Heritage Hunt Little Theater

Play Time

Senior Theater at its best

October 2026 **HHlittletheater.org**



Tom Taggart

President's Message

by Tom Taggart

The summer seemed to pass too quickly, and now it is October. This is a big month for HHLT. Our fall play production of "***This Murder Was Staged***" opened on Oct 13th and ran through Oct 15th, with a matinee on Oct 14th. We had a record attendance of more than 500 total over the 3 shows. The cast and crew, including our wonderful Director, Valerie Morris, worked hard to make this play one of our best shows ever!

At our general meeting this month, we'll finalize our slate of candidates for the 2027 HHLT board. Four vacancies need to be filled. So far, only 3 members have agreed to serve on the board if elected. We need at least one more candidate, but more would be better and would make for an interesting election. We will take nominations from the floor at the October general meeting. We will hold the election at the November general meeting, where we will not accept nominations from the floor. Now is the time to step up to the plate and get more involved with HHLT; don't settle for just warming a seat at the general meetings.

Tom



Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 3 at 6 p.m. at Virgil Whitaker's home, 6361 Avington Pl.

HHLT Membership Meeting – October 20, 2026, 7 p.m. in the Blue Ridge Room

Holiday Variety Show – December 16, 2026

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HHLT Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026

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

Excused: Maryann Lesnick, Alec Winfrey

Motion by Sally, seconded by Andy: to accept minutes of Sept. 1. 20.26. Motion passed.

Pres. Report: No report

Vice Pres. Report: Election coming; Tom and Sandy are finishing second terms, and Alec will end with his first term; Sally will stay for a second term. So far, have recruited Kathy Young and Gene Schmiel to run for election. Need one more; several names were mentioned as possibilities.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 9.30.26 is $3,335.04. No new patrons have been added lately. We discussed putting a basket and sign on ticket tables on play nights, inviting people to join as patrons right there.

Activities: Next meeting is back in the Mountain View Room in the Clubhouse. Sally wants to try the balloon game again – had wrong size balloons before, will need 2 tables set up. Bobski wants to show a video, which will be included.

Membership: No report

Communications: No report

At Large: Maryann said she would host the Christmas party again.

Old Business: The play is going well, will be ready for opening night. Nancy Foltz has pneumonia and is in the hospital. Helen Esposito will take over her role.

CRC has been asked to again co-sponsor the Variety Show. No reply yet.

New Business: It's time to reapply for our charter. Forms have been changed, so we cannot just use last year's. Tom will request the same time and dates as this year. Since Tom's term ends in Nov., Virgil and Valerie will be the contacts.

Minutes continue on the following page.

New Members

When you have the opportunity, please welcome our newest member …

Dee Mordas
Steve Uphill
Anne Burnes
Angela Green
Keith Giarrusso
Anastatia Piatkowski
Andrea Silverman
Tully Krastins

… who joined HHLT recently.

HHLT Board Meetings

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Began discussing play for next spring. Everyone agreed that comedies are better received at Heritage Hunt than heavy dramas. We are all looking for a laugh or two these days. We discussed musicals; if a good one pops up and is available, we can consider it. *Guys and Dolls* is a good possibility for a future production. Virgil said he had found a comedy that he thought might suit our group. It is called *Too Many Ghosts*. He will send it to the board to read and write a review. We have quite a few new members and would like to encourage them to try out for the next play.

The next meeting of the Board will be Nov. 3 at Virgil Whitaker's home, 6361 Abington, at 6 p.m.

The next General Meeting will be Oct. 20 in the Mountain View Room at 7 p.m.

Motion by Andy Mays, seconded by Valerie Morris: to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Grillo
Secretary

HHLT General Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2026

HHLT held a very abbreviated business meeting, which was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Pres. Tom Taggart. This followed a covered dish supper that was delicious and varied. Many thanks to all who helped provide the delicious food.

