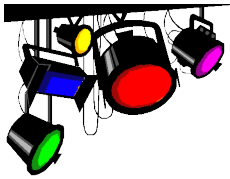




**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 2017**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



I don't know how many of you are old enough to remember a radio program that was on in the 40's and 50's called "My Friend Irma", but it seems that "our friend Irma" paid a visit to us recently. Fortunately, we suffered no physical

damage to either of our buildings, however, it took out a transformer on the pole across the street which rendered us partially powerless. Through the judicious use of extension cords, we were able to get the box office and computers up and running. However, all of our air conditioning failed which necessitated canceling seven of our scheduled performances.

It took FPL several days to get around to replacing the transformer, but once they did we were off to the races. Because we missed so many performances, the director of our next production, Jenni Elliot, graciously agreed to give up a week of rehearsals on the stage which allowed us to add in two extra performances of Annoyance.

I wish to personally thank our boxoffice personnel for the wonderful work they did. Even though there was no air conditioning in the box office, they came in every day and worked diligently to exchange tickets, and give refunds. And on the Friday night we had to cancel due to the failure of the theater air conditioning, Rob Davis steadfastly handled a long line of patrons making exchanges and refunds. It just goes to show what a group of dedicated theater people can do when the chips are down. Again, a hearty thanks to you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob La Salle

## **NEW STAFF MEMBER AT LBP**

BY JIM MANNS



If you have not been around the Playhouse of recent we have hired a new Business Manager, Deb Poling. Deb was a shy small-town girl from Van Wert Ohio, who along the way matured into a world traveler for a large manufacturing company. As a Risk Manager for Eaton Corporation her job took her to places most of us can only dream of. For example, they included exotic locales such as China, Japan, Brazil, and South Korea.

At the age of 40 while holding down a full-time job, and caring for her children Ashley and Josh, Deb went back to school. Taking an accelerated program, she was able to earn her Bachelor's degree in Business Accounting in just 4 years.

Deb and her husband Kim, along with two cats and a yellow lab, have just recently made Englewood their permanent home. Deb, Kim and their daughter Ashley, and her husband Nathan, have returned to a place they have often visited and learned to love. Deb has three grand-children, which she is quick to point out, are the love of her life. You see her husband was raised in Englewood, and the circle is complete.

As Deb has graciously and accurately offered "I'm not here to replace Ann, no one could, she is irreplaceable, but perhaps I can bring fresh eyes and add value to LBP". Thank you, Deb, for joining us, and welcome to the jewel on Dearborn.

## **THE SHOW MUST GO ON!**

BY MELISSA MUTKOSKI

We all suffered through Hurricane Irma together as a community, with pretty much the same concerns, fears, and frustrations as everyone else. But imagine trying to prepare for the on-coming storm (do I have enough water and shelf-stable food? Will I have to evacuate? Will I lose everything I own?) while also trying to prepare for an opening night that may never come! Those last few days of rehearsal just before

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## **IMPORTANT MEETING DATES**

### **BOARD MEETINGS In the Green Room**

**October 23, 2017 at 6:00pm**

**November 20, 2017 at 6:00pm**

**Changes in meeting dates or times will be posted  
on the website and sent by email**

# 2017–2018 Showcase Productions

## MINDY SIMMONS PERFORMS

### "Peggy Lee Tribute "

*Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017; 7:30 pm*

#### A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee



**Mindy Simmons  
and her  
Jazz Combo**

Mindy Simmons takes you on a trip down memory lane as she recreates the look and sound of an evening spent with the late, great Miss Peggy Lee. Sharing the songs and stories of Miss Lee's career, Mindy emulates a performance style of earlier years in entertainment when the music was subtle in dynamics and the lyrics could be heard and understood.

With a Jazz combo behind her, Mindy Simmons brings the hit songs of Peggy Lee's 45 year career to life. She shares with the audience the classy, very sultry, and sometimes surprisingly funny side of Miss Lee's personality. This is a show not to be missed. Visit [www.mindysimmons.com](http://www.mindysimmons.com) for more information about her performances.

