the lobby and she can open the door from her unit.

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.



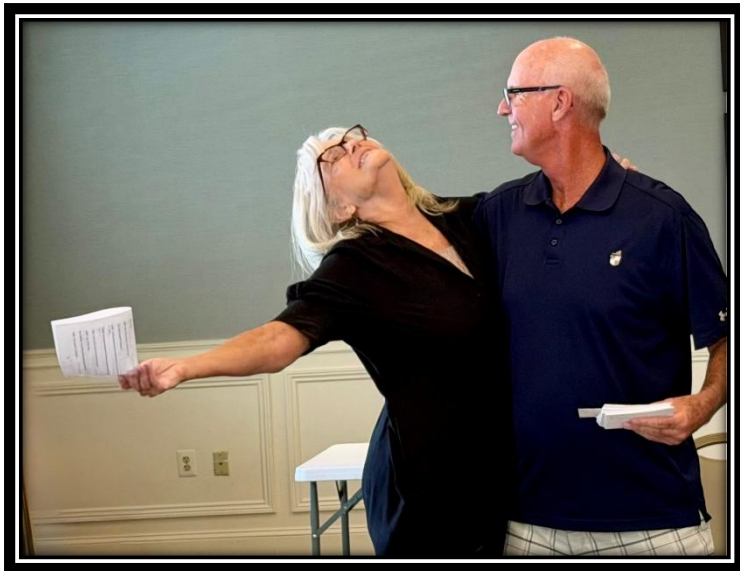
HHLT Fall Play *This Murder Was Staged*

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?

See photos on the next page. Thank you, Andy Mays!

This Murder Was Staged Rehearsal pictures by Andy Mays

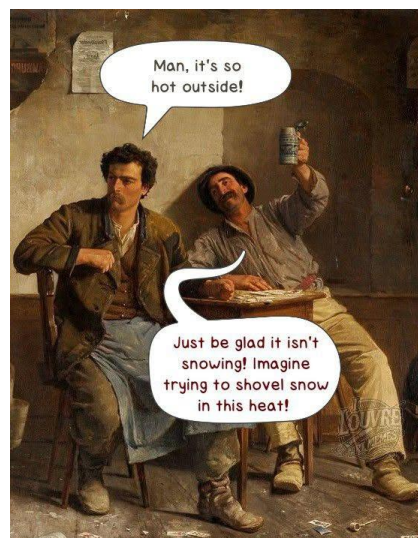
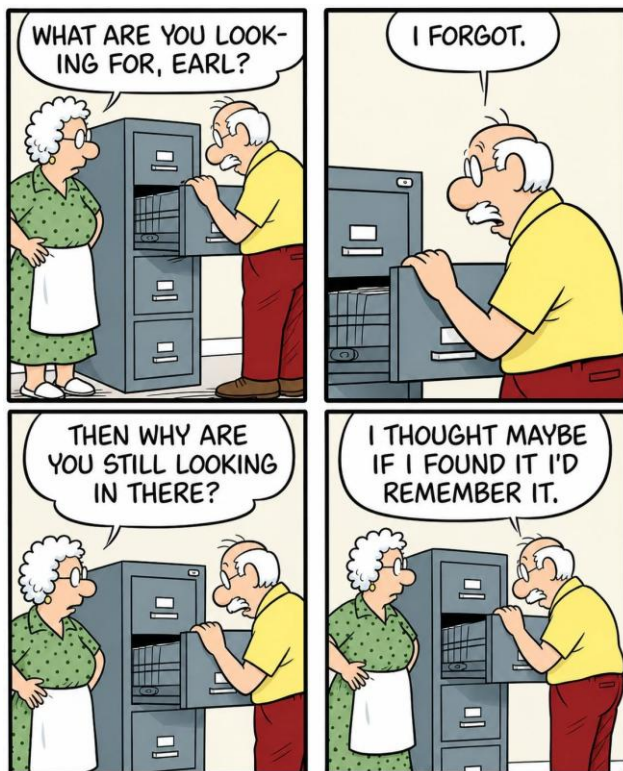


Just for Fun



**A POLICE OFFICER
CAME TO MY HOUSE
AND ASKED ME WHERE
I WAS BETWEEN 5 & 6.**

**HE SEEMED IRRITATED
WHEN I ANSWERED:
"KINDERGARTEN"**



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.

Visit HHLT's Facebook group and our Website!



2026 HHLT Board of Directors			
President	Tom Taggart	703-743-1435	leatherstocking46@comcast.net
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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)

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.