

Heritage Hunt Little Theater Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

April 2026

HHlittletheater.org



Tom Taggart

President's Message by Tom Taggart

Spring has sprung! The 2026 spring play has wrapped and was well received by the HH community. I want to offer my personal thanks to all the members who helped make this our "best show ever." It took a lot of hard work by a huge cast, stage crew, ticket ladies, publicity, and LSTV. Special thanks to our director Sally Peterson for pulling this off.

However, now is not the time to rest on our laurels as it is time to start planning the fall play. Any directors out there willing to take on this important challenge? We need your talent to keep the stage lights on.

As announced at the last general meeting we need to elect someone to fill the At Large position on the board. We will be voting on this at the next general meeting. We have one nomination at this time and will be taking nominations from the floor prior to the election.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the general meeting on April 21st at 7:00 pm in the Mountain View Room.

Tom Taggart



A Bag Full of Miracles cast, with LSTV

Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting –
Tuesday, May 5, 6 pm
at Valerie's house, 6872
Tred Avon Pl.

**General Membership
Meeting** – Tuesday,
April 21, 7 pm,
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—April 7, 2026

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER BOARD MEETING April 7, 2026

Members Present: Tom Taggart, Sandy Grillo, Valerie Morris, Virgil Whitaker, Sally Peterson, Maryann Lesnick, Andy Mays, Guest – Peggy Sabato

Excused: Alec Winfrey

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m.

Motion by Valerie, seconded by Sally: To accept the minutes of March 3, 2026. Motion passed.

Pres. Report: Play went well and was fun to do. Tom has boxes of plays from his time as VP. He brought same to share with Virgil. Discussion followed on possibilities for next production. More next time.

V. Pres. Report: He has lots of plays, some need to be read and evaluated. Tom will give Virgil boxes of plays, will publicize in Playtime that will be looking for a play and a director.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance - \$7,839.83. After expenses and with income from play, balance as of 3/31/26 is \$10,515.15.

Activities: Sept. General Meeting is a Talent Show, usually held in Marsh Mansion. Could not book both rooms needed on regular date so had to push it back to Sept. 22. This month's entertainment is almost set, will be ready by meeting.

Membership: No report.

Communications: LSTV wants to improve the sound in ballroom. They have talked to folks at Fauquier Theater who will come out, look over current equipment and advise what changes would be helpful for the future. Bob Gawrelski, of LSTV, is working on a thumb drive for the play, A Bagful of Miracles. Maryann is working on a book of photos of the play. She has been given lots of photos so has much to choose from. It will be a terrific remembrance of a job well done. For mention in Playtime, HHLT could use a seamstress to help with costumes.

At Large: No report.

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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Old Business:

Play went very well. Sally said she could not have done it without the help of the cast, especially Billy Clay and Valerie Morris. Attendance was down a bit, need to get the word out, maybe a banner on clubhouse lawn (like those for blood drives and golf tournaments), letting people know it is happening. Many said it was the best play they have seen in HH.

We still need to audit the books. Does not have to be a professional CPA, but does need to be a person good with numbers. Books are in good order. Will put same in Playtime asking for help. Peggy Sabato suggested Charles Markham as a person who could do the audit. She gave his contact information, Sally will follow through.

Andy has volunteered to run for At Large position, no others so far. Vote will be held next general meeting.

The dates are confirmed for the fall play, it will be October 13-15 in the ballroom.

Dates for Variety Show are set. Dress Rehearsal will be Tues. Dec. 15, show Wed. Dec. 16.

New Business:

Peggy handed out skits that the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) would like us to put together to familiarize residents with the Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Many do not know what they are, never mind where they are or how to use them. The skits will be shown on our local HH TV channels on a rotating basis to give information of good use in case of emergencies. There is a class next Wed. She also wants to see all the boxes alarmed. Those at the Board meeting interested in helping are Tom, Sally, Sandy, Virgil, Valerie, and Maryann. Will ask same at next general meeting to recruit more. Peggy was very pleased.