**Music ■ Songs ■ Stories ■ Sultry ■ Jazz**

## MARCY DOWNEY

### "Sh Boom! Those Fabulous 50's"

*Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018; 7:30 pm*

#### Sh Boom! Those Fabulous 50's



**Starring Marcy Downey**

In 2013 Marcy Downey debuted her new cabaret show at Lemon Bay Playhouse and has appeared to a sold out audience since that time. This will be her fifth appearance on our stage.

With a lifetime of show business experience, and an impressive list of stage appearances including New York, Los Angeles, Lake Tahoe, and Florida, Marcy is the ultimate entertainer. Her

singing voice has attracted critical acclaim from coast to coast, and her stage personality "lights up every room in which she appears".

In addition to her singing, Marcy adds that rare comic element that makes for a memorable evening of smiles, laughter and satisfaction.

This season, Marcy will take you on a musical journey through the decade that brought us The Everly Brothers, Brenda Lee, Elvis, The Righteous Brothers, Patti Page, The Platters, and so many more. Marcy sings the greatest hits of the 50's and tells hilarious tales of those happy days, and portrays comedy characters that will have you laughing all the way home! Go to [www.marcydowney.com](http://www.marcydowney.com) for a video demo of her performances.

**Elvis ■ Everly Brothers ■ Brenda Lee ■ The 50's**

## JOHN TUFF AND FRIENDS

### "No 'Cryin' In Your Beer Old-time Country Music"

*Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018; 7:30 pm*



**John  
Tuff**

**and  
Friends**

John Tuff and Friends make their fourth appearance on the LBP stage. This very talented group of musicians will provide the audience with a fantastic evening of music consisting of classic country hits of the past. Their performance will include classic country music, of current and older country legends, such as Johnny Cash, Hank

Snow, Ernest Tubb, George Jones, Johnny Horton, and more.

These country musicians started out almost ten years ago as a duo performing for a fundraiser at the Englewood United Methodist Church (EUMC). Since that time, it has grown into a group of five gifted musicians singing all over Southwest Florida in a variety of venues. The emphasis is on old-time country music, the kind many of us grew up with on the family radio. This show will lift your spirits and bring you back to the old days. To a time when folks valued good music, good times, and pride in this great country of ours. There will be no "crying in your beer" country songs to bring you down. If you appreciate this style of traditional country music, come and join us for this tribute to the country hits of the past, featuring many of country fans' favorite stars and their music.

**Melodic ■ Nostalgic ■ Marvelous ■ Entertainment**

## TOM AND SANDY DOYLE

### "Les Paul and Mary Ford Tribute"

*Saturday, Apr. 14, 2018; 7:30 pm*



When Tom and Sandy perform their Les Paul & Mary Ford Tribute Show it's like the best time travel ever! Their audience will be transported back many decades... back to a time when things were more simple, when music had meaning, and the artists we truly talented... none more so than Mr. Les Paul and his lovely wife, Mary Ford.

Tom and Sandy are not just merely doing an impression of these great entertainers of the past... Tom has a long personal history with THE great and famous guitar Icon. Tom and Les worked together, side by side for over 45 years... on guitars, music, sound engineering, Les' personal performances and so much more... Oh the stories he has! Check out the website [www.lespaulshow.com](http://www.lespaulshow.com)

**Self-harmony ■ Stories ■ Layered Sound**

# IN MEMORIUM

BY JIM SCIARELLO

## Lemon Bay Playhouse Dedicates Its 31<sup>st</sup> Season IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANN JANE HANUSHEK September 27, 1943 - October 6, 2017



