Heritage Hunt Little Theater

Play Time

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September 2026 **HHlittletheater.org**



Tom Taggart

President's Message

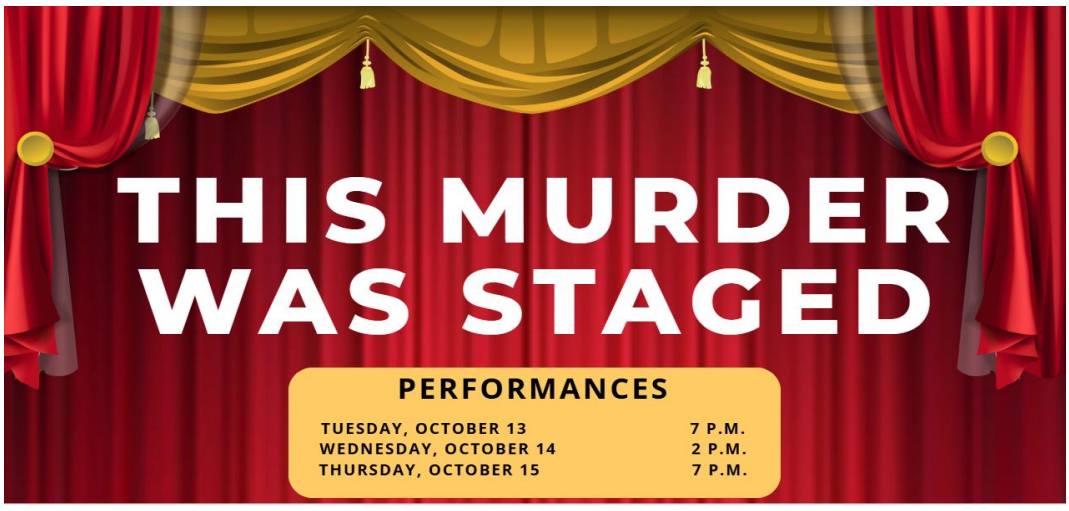
by Tom Taggart

Summer is over and we are heading into the fall season. There are lots of activities ahead for HHLT. This month's general meeting is our annual end-of-summer picnic and in-house talent show. Sally is still accepting entertainers for the talent show, so contact her if you have a talent you want to share. Remember, the date, time, and location have changed from our regular meeting. We will meet in the Marsh Mansion at 6 pm on September 22 for good food and socializing. The club provides hot dogs and trimmings. Bring a picnic side dish to share.

Elections for the 2027 board are just around the corner. Please consider running and contact Virgil if you are interested. As a reminder, board members are elected for a 2-year term. Actual board positions are determined by the new board at the December meeting. Candidates for the 2027 board will be announced at the October meeting, and the election will be at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October meeting but not at the November meeting.

The fall play is shaping up and will be a fun time for all. See the article elsewhere in this issue for details. As we did last year, HHLT is spearheading the variety show in December. Contact Alec for more information about participating. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the picnic on the 22nd. Come out and share a great time.

Tom



Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 6 at 6 p.m. at Sally's home, 6528 Box Elder Loop

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

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HHLT Board Meeting Minutes—September 2, 2026

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER

BOARD MEETING

September 1, 2026

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

Motion by Valerie, seconded by Andy: to approve the minutes of August 4, 2026. Motion passed.

Pres. Report: No report.

V Pres. Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses totaling $287.20. Balance: $9,441.62.

Activities: Working on talent show for Sept. meeting. It is coming together, lots of potential. We have the living room in Marsh Mansion after 5:30 so meeting is at 6. Anyone who wants to help set up, come early.

Membership: No report.

Communications: Working on Playtime and article for The Horn. Send any info to be included.

At Large: No report.

Old Business:

1. LSTV has the check for new equipment, but process is not finalized yet.

2. The play is going well, it is really coming together, should be an excellent production. Lots of new people, many are very good actors.

3. Now that it is Sept. will concentrate on the December Variety Show. Will check with CRC to see if will again do printing as a co-sponsor. They did it last year since we do not make money off the show. Will need to find a date for auditions. There is a lot of varied talent available.

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

New Business:

1. A donation for $1000 was given to the Cancer Walk coordinators.

2. Sally brought a copy of the new Community Group Code of Conduct, it is much more logical and acceptable. Gave copy to Tom to sign as head of HHLT.

The next meeting of the Board will be on October 6 at 6 p.m. at Sally's home, 6528 Box Elder Loop.

The next General Meeting is on September 22 at Marsh Mansion at 6 p.m. Please note the different time and location for this meeting.

