



JUNE - JULY, 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LBP keeps rolling along. These past two months have seen another successful production. *Born Yesterday* played to packed houses and turned out to be the highest grossing production of the season. Add to this that "Harvey" was a smash as well. Thanks to all of the volunteers that participated in putting on two such great shows.

On another note, on April 11th, I signed the papers for the purchase of the Annex. It's all ours, folks! We have a ten year mortgage on the property, but I am hoping that we can mount a mini-capital campaign to pay it off in two years. This will give us a chance to learn how to conduct a capital campaign so that we will know exactly what we are doing when we start raising money for the new theater in a few years.

Plans are underway to replace the air conditioning system in the theater. That poor old system has been on its last legs for several years now, held together with bailing wire and chewing gum, I swear. We have gotten estimates from three companies and the board is in the process of deciding which one to accept. We would like to get this done when we are on vacation in July.

The above, coupled with other plans that are underway, means that we are right on schedule with our Strategic Plan. You can read the plan on our website. Just click on "Read About Us", and then click on "Our Strategic Plan". Your Board of Trustees is working very hard to make LBP a major player in the greater Englewood community.

Bob La Salle, President

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

By RITA CORN

Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to announce that we were able to award four \$1,000 scholarships to four very deserving Lemon Bay High School students this year. The four recipients, who were selected from ten very talented and qualified candidates, were Connor Byrnes, Molly Hauer, Clint Thompson, and Caitlin Waldrop. We were able to accomplish this with the wonderful support of our patrons' contributions, and the volunteers who worked the 50/50 drawing. LBP sincerely thanks all the patrons and volunteers who made this possible. Next year, we hope to raise the number of scholarships to a total of five.

ADULT ACTING CLASSES PLANNED

By RITA CORN

Lemon Bay Playhouse will be offering adult acting classes and a Shakespeare workshop again this season. Following a successful re-introduction of these classes last season, we are planning the following curriculum for our 27th season.

LBP instructor Ron DeBello will be teaching two acting classes for adults this season. The first class will be an Introduction to Acting Class in the fall of 2013 and a follow-up Intermediate Acting Class in the spring of 2014. These classes will meet weekly on a day and time to be decided in the near future.

Charlie Tyler, our Shakespeare instructor, will be teaching another Shakespeare Workshop this winter. The class will meet weekly on Thursdays from 10:00AM to noon. This workshop focus will be on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of Shakespeare's best known comedies.

No specific dates have been set at this time, but they will be announced later. So, be on the look out for announcements.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

The LBP Box Office will be closed starting Monday, July 1. Season ticket applications may be mailed in or dropped off until July 31. The box office will reopen on Monday, August 5, 2013.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS

**** Please Note Schedule and Time Change ****

June 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm

July 15, 2013 - No Board Meeting

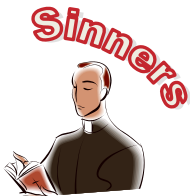
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE PLAYHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!

Changes in meeting dates or times will be posted on the website and sent by email to members who have an active email address with the playhouse.

AUDITIONS

SINNERS

BY RITA CORN



Open auditions for **SINNERS**, a comedy written by Norm Foster and directed by Michele Strauss, will be held Sunday, July 14 and Monday, July 15, 2013, at 7:00pm, at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

In this play, a furniture store owner is found in the arms of a local minister's wife. The situation becomes complicated when he is mistaken for the minister and attempts to flee the scene.

The Director is looking for 2/3 males and 3 females. The show will run from September 4 to September 22, 2013. Perusal scripts and sides are available at the Box Office. For further information call 941-475-6756 from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily.