It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Ann Hanushek on Friday morning, October 6, 2017. She predeceased her husband Jim and her sister Dorothy Kleine. Please join us in offering our deepest sympathies to Ann's family. Ann was married to Jim for over 48 years and a valued volunteer and staff member at Lemon Bay Playhouse for over 15 years. Ann and Jim shared their time together, going places and doing things that neither of them could have done on their own. During that time, she was a teacher, a turtle patroller, a travel photographer, and an actress. Pancreatic cancer, discovered too late, took her just after her 74th birthday. At the Playhouse Ann performed numerous and required responsibilities. When she started as business manager she took over the jobs of three volunteers. Besides those responsibilities, Ann spent a lot of time working behind the scenes as a stage manager and backstage crew member. Her generosity shown through at each cast party when she provided homemade brownies to the actors and production crew members. Ann was also an actor and made her acting debut in *Night Watch*. After that there was no stopping her. She appeared

in eight additional shows while at the playhouse. All her dedicated effort for Lemon Bay Playhouse was proof positive that Ann was totally committed to her work at the playhouse. Since Ann was such a significant part of the growth of Lemon Bay Playhouse we find it fitting to honor her by dedicating our 31<sup>st</sup> season productions in her memory. Her presence and volunteerism will be missed but her endeavors will be long remembered at the playhouse. A celebration of life will be scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Englewood Helping Hand, Inc., 700 E Dearborn St, Englewood, FL

## IN MEMORY OF RICHARD J. WHARFE October 9, 1948 - September 22, 2017



Lisa Boyle of Olde Englewood Mailing, a volunteer, donor and printer, for the playhouse, lost Rick her partner of 30 years. We offer our deepest sympathy to Lisa and her family. Rick Wharfe passed away peacefully on Friday, September 22, with Lisa and family friends, Hazel Klossner and Rev Bill Klossner, by his side. Born October 9, 1948 in Philadelphia,

PA, to Harry and Annetta Wharfe, Rick migrated to South Carolina, met Lisa and they ended up in Englewood in 1991 to enjoy fishing in the warm weather and be closer to his parents. Rick worked with Lisa at their printing business, Olde Englewood Mailing Co., and was seen many mornings delivering the printed material ordered for the playhouse. Rick was an avid "car guy" with an obsession for drag racing and cruising in his Corvette. He also loved fishing from his flats boat, "Pop's Too". He was a kind soul with a wickedly dry wit who was loved and respected by everyone he met. He will be truly missed by his partner Lisa, his Ragdoll cat, Gizmo, and all his friends. Besides Lisa, he is survived by his brother, Ross Wharfe, a niece and nephew, adopted family members, Jerald and Lynn McKinney, and Rev. Bill and Hazel Klossner. His parents predeceased him. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held on Friday, November 3, beginning at 4:30 pm with visitation followed by a Memorial Service at 6pm at Lemon Bay Funeral Home, 2 Buchans Landing, Englewood, FL 34223. Donations in

memoriam may be sent to Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, Englewood, FL 34223 for Children's Theater Summer Camp and High School Scholarships.

## IN MEMORY OF GEORGE S. STEVENS, JR. May 24, 1932 - October 7, 2017



Lora Resignato, one of our dedicated volunteers and chairperson of the house manager volunteers, has lost her loving companion and partner, George Stevens. We offer our deepest condolences to Lora and her family. George 'Digger' Salowich Stevens passed away peacefully on October 7, 2017 at home in Englewood, Florida. He was born May 24, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to George and Susan Salowich. He enjoyed playing golf and cards with his friends. George was a strong, caring man who loved to tell jokes! He was a loved man and lived a full life surrounded by family and friends. Besides Lora, George is survived by his brother LeRoy (Carole) Salowich, his sons Gregory (Teresa) and Jeffrey (Kristin), and granddaughters Anastasia (Scott) Chase, Carley, grandsons Alexander and Jacob, and other relatives. Viewing and service were held Holy Spirit Orthodox Church 700 Shamrock Blvd. Venice, Florida. Memorial and burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery 4200 Belford Road, Holy Michigan October 20, 2017, 9:00 am. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to Tidewell Hospice, Englewood, FL.

## IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for two upcoming play productions at 7:00pm on Sunday, November 19 and Monday, November 20 at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. The plays are "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley and "Fleming" by Sam Bobrick.



