



This season celebrating 60 years of community theatre

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2008

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM and barbecue was well attended and the treasure hunt a great success. Thanks to Dave & Helena Hitchcock for their hospitality; we especially enjoyed their model trains running throughout their garden.

Business as usual was discussed. In lieu of rent we give an annual cheque to the church. This year the sum was \$11,700. (wow)

The New Executive:

Returning to office for another year are:

President: **Neville Owen** Vice President: **Dave Hitchcock** Secretary: **Jo Barnes**

Thank you for your continued dedication. We welcome five new members, as follows:

Treasurer: **Bronwyn Taylor** Members at Large: **Jane Guy, Elaine Lewis and Deb Taylor**

Our thanks to retiring board members Frank McGilly, Chris Beausoleil, Tony Gilsenen & Alan Ormerod.

Auditions for the up coming “Sleeping Beauty - the Panto”

on

Friday September 5 at 7.30 pm and Saturday September 6 at 2.30 pm.

in the Lounge at St Luke's Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill X Road

You may come on either day.

The large cast (of around 30) includes a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles, requiring young and adult actors of all ages. Rehearsals begin at the end of October for ten performances which start immediately after Christmas. Those auditioning are asked to prepare a brief monologue or reading, as well as a short song, to demonstrate their talents. An accompanist will be available. We will also read extracts from the script.

This is the third St Luke's Players panto. If you have never experienced a traditional British panto (either on the stage or in the audience) this is your opportunity to participate locally in this fun-filled family entertainment.

Volunteers are also needed to help with all aspects of the production, such as set construction & painting, props, costumes, lighting, sound, make-up, publicity, front of house, etc. etc.

For a copy of the script or further information please contact Dave Hitchcock at
250 370 1291 or e-mail hitch@shaw.ca.

The 'Players presents the following lineup for our upcoming 60th season

Seasons tickets are worth it

The Heiress" - a drama by Ruth & Augustus Goetz

Directed by Rita Humphreys
October 15-18 / 22-25, 2008 at 8:00pm
Matinee: October 18 at 2:00pm

"The Heiress" is based on the Henry James novel *Washington Square*. Dr Austin Sloper, a rich widower, lives in Washington Square, New York in 1850 with his only surviving child Catherine, a sweet-natured, but physically plain young woman. Catherine is swept off her feet by the charming Morris Townsend. Dr. Sloper strongly disapproves, believing him to be after Catherine's money alone and threatens to cut off her inheritance. Morris breaks off the relationship because of this. After Dr. Sloper dies, Townsend comes back in her life. However, now Catherine has learned how to deal with him.

Mitch Barnes, Deb Taylor, Osirus Malkovitch, Kat Delancey, Reyna Webb, Sarah Carson, Gloria Mossman, Justin Guthrie and Nevada Prinz are all hard at work preparing for their roles.

"Sleeping Beauty - the Panto"

Directed by Dave & Helena Hitchcock
December 26, 27, 28, 2008 / January 1, 3 & 4, 2009 at 2:00pm
December 27, 2008 / January 1, 2, & 3, 2009 at 8:00pm

Following on the success of "Aladdin" and "Cinderella", "Sleeping Beauty - the Panto" will contain all of the familiar components found in traditional British pantomime. Directed at children of all ages (from 4 to 94!), this uproarious family entertainment is just right for a post-Christmas outing. The audience will be encouraged to boo the Wicked Fairy, cheer the Prince, laugh at Dame Titania, help wake up Sleeping Beauty, and generally join in the fun

"Random Acts" - an evening of one-act plays

March 4-7 / 11-14, 2009 at 8:00pm
Matinee: March 7, 2009 at 2:00pm

Act I "Exploding Love" - a comedy by Joseph Coyne

Directed by Antoinette Church

This uproarious tale of love, divorce and marriage illustrates that no matter how nuts you think you are, someone out there will love you. Skeeter still loves his ex wife. When he hears she is about to remarry, he dons a belt of dynamite and barges into the judge's chambers to disrupt the ceremony. He is forced to retreat to the city hall men's room where the groom to be and Zeke, a charming eccentric who claims to be a dog angel, become his hostages. Comic twists and turns fill the rest room with seven people and lead to an outrageous triple wedding ceremony.

Act II "Ways & Means" - a comedy by Noel Coward (from *Tonight at 8.30*)

Directed by Brian Wyvill

The play opens with husband and wife, Stella & Toby Cartwright, eating breakfast in bed while staying at the home of Mrs. Lloyd-Ransome. We discover that they are heavily in debt, largely due to Toby's losses at the casino, Stella's losses at bridge etc. They are asked to leave the next day by their host, ostensibly because of other guests that are expected. But that night they are visited by an intruder and their fortunes change.

"Nightmare" - a mystery/thriller by Norman Robbins

Directed by Geoffrey Davidson
May 20-23 / 27-30, 2009 at 8:00pm
Matinee: May 23, 2009 at 2:00pm

Marion Bishop, an elderly writer of romantic novels, is dying. Katherine Willis, a kind soul from the nearby village, looked after Marion in a most caring way, while coping with her own mentally retarded brother of twenty. When Katherine takes leave to attend her cousin's wedding in Scotland, Laura, an experienced nurse from London, comes to take care of the failing writer on the recommendation of the local doctor. A series of mysterious phone calls and the appearance of Raymond, Marion's rapacious nephew, set off a nightmare situation which becomes increasingly complicated when Katherine's brother is found murdered in a ditch. Deceit, suspicion, blackmail and incrimination are subtly woven into a web of crime, which is complicated by a dramatic confrontation scene just before an ingenious twist brings a surprising close.

IN MEMORY

We bade farewell to Alec Cumming and Keith Pittam this past year. Members who worked beside them know how much they contributed, and those who did not have that fortune, reap the benefits of their many contributions over the years.

ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE

All productions require back stage help to make a production possible. Join in the fun, and camaraderie of the upcoming productions. Experience pride in the end product.

"The Heiress" needs help in many areas; costumes, lighting, sound, and general help. If you would like to help please contact Roger or Betty Walker at 250 598 3055.

GRANT APPROVED

We successfully received a grant of \$1,500 from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of the Provincial Government to replace our very old stock of scenery flats.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AROUND TOWN

Jo Barnes, Geraldine O'Flaherty and Nevada Prinz were among the cast of "Rain & Thunder" on the rocks at Fairfield Community Place.

Caroline McKenzie is playing Titania in the upcoming Langham Court show "A Midsummer Night's Dream", with fellow thespians **Osirus Malkovitch, Rebecca Delancey and Perchance Delancey**.

Stan Davis has written and composed a song and entered it in the CBC Contest to choose the new "Hockey Night in Canada" song.

Joan Emery was heavily involved in Langham Court's summer show "The Long Weekend".

Evan Roberts played Prospero in the Victoria Shakespeare Society's summer production of "The Tempest" held in the grounds of Camosun College.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships expired at the end of June 2008. Many thanks to those members who have renewed their membership. If you still wish to renew your membership, please complete the attached form and mail it to the Treasurer along with the very reasonable \$5.00 annual membership fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

If you have material or news of our members or other information that you would like to appear in a future newsletter, please e-mail it to Jane Guy at jane-guy@shaw.ca or Deb Taylor at debratw@shaw.ca.