

# Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

July 2026

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Tom Taggart

## President's Message

by Tom Taggart

It is July and the year is swiftly flying by. Our country celebrated 250 years of being a nation. What a great time to be alive and live in the greatest country in the world.

Most of us can remember celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's founding. If you don't remember the 200<sup>th</sup>, ask one of us "old folks" how we celebrated it back then.

Tryouts for the fall play will be held this month. We need a large cast, but there are many small-ish parts so it will be a great play to dip your toes in the water if you have ever considered taking the stage but were hesitant to try.

Our next general meeting is on July 21 at 7:00 pm in the Blue Ridge room. Remember there is no general meeting in August. See y'all at the meeting.

Tom

### Dates to Remember:

#### Board Meeting –

Tuesday, August 4 at  
6 p.m. at Tom  
Taggart's, 13891  
Chelmsford Dr, #108

#### General Membership Meeting – Tuesday,

July 21 at 7 p.m. in  
the Blue Ridge  
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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| 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. |

## HHLT General Meeting Minutes—June 16, 2026

### HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER GENERAL MEETING

June 16, 2026

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:04 PM.

**President's Report:** No report

**Vice President's Report:** Play has been chosen for fall production.

**Secretary:** No report

**Motion** by Sally Peterson, seconded by Valerie Morris: to accept minutes of 05.19.26.  
Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$10,454.02.

**Activities Report:** 1. Ready for tonight, it's a surprise. 2. EPC wants us to help make videos on where lifesaving equipment (AED) is stored around HH. Will need about 12 volunteers. If interested, contact Sally.

**Membership Report:** Two new members this month

#### **Old Business:**

1. Valerie has received copies of the script for the fall play, *This Murder was Staged*. Still need a stage manager – no scenery changes so easy. See Valerie.

#### **New Business:**

1. The HH HOA put out new guidelines which are not workable. Among other things, only HH residents are allowed to attend functions like our plays and Men in Song concerts to name two. It also says can only use any room for 3 hours a month. Several groups joined forces and wrote a thoughtful response. Our Board voted for us to sign the letter. All are encouraged to send your own email to the HH HOA expressing dissatisfaction with this move. The email address is in the Horn. If you haven't read the new rules, they are in the E-Communicator sent on May 22 under *Proposed Community Guidelines*.

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting by Paul Wright, seconded by Priscilla Knight at 7:19 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo  
Secretary

## HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—July 6, 2026

### HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER BOARD MEETING July 7, 2026

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

**Excused:** Maryann Lesnick

**Motion** made by Sally, seconded by Valerie: To accept the minutes of June 2. Motion passed.

**Pres. Report:** No report

**Secretary's Report:** No report

**V Pres. Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance - \$9,696.68

**Activities:** Sally has an idea for a new game we've never played before. It involves balloons, skittles, and water! It will be fun. No Gen. Mtg. in August, but our talent show will be Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. at Marsh Mansion.

**Membership:** No new members, but several possibilities.

**Communications:** No report.

**At Large:** No report but did talk about Helen Gillikin's need to find a new home for her small, older dog due to Helen's health issues. If anyone can help, call Helen.

#### Old Business:

1. The fall play is taking shape. The cabinet is complete; 10" was added so a 6' man can stand up in it. The cabinet was free from a Habitat for Humanity store when they learned how it would be used. Woodshop people did the changes and will be thanked in the program book. The total cost was \$27 for the parts needed to adapt it.
2. So many people complained about the new community guidelines discussed last month that they were withdrawn and will be redone.

#### New Business:

1. Bob Coggan presented information on new battery packs for our microphone headsets and talked about options. Eight of the type that would work best for us would be \$10,400, twelve would be \$15,600 and sixteen would be \$20,800. He thinks LSTV has funds to buy 14 and would like us to pay for at least 2 and maybe 4. It would be a total of 16 battery packs which are much needed.
2. Sally thinks it would be good for at least one person from HHLT, maybe two, to attend each monthly Meet and Greet for new residents and tell them about our little theater group. They usually meet the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Next one is 7/15.

#### 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).

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3. Alec is thinking of having auditions for the variety show in December if lots of people show interest. Some groups, like the High Steppers, have already said they will participate. Will know more by next month. Through the photo club, he would like to see a collage made and shown on screen of pictures taken around HH during the last year. It was talked about last year but did not happen. Sounds like a good idea.