"Crimes of the Heart" will be directed by Ron Bupp and run from January 17 through February 11, 2018. It calls for a cast of four female and two male actors, and tells this compelling story: The three McGrath sisters are back together in their southern hometown for the first time in a decade. Lenny, the eldest, never left Hazelhurst -- she is the caretaker of the sisters' cantankerous Old Granddaddy. Meg, the middle sister, left home to pursue stardom as a singer in Los Angeles, but has, so far, only found happiness at the bottom of a bottle. And Babe, the youngest, has just been arrested for the murder of her abusive husband. Under the scorching heat of the Mississippi Sun, past resentments bubble to the surface and each sister must come to terms with the consequences of her own "crimes of the heart."

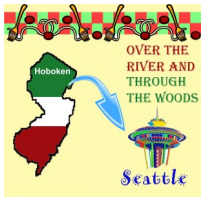


"Fleming" will be directed by Bob LaSalle and run from March 7 through April 1, 2018. It calls for a cast of three female and four male actors. A comedy/mystery it unfolds as follows: Bored by his privileged, but mundane life, Henry Fleming sells his lucrative brokerage firm to become a detective. On his very first case, and to the horror of his wife, Karen, and his two crazy neighbors, Suzy and Stan, the Flemming living room begins to fill up with dead bodies. Karen is further annoyed when one of them turns out to be her father. Even though Henry keeps showing up at home every day more disheveled and beaten up, he couldn't be happier. Henry is convinced he's found his life's work and Westport, Connecticut is safer for it.

For more details about the auditions please contact the box office or visit our website at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com). Scripts and sides are available for perusal on our website (sides only) or at the Box Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays. For additional information call (941) 475-6756.

## OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT



For the third production of its 31st Season, the Lemon Bay Playhouse will present "Over the River and Through the Woods", written by Joe DePietro. This comedy/drama, directed by Peter Ivanov, will open on November 29 and run through December 17, 2017.

Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey. His parents retired and moved to Florida. That doesn't mean his family isn't still in Jersey. In fact, he sees both sets of his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine, until he has to tell them that he's been offered a dream job in Seattle that would take him away from his grandparents. The news doesn't sit so well, and the grandparents do their level best to keep Nick around. That includes bringing to dinner the lovely and single Caitlin O'Hare as bait.

Information and tickets are available online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) or by visiting or calling the Box Office at (941) 475-6756 between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 each. Student tickets are available at \$14 each. Group sales tickets are available at a reduced cost. For information please call the Business Manager at (941) 474-9610

## OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

### LATER LIFE

By A. R. Gurney

Directed by Jenni Elliott

October 18 - November 5, 2017



For the second production of its 31st Season, the Lemon Bay Playhouse will present "Later Life", written by A. R. Gurney. This comedy/drama, directed by Jenni Elliott, opens on October 18 and runs through November 5, 2017.

Austin has spent his entire life convinced that something terrible is bound to happen to him. One night at a party, overlooking Boston harbor, he has the pleasure of rekindling a romance begun almost thirty years ago with Ruth. Comically, and sometimes painfully, these two people rediscover each other and themselves while a bevy of free-spirited other guests rally behind them and remind them of the infinite possibilities that life holds, should one only choose to pursue them.

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Photo by John Bass Photography

The remarkable group of actors selected for "Later Life" pose for a scene photo. Seated in the front row (l to r) are Joanie Anton (Sally, Marion, and Nancy), Jacqueline Wands (Ruth), and Jenifer Lewis (Esther and Judith). Standing in the back row (l to r) are Michael Levasseur (Roy, Ted, and Walt), Will Horton (Austin), and Bob La Salle (Jim and Duane).

## SAVE THE DATE



### LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE

Saturday, December 2, 2017 - from 1:00pm to 3:30pm

A behind the scenes tour with many volunteer opportunities. Join us and learn who we are and how we perfect the art of live community theater.

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opening night are usually filled with anxiety and concerns all their own. Imagine trying to memorize those last few lines, blocking changes and timing nuances of a comedy show like *Annoyance* while going through what the rest of us were going through preparing for Irma?!

