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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Laura, our final production of 2017/18. Not only did the play entertain all with great suspense, the audience was impressed with the creative props, elaborate set and the period costumes. Well done.

Overall, our community theatre had very successful year. We continue to have strong audiences, new members and new cast and crew. As an Executive, we have accomplished many goals and have a number of

worthwhile projects as we move into St Luke's Players 70th year in community theatre. During my first year as President of St Luke's Players, I have enjoyed the comradery and excellent work.

I would like to thank Jane Guy and Helena Descoteau for their contributions. They will not be running for Executive positions next year. I would also like to thank Bonnie Watkins, Parish Administrator, for her endless support printing for us, booking facilities and more.

If you are interested in running for an Executive position please contact Dave Hitchcock davehitchcock@gmail.com or Merry Hallsor merryhallsor@gmail.com. Memberships expired on June 30, so you can renew by downloading the form from the website at www.stlukesplayers.org or at the AGM prior to the business meeting.

We are pleased to tell you that we have 145 members and 375 season ticket holders. Please check our web page www.stlukesplayers.org for information regarding season and single tickets. We look forward to another year of suspense, mystery, thrillers and comedy.

This fall we are planning to host a dinner meeting with our 2018-19 directors and assistant directors. The goals are to discuss how we can better communicate, share ideas, and offer support to our casts and crews.

Please be welcome to the annual AGM July 29th 3:00 pm. It is the same location as last year, 2444 Camelot Road. Hope to see many of our members.

Janine Longy



HAPPY CANADA DAY to our 145 members, 375 season ticket holders

MEMBERS ACTING UP AROUND TOWN

Beverly van Druten-Blais, Bill Tolson, Ron Skelton and Linda Troke will be singing all summer long while they learn

The Mikado

being presented by the Victoria Gilbert and Sullivan Society this November.

Julie Gray is performing in summer dinner theatre with Theatre al Dente at Deep Cove Winery, The Roost and The Ambrosia. It is a very fun spoof called "Phantom of the Light Opera" July through September.

Tia Niedjalski will be assistant director for The Mousetrap for Peninsula Players this fall.

The Fringe Aug 22 – Sept 2:

Wendy Cornock will be in Outpost 31's Fringe Production – Sherlock Holmes and the Curse of Moriarty.

Geli Bartlett will be appearing with Jean Topham in "The Measure of Love" by Nicolas Billon in the Fringe festival.

You've Got Talent!

Join the St. Luke's Players' team and put your skills and talents to good use! On stage or behind the scenes, our gang of volunteers enjoys a myriad of activities while supporting the community—and we have lots of fun doing it!

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The scene was a rich and beautiful 1940s world where the actors lived and breath the intriguing story of love, friendship, anger, music, jealousy, mystery and murder. Did you figure it out? Hope you didn't miss witnessing this captivating classic tale of *Laura*.

SEASON WRAP-UP WITH A CLASSIC MURDER MYSTERY

~ from the Director, Don Keith

Thanks to everyone at St Luke's for their support of LAURA. It was a pleasure to work with such a talented team.

Anton Brackage was memorable as the cop while Beverly van Druten-Blais and Daniel Gallant treated us to the classic of all mother-son relationships. Julie Gray as Bessie, the maid, was hilarious as she provided comic relief amid the tension. Geoffrey Davidson perfectly portrayed the perfectly mannered but sleazy Southern gentleman, Shelby. Bill Tolson tackled the role of Waldo Lydecker of impervious charm. Johnathon ure Stoppi was the heroic detective whose investigation seems impossible. Finally, Colleen Davis played Laura, an elegant "femme fatale" who is unstoppable in her pursuit of men.

All the technical aspects were handled with dexterity a by the amazing crew, under the leadership of Stage Manager, Dave Hitchcock. Lighting, created by Paul Hilton was atmospheric. The set décor by Sally Crickman was perfect. Many costumes were created by hand by Wendy Henderson, and the huge number of props were collected by the talented Linda McNaughton.

Bronwyn Taylor and Vinnie Chadwick worked miracles as the producers of the play, and they gathered a team of countless workers to fill out the crews. Thanks everyone!

THE OAK BAY TEA PARTY AND PARADE

~ by Susan Nicol

For the last three years, St Luke's Players has provided the Alice characters for the Oak Bay Tea Party Society float. Each year we have added to our collection so that we now own costumes for Alice, the White Rabbit, the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat and, thanks to a generous donation from Peggy Morfitt this year, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. Our own Jane Guy allowed us to borrow her Mad Hatter costume, so this year we had seven Alice in Wonderland characters following the Oak Bay Tea Party Society float at starting the parade.

In early May we emailed all our members asking for volunteers to be in the parade. Costumes were washed and ironed, wigs curled, and a scooter was found and decorated for the arthritic Queen of Hearts who didn't think she could walk the entire parade route. Saturday June 2nd was dry and warm; perfect weather. The parade starts at Windsor Park and winds through Oak Bay village down Hampshire through the Estevan village and finishes at Willows Beach. Everyone had fun handing out candy on the way. Alice and the White Rabbit brought in the flag during the opening ceremonies and the Oak Bay

Tea Party Society float was awarded second place in the Community Float category.

We would love to add to our Alice characters next year so, if you would like to make an Alice in Wonderland costume or have one that you would like to donate, please call the St. Luke's Players phone at 250-884-5484 or email stlukesplayers@yahoo.ca

Who knows, next year you may see and/or be the Caterpillar, the Knave of Hearts or the March Hare in the parade.



Beverly van Druten-Blais (Queen of Hearts), Lia Collis (Alice), Janine Longy (Tweedle Dee), Floyd Longy (Mad Hatter), Julie Gray (Tweedle Dum), Anton Brakhage (Cheshire Cat) and Maya Schauff (White Rabbit)

ST. LUKE'S PLAYERS' AGM AND SOCIAL

Sun July 29 3pm • 2444 Camelot Road

- BYOB, lawn chair and a salad or dessert to share.
- Hamburgers, hot dogs and soft beverages provided.
- Come and hang out, get to know and "catch up"!

Sleeping Beauty

Written by Audrey Tyson

Updated by David and Helena Hitchcock

Directed by Heather Lee



PANTO AUDITIONS!

Play runs Dec 15, 2018 – Jan 1, 2019

Rehearsals are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 pm until 10 pm (with consideration to kids)

AUDITION DETAILS

Located at St. Luke's Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill X Road

Fri Aug 24 at 7pm and
Sat Aug 25 at 2pm

Callbacks: **Tues Aug 28 at 7pm**

No appointments are necessary, just show up promptly at the start time. If you are unable to attend these audition dates contact the director for alternatives.

Questions or scripts please contact:

Heather Lee • heather280@hotmail.com

Scripts available at Oak Bay Flower Shop
102 - 2187 Oak Bay Avenue

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships expires on June 30, 2018. To renew your membership, the form can be downloaded from the website: http://www.stlukesplayers.org/links/SLP_Membership_Application.pdf

Mail it to St Luke's Players along with the very reasonable \$5.00 annual membership fee. You will receive an acknowledgment letter by email which is your receipt.

AUDITIONS

NIGHTMARE

A SUSPENSEFUL THRILLER

Written by
Lucille Fletcher

directed by
**Neville Owen
Janine Longy**

Fri Aug 17 • 7pm or
Sat Aug 18 • 2pm
Callbacks: Sun Aug 19 • 2pm
Play runs Oct 10–21

No appointments are necessary, just show up promptly at the start time. Contact directors if you need an alternate audition date.
Rehearsals: Mon, Wed & Fri evenings

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