**Motion** made by Valerie, seconded by Alex: HHLT will pay for at least 2 and up to 4 battery packs for LSTV, for a total cost of not more than \$4,276. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Board will be August 4 at Tom's, 13891 Chelmsford Dr. Unit 108.

The next General Meeting will be on July 21, and then on September 15. There will be no General Meeting in August.

Motion by Sandy, seconded by Valerie: to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo  
Secretary

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**Heritage Hunt Little Theater**  
**Monthly Treasurer's Report – July 7, 2026**  
From June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026  
by  
Valerie Morris, Treasurer

**Beginning Balance as of 06/01/2026** **\$10,354.02**

**INCOME:**

**Total Income:** **\$0.00**

**EXPENSES:**

|                                                            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Scripts and royalties for Fall Play This Murder Was Staged | \$657.34 |
| Deposit for services for Potluck Picnic and Talent Show    | \$100.00 |

**Total Expenses** **\$757.34**

**Balance as of 06/30/2026** **\$9,696.68**

## **Announcements**

### **Upcoming General Membership Meeting**

July 21, 2026, 7 pm in the Blue Ridge Room

Join us for our next Membership Meeting on Tuesday, July 21st in the Blue Ridge Room (rather than the Mountain View Room). PLEASE save your empty 16 oz. water bottles, including the lids, and get them to Sally Peterson before the meeting on the 21st. Sally needs at least 24 empty water bottles and they have to be the same size. Sally can be reached at 703-473-9526.

Please join us at this meeting to network with HHLT members and engage in a fun program/activity.

### **HHLT Board Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on August 4 at 6 p.m. at Tom Taggart's, 13891 Chelmsford Dr, #10.

### **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!!

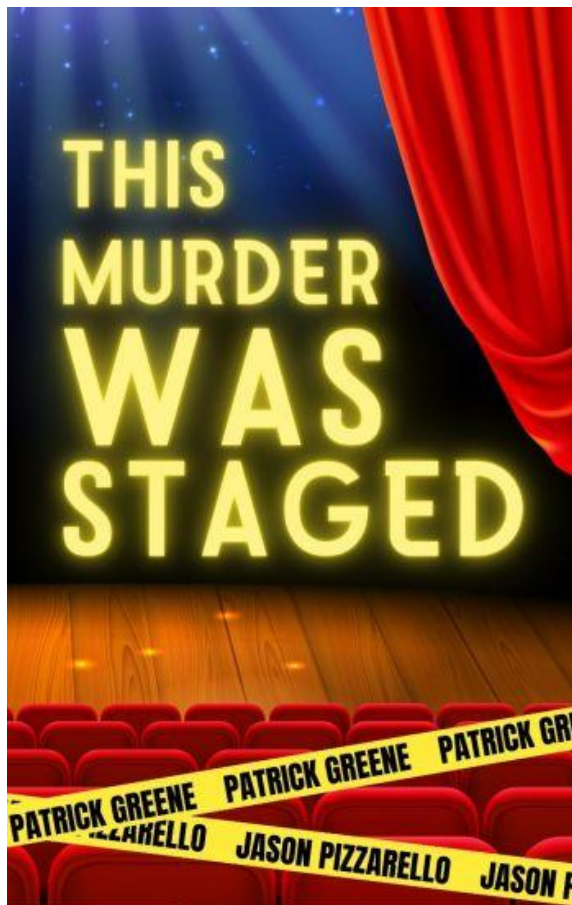
### **Variety Show**

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.

## 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?



### 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](mailto: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.

### **Just for Fun**

**Q: Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?**

**A: It was just a stage he was going through!**

**Q: Why did the actor bring a ladder to rehearsal?**

**A: Because they wanted to reach new heights!**

**Q: Why did the actor sit on the clock?**

**A: To be right on time for their role!**

**Q: Why did the director yell, "Cut!"?**

**A: Because they wanted the actors to leaf!**

**Riddle: I wear many costumes, I never use my own voice, and my job is to make you believe I am someone completely different. What am I?**

**Answer: An actor.**

**Riddle: I go up before the show and come down when it ends. If I am too heavy, the actors have nowhere to perform. What am I?**

**Answer: The main curtain.**

**Riddle: I am a dark space hidden from the audience, but I hold all the props, sets, and nervous actors waiting for their cues. What am I?**

**Answer: Backstage.**

### **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](mailto:bclay1976@gmail.com) for more information.

**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 |                 |              |                                                                                  |
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**HHLT 2026 Communications Committee:**  
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