Once the theater volunteers emerged from their own homes to survey their own damages, they came to check on the theater. Thankfully, Lemon Bay Playhouse survived Irma with absolutely no physical damage! However, like most of us, it did lose power. According to Bob LaSalle, only one leg of the power input was dead, but that took out all the air conditioners, some lights, and the computers and wi-fi. FPL was busy everywhere else, so Bob and other volunteers ran many extension cords to get the computer and phone in the box office as well as the internet router and wi-fi working. Now at least they could contact ticket holders and get the message out that the theater would be dark. LBP is very grateful to the volunteers that spent hours contacting ticket holders and answering incoming phone calls. It was tough to re-schedule people's chance to see *Annoyance* when no one was sure when power would be fully restored.

In fact, the hardest part about this situation was when partial power was restored, enough to run the A/C in the theater itself and run the theater lights, and everyone rallied and got the show on stage that night (the 14<sup>th</sup>) ... only to have the power go out again the next day! At one point, FPL came out and thought they had the electrical issues all fixed, but when Bob came in he found it hadn't worked and they had to cancel that night's show at the last minute *again*. FPL did come back and fix the problems and we have been up and running and back in business since the 21<sup>st</sup>. Two extra performances were added which helped accommodate most of our cancelled ticket holders, although we did have to process quite a few refunds.

In all, seven performances of *Annoyance* were cancelled. One of the actors commented how difficult it was to stay focused on their character work and remember all the blocking with so much else going on, (including Irma aftermath at home as well as the theater), only to have performances cancelled. It was all so very annoying! But for the rest of us theater-goers, we really appreciated being so entertained by such a hilarious comedy when we finally got to see it. Laughter was exactly what we needed after Irma and watching the cast, crew and team of volunteers rally to support the theater's mission was inspiring as well. Let's hope the rest of our theater season won't be such an *Annoyance*!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA

Well to say the summer was relaxing was far from the truth as Irma made its presence known in our neck of the woods. Of course we are so grateful for the direction it took in the last hours making a direct hit a faded forecast, but much devastation was experienced by our state and we all pray that we will heal from this. Our theater was affected in loss of power, and thus performances, but we still consider ourselves luckier than most.

Readers Theater began the first Monday of the month, October 2, in the theatre lobby at 9:30am. After refreshments our program started at 10:00am. We hope to see our regulars and perhaps some new faces at Readers Theater. There was time to catch up with our theater family at the start of our new season. There was a short meeting after the program to discuss outreach teams for the upcoming season.

See you on the aisle.

Kathy

## FLEX PASS TICKETS ON SALE A GOOD THING JUST GOT BETTER



Since Season Ticket sales have ended there is still a way to save money on the purchase of tickets for this season. If you love live theater then our Flex Subscription (Four Pack) Pass is perfect for you. This is a great way to purchase reduced price tickets if you do not want to attend all shows, are not here for the whole season, or want to give tickets as gifts. The cost for four shows is \$72 per person. That is a 10% savings - \$2 off per ticket. Each Flex Subscription Pass is valid for one ticket to a performance of your choice to any four of our plays you choose.

Flex Pass Subscription tickets may be purchased by visiting the box office. Flex Pass tickets may also be purchased online by visiting our website. Flex Pass Subscription sales will continue as long as four productions are available for purchase.

This season, LBP is again providing you with seven great plays for your enjoyment. If you did not receive the 2017-2018 season brochure for our 31st season plays, Showcase Productions, and Shorts Aloud Festival, be sure to pick one up in the lobby or download it from our website. at: [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com). Individual tickets for all performances and events may be purchased at \$20 each by phone, online, or at the box office. Purchase your tickets for this exciting season as soon as possible for the best available seats. -JPS

## Readers Theater

### 9th Annual Shorts Aloud Festival

Once again, Lemon Bay Playhouse's Readers Theater will be presenting their annual Shorts Aloud Festival. This will be its ninth year, and this popular event is always well attended. A unique form of live theatre, the actors always give the audience a laugh-filled performance with twists and surprises. Show times are February 17 at 7:30 pm and Feb. 18 at 2:00 pm and 7:30pm. Mark your calendars and buy your tickets soon at the special price of \$12.00.





96 W. Dearborn Street  
Englewood, FL 34223

## ***Celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup> Season!*** **2017-2018**

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