Sally was approached to create a brief entertainment for a Teacher's Appreciation Brunch to be held May 7. Several possibilities were discussed including a reading of "Rules for Teachers for 1872". Sally will work on it with a few volunteers.

The **next meeting of the Board** will be on May 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Location: Valerie Morris's home: 6872 Tred Avon Pl.

The **next General Meeting** will be on April 21, 2026, in Mountain View Room at 7 p.m.

Motion by Sandy, seconded by Virgil: To adjourn meeting at 7:58 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Grillo, Secretary

Behind the Scenes Photos — *A Bag Full of Miracles*



Cast Party Photos — *A Bag Full of Miracles*



Announcements

Upcoming General Membership Meeting

April 21, 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 *April Foolery* and *April Showers*!! 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 Vacancy

At the April membership meeting, we will elect a new member to the Board of Directors to fill the At Large position. If you are interested in running for this job, please contact Alec Winfrey at aw333@msn.com, or 202-430-9572.

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 agreed to assist the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) 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.

Dues Reminder

If you have not yet paid your \$10 dues (individual/couple), please bring payment to the next meeting or mail to HHLT Membership Chair, Alec Winfrey at 6720 Buglecall Place. Cash/check (payable to HHLT) accepted.

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



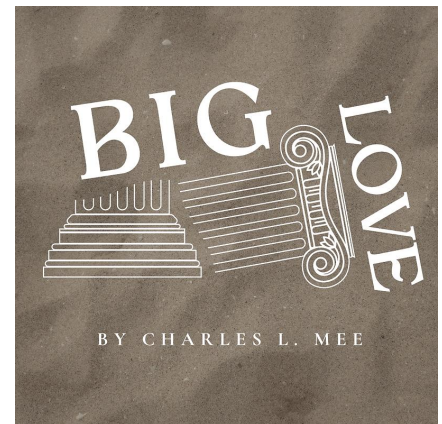
Tales of the Artisan, May 1-17, 2026

4225 Aiken Drive, Warrenton, VA

Purchase tickets in advance online at

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

NOVA Nightsky Theater



Big Love

June 12-17, 2026

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

www.novanightskytheater.com

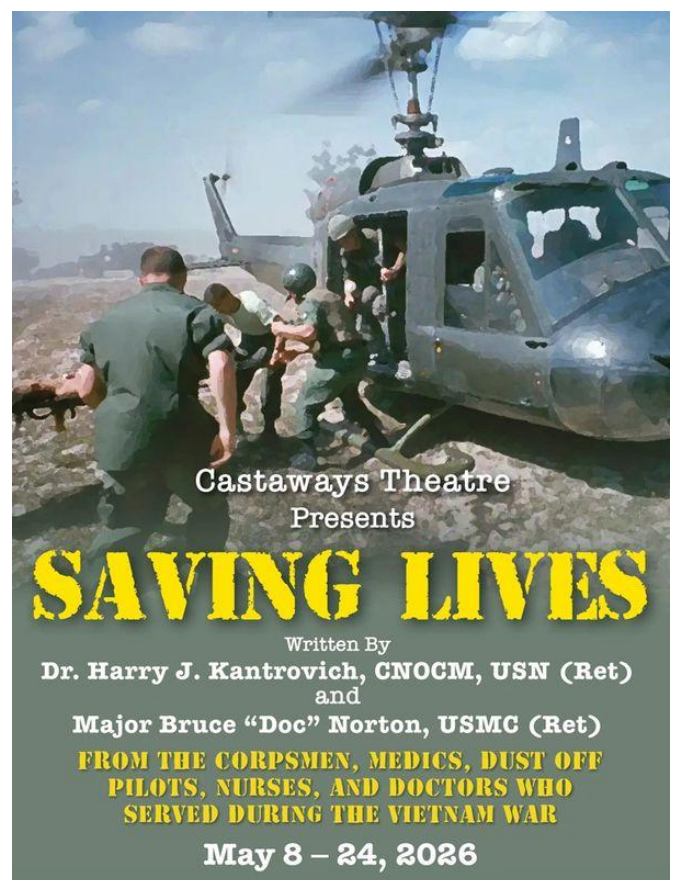


Castaways Theatre

Saving Lives, May 8-24, 2026

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

castawaystheatre.org



More local theater options



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

My Fair Lady
April 17-May 3, 2026

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

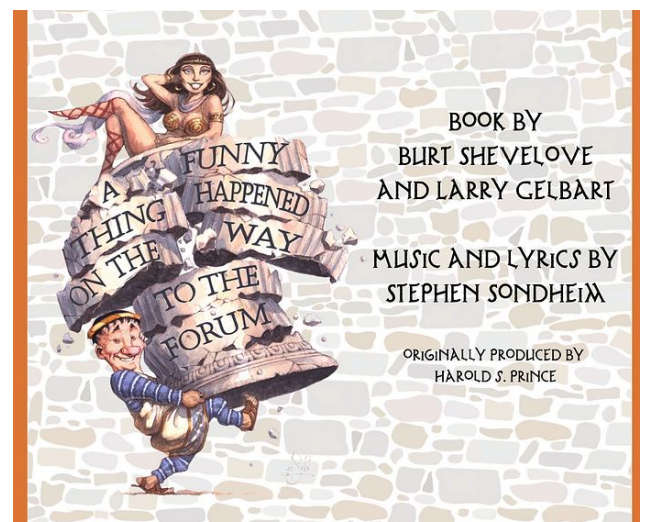
266 Sunset Business Park, Herndon, VA 20170



**A Funny Thing Happened
on the Way to the Forum**

April 17-May 9, 2026

www.restonplayers.org



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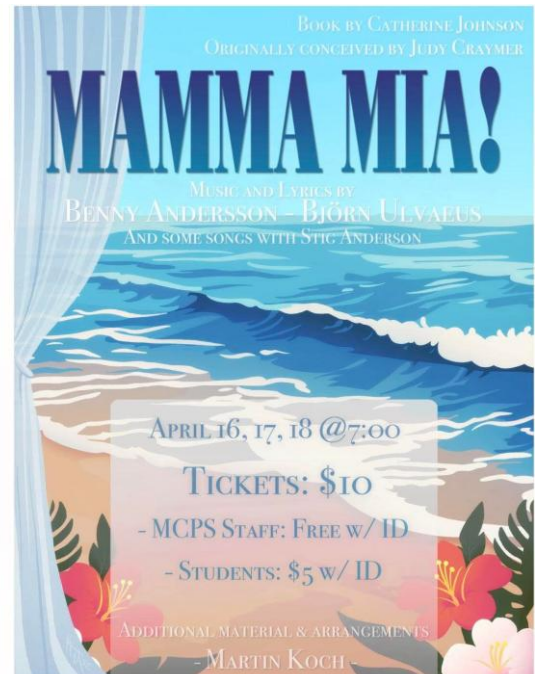