LBP VOLUNTEER IN THE NEWS

By JIM SCIARELLO

Russ Johnson, one of our reliable and dedicated box office volunteers, recently received the Venice Sertoma Club Outstanding Citizen Award. This award is given to someone who is not a member of the club, but who provides outstanding volunteer service to the community. His volunteer efforts at Lemon Bay Playhouse, board membership and work with the Venice Area Beautification, Inc., and officer of Friends of Carlton Reserve, among other things, has led to this recognition. Russ accumulated about 1,100 hours for the year doing volunteer work in the community. **Way to go, Russ - Great job!**



From left, Sertoma Club of Venice President Alex Moseley congratulates the recipient of the Sertoma Outstanding Citizen Award, Russell Johnson. Terry Redman organizes the recognition program for the club. PHOTO PROVIDED BY PAM JOHNSON

GUESS THIS ISSUES' EVENTS



June 14th



June 16th



July 4th



July 8th

COMING
SOON!

OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

By BOB LA SALLE

DON'T CRY FOR ME MARGARET MITCHELL

By V. Cate and D. Ernsberger

Directed by Bob La Salle

Don't Cry For Me, Margaret Mitchell is the last play of our 2012-2013 season. And it's true, we saved the best for last.

The premise of the play is largely true. David O. Selznick stopped filming *Gone With The Wind* two weeks into shooting and fired the director. Selznick got Ben Hecht, the best script doctor in Hollywood, and Victor Flemming, the director who did *The Wizard of Oz*, into his office and, in a week, rewrote the entire script for the movie. He would not allow them to leave or eat anything but bananas and peanuts for the week because he said that other food would put them to sleep.

What went on in the room is the subject of the play and is purely fictional, the fruit of the fertile imaginations of Virginia Cate and her son Duke Ernsberger. It's a masterpiece of comedy and writing.

To top it off, we were very fortunate to find just the right cast for the play, and we're sure you will agree with us that they do a masterful job. You won't want to miss this comic look at the making of a movie in the 40's. The show runs from June 12 thru June 30, 2013. Go online or call our box office to purchase your tickets early.



The sequestered cast of *Don't Cry for Me, Margaret Mitchell* takes a few minutes off from the rewrite of *Gone with the Wind* to pose for a picture. From left to right are Steve Horowitz (Victor Fleming), Ruth Shaulis (Miss Peabody), Nick Nichols (David O. Selznick), Director Bob La Salle, and Gary Grossman (Ben Hecht).

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

LBP has started the 2013-2014 Season advertising campaign. With seven productions, your advertisement will reach more people. A full season ad in the playbill will be seen at 115 performances. With a seating capacity of 95, well over 10,000 patrons will view your ad. If you are interested in advertising in the Lemon Bay Playhouse playbill, please contact the Business Manager at 941-474-9610. If you are aware of any business that may be interested, let us know.

READERS THEATER OUTREACH PROGRAM CELEBRATES

By KATHY AMELIA

On May 13, 2013, the Lemon Bay Playhouse Readers Theater Outreach volunteers attended a dinner celebration at the Village of Holiday Lake, sponsored by coordinator Kathy Amelia. The wine was flowing, as were the stories of some of our more interesting Outreach shows. It was a bittersweet night as we remembered our co-chairperson, Ann Shaughnessy. Ann recently relocated to New York and is not forgotten. Members of the Outreach Program, a group of dedicated volunteers, reach out to many facilities, organizations, and clubhouses in the area. The Outreach Program has gone out to the community, as far as Bradenton, spreading the word of live theater in Englewood. Outreach has grown in leaps and bounds over the years and has turned out to be a true asset to Lemon Bay Playhouse. In many instances, members of the outreach program audience show up at the monthly Readers Theater sessions. Some even become patrons of LBP season productions. Add to this a 40% increase in donations to LBP from the Outreach performances, and one can conclude that Outreach is a vital part of the Playhouse. **Well done, Troupe!**



Members of the Readers Theater Outreach Program attending the celebration in the front row (l to r) are Kathy Amelia, Sally Johnson, Herb Levin, Susie Cochran and Larry McGee. In the back row (l to r) are Jenifer Lewis, Barbara Harrington, Donna Walters, Marilyn Barton, Mike Levasseur, Jack Rabito, Jim Zakas, and Carol Louisgnan. Missing from the picture are Charlotte Dobney, Joyce Cleary, Trish Kinghorn, and Richard Blanchard

