



**JUNE - JULY, 2015**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

There has not been much activity these past two months, what with my being in the just completed play. Because of that, I was unable to attend the Florida Theater Conference "Spring Fling" this year. I have always found it valuable in keeping in contact with other small theaters around the state. However, I did receive a report from them, and it was a very successful session again this year. I look forward to attending next year.

"Don't Dress for Dinner" and "Oh, Mama!, No, Papa!" were both big successes for this time of the year. The remarks I heard from the patrons after the shows was very encouraging. Several said they were new to the area and had attended for the first time and would be back. This is the kind of word of mouth advertising that has made us a popular venue for our local people. I now have the numbers on the season to date and will present then at the June Board meeting. It has been, again, a very successful season.

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

## **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**The LBP Box Office will be closed starting Monday, June 29. Season ticket applications may be mailed in or dropped off until July 31. The box office will reopen on Monday, August 3, 2015.**

## **IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING DATES**

**June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm  
No Meeting Scheduled for July**

**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**



## **ADULT ACTING WORKSHOP EVENING CLASSES**

BY RIC GOODWIN

Calling all future thespians! Lemon Bay Playhouse is excited to offer an evening adult acting workshop. You asked for it – we did it. The July, 2015 beginning and intermediate Actors' Workshop will be open to all adults age 16 and up. The workshop will be conducted at the Lemon Bay Playhouse on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm beginning July 6 and concluding July 28. You will learn exercises in relaxation techniques, vocal dynamics, improvisation, imagination expansion, character and script analysis, auditioning practices, and moment-to-moment monologue work.

The workshop instructor will be Ric Goodwin (MFA in Acting, Wayne State University), a retired professor of Theatre with over 40 years of teaching and acting experience.

The cost of the eight session workshop is \$50, and class size will be limited to 20 students. For more information, and to register, please call the box office at (941) 475-6756, weekdays, between 10:00am to 2:00pm. Sign up early – this workshop will fill quickly. The registration is required and the deadline is Tuesday, June 30. Take advantage of this opportunity to get started in an acting career.

This evening class is in addition to our daytime adult acting class and Shakespeare workshop being offered in January, 2016.

## IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

### *A BENCH IN THE SUN*

by Ron Clark

Directed by Michele Strauss

Auditions on July 19 and July 20, 2015



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for *A Bench in the Sun* on Sunday, July 19 and Monday, July 20 at 7:00pm at the Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

The play, a comedy written by Ron Clark, will be directed by Michele Strauss and calls for a cast of one woman and two men. The show will run from September 2 through September 20, 2015.

In this show, Harold and Burt, longtime friends, live in a retirement home and spend their days on a bench in the garden bickering. A once famous actress has moved in, giving them something new to argue over. When they learn that the home is about to be sold, and they will have to find a new residence, the three join forces to prevent this upsetting development.

## FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LEMON BAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

BY RITA CORN



Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to announce that we have awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to five very deserving students from Lemon Bay High School. This amount exceeded our 2014 scholarship awards which totaled \$4,000. All five recipients have applied and been accepted to colleges of their choices.

Our scholarship committee, consisting of Arlene Knight and Rita Corn, met and reviewed all the applications received. The students selected by the committee were found to be quite worthy recipients for the scholarships. The student chosen and the school they will be attending are as follows:

Student	School
Nathaniel Bellmore	Asbury University
Nicholas Madonna	State College of Florida
Phuong Uyen Nguyen	Florida State University
Matthew Peters	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
William Rossi	University of Delaware

Congratulations to all these students. We are proud to have a hand in their education. We also thank our patrons for participating in the 50/50 scholarship fund. Without your help we would not be able to award these scholarships every year.



## OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

### *SOMETHING TO HIDE*

by Leslie Sands

Directed by Michelle Neitzel

June 10 - June 28, 2015



For its final production of a very solid 28th season, the Lemon Bay Playhouse will present "Something to Hide" by Leslie Sands. From opening night on Wednesday, June 10, it will run through June 28.

This mystery/thriller, directed by Michelle Neitzel, takes place in a charming house in the English countryside, where a writer is joined each weekend by his wife, who is also his publisher. During the week, he is joined by his mistress. As action begins, the departing mistress is run over by the wife and a plan is hatched to dispose of the body. A savvy detective appears to solve this exciting "Who-Done-It".

Visit [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) or stop by or call the Box Office at 941-475-6756 between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time for more information and tickets. Reserved seat tickets are \$18. Student tickets are available at \$12 each.



The cast of "Something to Hide" takes a short break during rehearsals to pose for a photo op. The performers in the front row (left to right) are Newell N. Nichols (Mr. Purdie), Ruth Shaulis (Julie), and Rick Moore (Howard Holt). The cast members standing (left to right) are Paul Mullen (Inspector Davies), Marilyn Barton (Mrs. Cunningham), Joyce Cleary (Stella), and Victoria Caruso (Karen Holt).