American Dream Deferred

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/>



Osborn High School Theatre

Mamma Mia!
April 16, 17, & 18, 7:00 pm

1977 Eagle Way, Manassas, VA, United States, 20110



The Little Theatre of Alexandria

600 Wolfe Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

asklta@thelittletheater.com



Mar. 28 - Apr. 18, 2026



May 16 - Jun. 6, 2026

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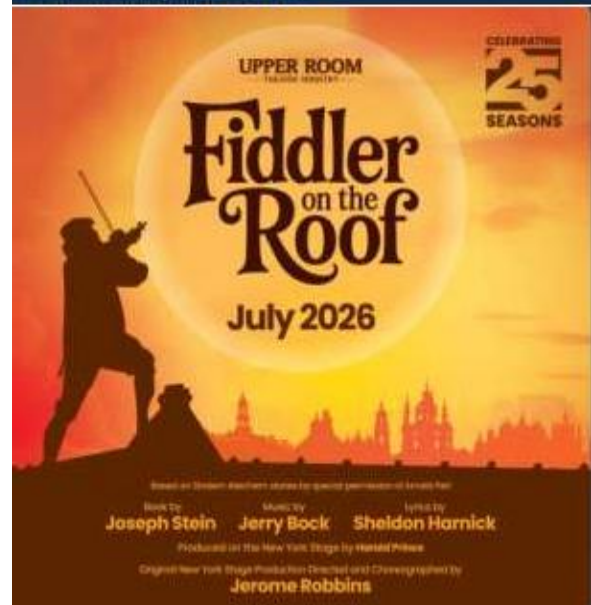
Pied Piper Theatre Productions

Performed at Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas



UPPER ROOM — THEATRE MINISTRY —

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



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



July 15 - August 23, 2026



SEPTEMBER 9 - October 25, 2026

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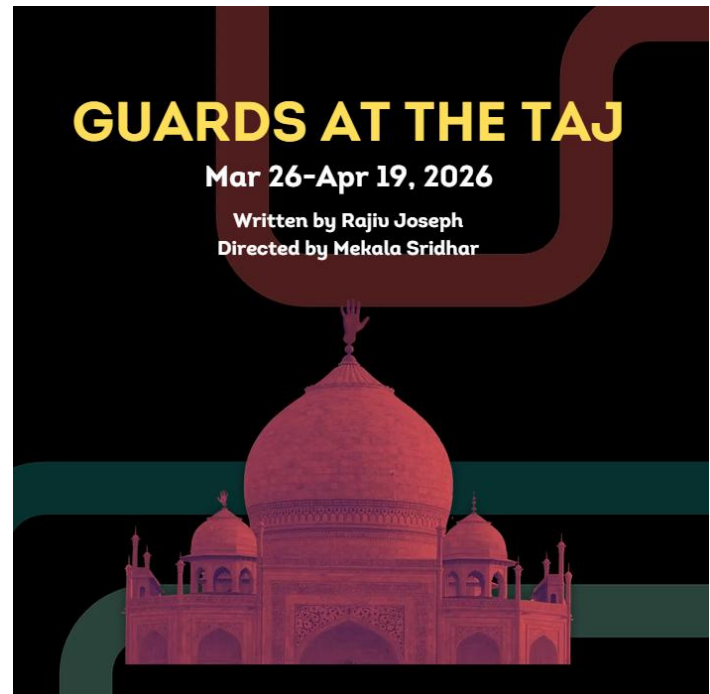
Prince William Little Theatre