The only item of business was the Treasurer's report given by Valerie Morris. Our balance is $ 9,441.62, but there is a large check that has yet to clear, so the true balance will be a bit lower.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. to be followed by a talent show performed by our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Grillo
Secretary

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Monthly Treasurer's Report – October 6, 2026
From September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026
by
Valerie Morris, Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/2026	**$4,557.23**
INCOME:	
Membership dues	$10.00
Return of Deposit Check for Cleanup of Annual Potluck Picnic	$100.00
Total Income:	**$110.00**
EXPENSES:	
Annual Cancer Walk donation to Heritage Charity Classic	$1,000.00
Posters for Fall Play This Murder Was Staged	$96.32
Costumes from Stagecoach Theater sale	$100.00
Costumes for This Murder Was Staged	26.69
Thank you lunch for Heritage Hunt Receptionist Patty Ennis	14.17
Food & Beverages for annual Potluck Picnic	$83.04
Decorations for annual Potluck Picnic	$11.97
Total Expenses	**$1,332.19**
Balance as of 09/30/2026	**$3,335.04**



Just for Fun

Many of us seem to be getting (or have had) knee replacements – I hope they don't run out before *my* surgery!!!!

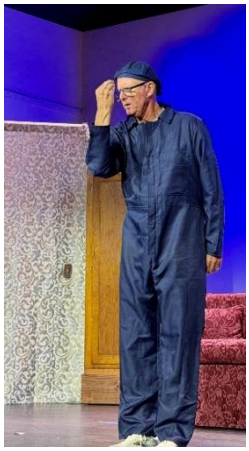
Photo highlights from *This Murder Was Staged*

Photos by Andy Mays

























This Murder Was Staged

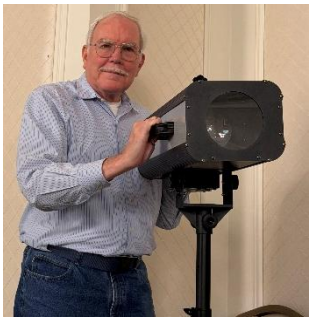
More pics from Andy Mays can be found here











Announcements

Upcoming General Membership Meeting
October 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

HHLT's next Membership Meeting will be held on October 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Ridge Room. PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE. Sally Peterson has some fun planned for us, including one of Bobski's videos!

HHLT Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Virgil Whitaker's home, 6361 Avington Pl.

HHLT Holiday Party

The HHLT Holiday Party will be held at Maryann Lesnick's house. More details 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. Our Director, Alec Winfrey, reports that a number of great performers have already signed up. If you have a talent and would like to be in the show, **contact Alec Winfrey at 202-430-9572 or aw333@msn.com** as soon as possible.

Admission is free, but we ask for monetary donations to the Haymarket Food Bank and/or UVA Cancer Center.

Please Consider running for the Board in 2027!

Four board positions end in December—please consider nominating yourself (or convince a friend) as a candidate! Contact **Virgil Whitaker at 703-764-5315 or isivirgil@gmail.com** for more information or to make a nomination. Below are relevant excerpts from the HHLT Bylaws. We will take nominations from the floor at the October general meeting. We will hold the election at the November general meeting, where we will not accept nominations from the floor.

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Section 5: Board of Directors

1. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, elected by the general membership at the meeting in November and one (1) non-voting member appointed annually by the president of the board.
2. The voting Board members shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, Activities/Program Chair, and Member At-Large. Individuals to fill these positions are selected by the elected Board after each annual election, at a combined board meeting that is held in December. The non-voting member appointed by the President shall be the Communications/ Publicity Chair.
3. The term of office for each elected Board member shall be two years, with four (4) members elected in one year and (3) in the following year. No elected member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.
4. At the meeting in November, the membership shall elect the Board by a majority vote of the members present.
5. If the office of President becomes vacant, for any reason during the elected term, the Vice-President shall become Interim President. Vacancies in any other elected office shall be filled by a simple majority vote at a regularly scheduled general meeting. After such an election, the newly constituted Board shall have the right to reorganize the positions other than President.

Section 9: Election Procedures

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2. Only members of HHLT whose dues are current may be nominated or vote in the election. A simple majority of the votes of those present at the November general meeting and the absentee ballots will elect new board members. If there are more nominees than board positions to be filled, the election will be by paper ballots.

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2026 HHLT Board of Directors			
President	Tom Taggart	703-743-1435	leatherstocking46@comcast.net
Vice President	Virgil Whitaker	703-764-5315	isivirgil@gmail.com
Secretary	Sandy Grillo	571-248-2925	sandyg0105@live.com
Treasurer	Valerie Morris	571-447-0978	taftmorris@aol.com
Activities	Sally Peterson	703-473-9526	scp211@aol.com
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)

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!

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Join HHLT today!

Annual membership dues are 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.