Motion by Alec, seconded by Sally: to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grillo
Secretary

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

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/2026	**$9,718.82**
INCOME:	
Membership dues	$10.00
Total Income:	**$10.00**
EXPENSES:	
Costumes for Fall Play This Murder Was Staged	$172.02
Reams (2) of paper for Fall Play This Murder Was Staged	$17.57
Spring Production A Bag Full of Miracles props	$97.61
Total Expenses	**$287.20**
Balance as of 08/31/2026	**$9,441.62**

Announcements

Upcoming General Membership Meeting
Fall Picnic and Talent Show

HHLT's annual Picnic and Talent Show to be held on **September 22, 2026** at Marsh Mansion. **PLEASE NOTE DATE AND VENUE**. We will have hot dogs as the main dish. Please bring a side or dessert to go with that. Suggestions include coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, green salad, cherry tomatoes, pickles, and other savory finger foods, plus dessert items like brownies, cookies, small cakes, etc. Also, please bring serving utensils for any dish you bring. We will supply plates, cutlery, napkins, drinks, and condiments for the hot dogs. Setup is at 5:30, and the picnic and show begin at 6:00, so please bring food items to the Marsh Mansion parlor by 5:40.

This is an opportunity **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!!; or tell a joke. This is our version of America's Got Talent, so step up and do your thing – BE CREATIVE!! If you would like to participate and showcase your talent, please **contact Sally Peterson at scp211@aol.com or 703-473-9526**.

HHLT Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Sally Peterson's, 6528 Box Elder Loop.

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.

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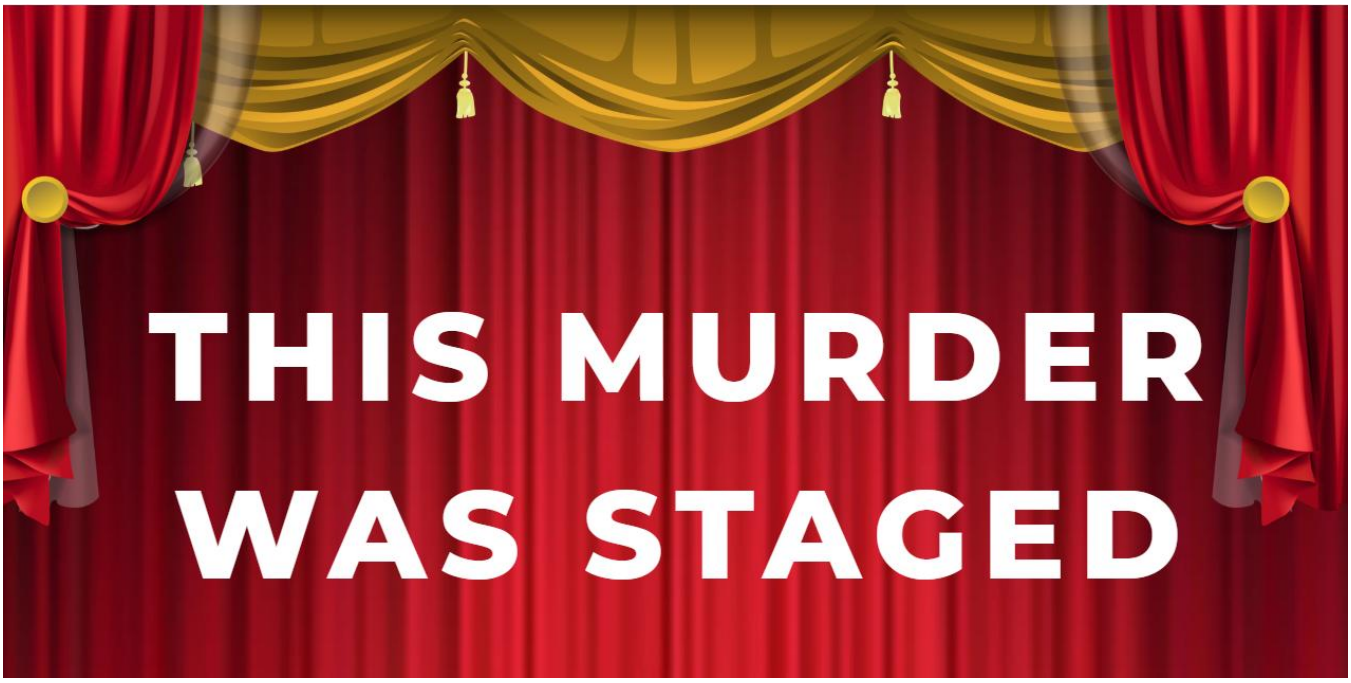
2. Only members of HHLT whose dues are current may be nominated or vote in the election. A simple majority of the votes of those present at the November general meeting and the absentee ballots will elect new board members. If there are more nominees than board positions to be filled, the election will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

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HHLT General Meeting Minutes

There was no general meeting in August.



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

This Murder Was Staged

Rehearsal pictures by Andy Mays













Just for Fun

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5 SIGNS YOU'RE A THEATRE ADDICT



You quote Shakespeare... in everyday conversation. 01

"Parting is such sweet sorrow" when saying goodbye to your dog? Yep. Classic sign.

02 **You judge every hallway for its acoustics.**

You have to know if you could monologue dramatically in it.





Your closet is 30% costumes, 50% black clothing, and 20% glitter. 03

And somehow, you still never have the right shoes for your character.

04 **You've cried over a prop.**

Not because it was meaningful - because someone broke it five minutes before curtain.





You can't watch a show without imagining yourself in it. 05

"Oh, I'd nail that role..." every. single. time.

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.