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

July 10-19, 2026

Hylton Performing Arts Center,
Manassas, VA

info@pwlt.org



Next Stop Theatre

Guards at the Taj, March 26 – April 19, 2026

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

StageCoach Theatre Company

20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

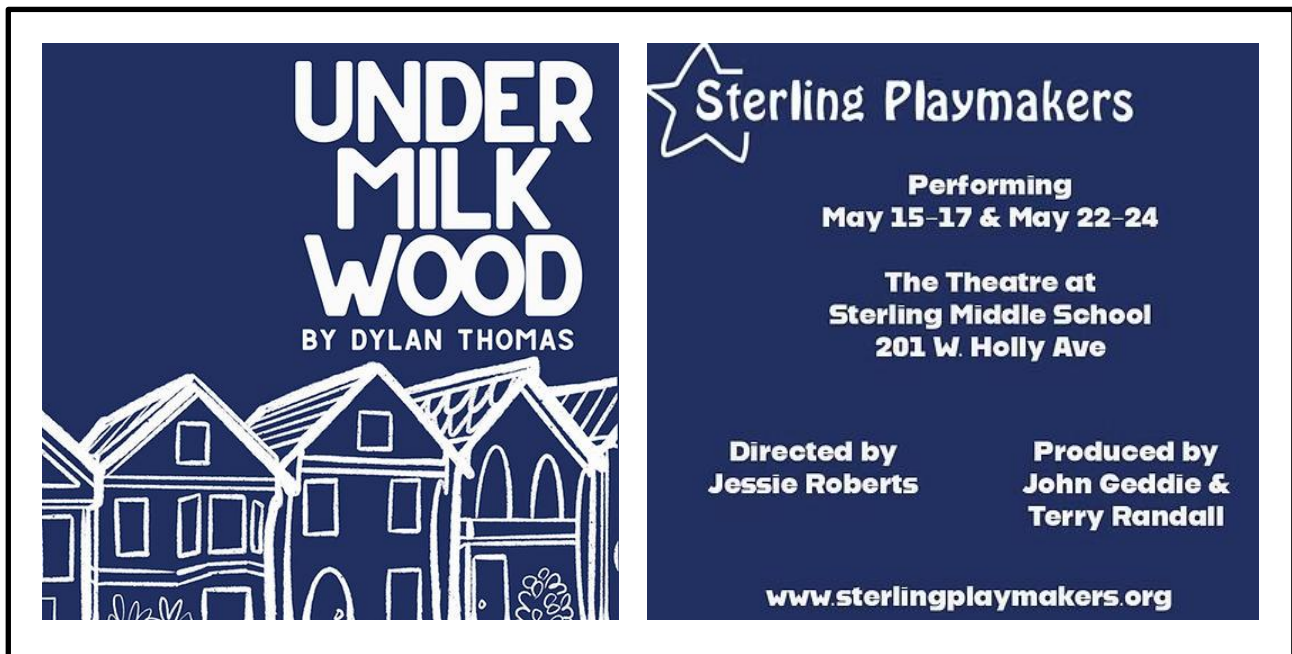
info@stagecoachtc.com

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

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

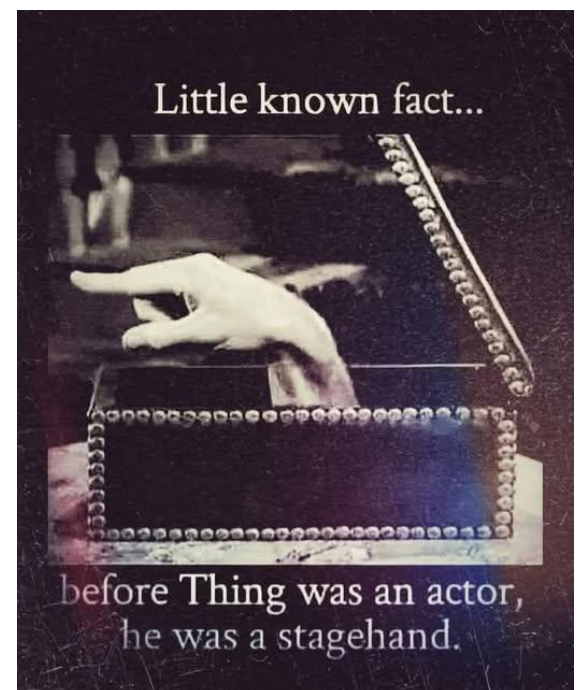


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Just for Fun

- I tried to come up with a funny theatre joke, but it was all just an act.
- There was a doctor who became a really good playwright. He was used to writing scripts.
- I tried to come up with a joke about scripts, but it ended up just being a play on words.
- I decided to give up acting; turns out it was just a stage.
- Leave it to the theatrics of a theatre cast to tell performers to break a leg.
- I tried acting in a theatre full of farmers and I got mooded off stage.
- When women get to a certain age, they start accumulating dogs. This is known as Manypaws.
- I had a bad mix-up at the store today ... when the cashier said strip down facing me, she was apparently referring to my credit card.



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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President	Tom Taggart	703-743-1435	leatherstocking46@comcast.net
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Member-at-large	Vacant		

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	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)

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our Website!