## GUESS THIS ISSUE'S EVENTS



June 14th



June 21st



July 4th



July 6th



July 13th

## 2015 - 2016 SEASON TICKETS AND FLEX PASS - BEST VALUE



Want to purchase reduced price tickets? Are you here for the whole season? If you are not already a season subscriber, this is a chance to purchase reduced price tickets and have the same seat for each show. Purchase a season ticket and get seven shows for the price of six at a cost of \$108 per person.

Season tickets may be purchased by completing the season ticket form and mailing it to or dropping it off at the box office. All existing season renewals have been completed, but there is still time to purchase new season tickets. All season ticket sales will end on July 31, 2015. Not here for the whole season? Want to purchase reduced price tickets? Try our Flex Subscription (Four Pack) Pass at a cost of \$68 per person. Each Flex Subscription Pass is valid for one ticket to a performance of your choice to any four of our plays you choose. Flex Subscription Pass tickets may be purchased by completing the season ticket form and mailing it to or dropping it off at the Box Office.

Purchasers will receive a code to be used when buying tickets to the four plays they wish to see. The code may be used to select the shows and seats desired by calling (941) 475-6756, by visiting the box office, or online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) starting August 3, 2015. If you have not received the new brochure you may pick one up in the lobby.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA



Our Readers Theater "season" ended on May 4, 2015 when our final "first Monday" presentation, compiled by Richard Blanchard, filled Lemon Bay Playhouse. Richard gave us a unique "burlesque" theme program that thoroughly entertained our group of readers! It had audience participation as well as reader volunteers, along with explanations by Richard regarding the early forms of burlesque and comparisons to vaudeville. Kudos to an entertaining and interesting program, Richard! AWhat a great send-off to our summer hiatus!

Readers Theater will resume in October with our first Monday programs. Our Outreach bookings ended May 12, but new dates are coming in for the fall and beyond. Plans are already underway in planning our Seventh Annual Shorts Aloud Festival in February, 2016, which again will entail three performances. Have a wonderful summer and spread the word that Readers Theater is alive and flourishing at Lemon Bay Playhouse!

## LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE 2015-2016 SEASON EVENTS

### OUR 29TH SEASON PRODUCTIONS

*A Bench in the Sun* ~ a Comedy  
by Ron Clark  
Sep. 2- Sep. 20, 2015

*Murder at the Howard Johnson's* ~ a  
Mystery/Comedy by Ron Clark &  
Sam Bobrick  
Oct. 21 - Nov. 8, 2015

*Over The River and Through the  
Woods* ~ a Comedy by Joe DiPietro  
Dec. 2 - Dec. 20, 2015

*Plaza Suite* ~ a Comedy by Neil Simon  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 14, 2016

*On Golden Pond* ~ a Comedy by Ernest  
Thompson  
Mar. 9 - Apr. 3, 2016

*Proof* ~ a Drama by David Auburn  
Apr. 27 - May 15, 2016

*Making God Laugh* ~ a Comedy/  
Drama by Sean Grennan  
Jun. 8 - Jun. 26, 2016

### SHOWCASE PRODUCTIONS

Greg Nielsen's Jazz Sextet  
"The Ellington Hour"  
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015; 7:30 pm

Marcy Downey  
"Hits and Bits of the Sullivan Show"  
Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016; 7:30 pm

John Tuff and Friends  
"No 'Cryin' In Your Beer  
Old-time Country Music"  
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016; 7:30 pm

7th Annual Shorts Aloud Festival  
"A Unique Form of Live Theatre"  
Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016; 7:30 pm  
Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016; 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Tim Allan  
"String Instrument Concert -  
Musical Variety"  
Saturday, Apr. 9, 2016; 7:30 pm



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## ***Celebrating our 28<sup>th</sup> Season!*** **2014-2015**

<i><b>DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS</b></i> by Tom Dudzick	September 3 - September 21, 2014
<i><b>LADIES IN RETIREMENT</b></i> by Edward Percy & Reginald Denham	October 22 - November 9, 2014
<i><b>GREETINGS!</b></i> by Tom Dudzick	December 3 - December 21, 2014
<i><b>LETTICE AND LOVAGE</b></i> by Peter Shaffer	January 21 - February 15, 2015
<i><b>DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER</b></i> by Marc Camoletti adapted by Robin Hawdon	March 11 - April 5, 2015
<i><b>OH, MAMA! NO, PAPA!</b></i> by Reginald Denham	April 29 - May 17, 2015
<i><b>SOMETHING TO HIDE</b></i> by Leslie Sands	June 10 - June 28, 2015

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"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."