SAVE MONEY, SEE GREAT SHOWS

The 2013-2014 Season Ticket brochures are available at the box office and online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com. You may purchase season tickets for all **seven** shows for the **price of six** shows. The full season subscription cost is \$108. New subscribers will be assigned the best seats available based on the preferences selected. All season tickets will be mailed to you in early August. Not here for the whole season? Try our Flex Subscription Pass (Four Pack) at a cost of \$68. Purchasers will receive a code to be used when purchasing tickets to the four shows they wish to see. Starting August 5, 2013, the code may be used to buy tickets for the shows wanted by going online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com, or by calling or visiting the box office (941-475-6756). **Season Ticket and Flex**

Pass orders must be mailed in or brought to the box office by July 31, 2013.

Want the best choice of seats for our Showcase Productions? Showcase Production Tickets (\$18 each) will go on sale starting August 5, 2013. Get prime seats by buying your tickets early. For Showcase Production tickets, go online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com, or visit or call the box office at (941) 475-6756 starting August 5, 2013.

VOLUNTEERS ON THE MOVE

BY RITA CORN

As time goes on, changes occur and people seek new adventures. These life changes have both joyful and challenging aspects. The change is an exciting and new beginning for the people involved, but it becomes a challenge and a loss to those who knew and worked with them. This is the case here at Lemon Bay Playhouse. Two of our wonderful, long time, talented, and dedicated volunteers are moving out of the Englewood area and continuing their lives in new locations.



In years past, Joan Harms was a frequent presence backstage as crew or stage manager. For many years, Joan not only coordinated house managers (Host & Hostesses) for all plays and Showcase performances, but she also assisted at cast parties and special events. Wherever volunteers were needed, she always jumped in to help and charmed everyone with her radiant smile.

Ann Shaughnessy is another volunteer we will really miss. Actors knew she could always be depended upon for terrific timing when she worked lights and sound for plays. Ann is also a talented actress, whose appearances on stage were greatly enjoyed. For the past few years, she also catalogued our script collection and was co-chairperson for the Readers Theater with Kathy Amelia.



We at LBP will miss these two talented ladies, but we wish them well and much success in their new endeavors. We also invite them to visit us any time they find themselves in the Englewood area. Thanks to both of these ladies for all of their tireless efforts at LBP.

PIONEER DAY PARADE FLOAT



Lemon Bay Playhouse will make a re-appearance in the 2013 Pioneer Day Parade. Several volunteers have gotten together and are making plans for a LBP float. One problem! None of the volunteers has a flatbed utility trailer that can be used. If you have a trailer to loan LBP, or if you are interested in volunteering for this endeavor, please contact Ann at 474-9610.





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Celebrating our 26th Season!

2012-2013

SQUABBLES by Marshall Karp
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE by Joseph Kesselring
MY THREE ANGELS by Samuel and Bella Spewack
AN INSPECTOR CALLS by J. B. Priestly
BORN YESTERDAY by Garson Kanin
HARVEY by Mary Chase
DON'T CRY FOR ME, MARGARET MITCHELL
by Duke Ernsberger and Virginia Cate

September 5 - September 23, 2012
October 24 - November 11, 2012
December 5 - December 23, 2012
January 23 - February 17, 2013
March 13 - April 7, 2013
May 1 - May 19, 2013
June 12 - June 30, 2013

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LBP Box Office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Phone 941-475-6756

Visit our website at: www.lemonbayplayhouse.com (or scan the QR code)



"It is the mission of Lemon Bay Playhouse to enrich Englewood and surrounding communities through theatrical productions, volunteer opportunities, education and training in the performing arts, and to provide a venue for other cultural activities."