



# ST LUKE'S PLAYERS

## Executive 2010-11

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## President's Message

*Jane Guy*

Once again I find myself writing the first newsletter of the new season - our 62nd. Whereas I refuse to believe that summer is almost over, I am excited about getting started on our new season. At the AGM on June 26th, the new Executive was voted in:

President - Jane Guy  
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Members-at-Large  
- Loris Smith  
- Pearl Arden  
- Elizabeth Brimacombe

We are pleased to welcome Lori, Pearl and Elizabeth to the 2010-11 Executive and look forward to a fun and productive year with them on board. On behalf of everyone, I'd like to thank outgoing members Jo Barnes, Bronwyn Taylor, Deb Taylor and Wendy Cornock for all their hard work over the past few years on the Executive. You will continue to see them volunteering for various activities with the Players and we thank them for their continued support and involvement. Special thanks to Bronwyn who has volunteered to continue processing the memberships and season tickets on behalf of the Executive.

Many thanks to Wendy and Dave Cornock for hosting the AGM and BBQ. Only a small group of a dozen members braved the cool, windy

weather but we were able to conduct our business in a timely manner and move onto eating, drinking and socializing. The proposed By-Law changes were approved and election of the new Executive was undertaken. Later in the afternoon, a cheque for \$8,650 was presented to The Rev. Canon Peter Parker in appreciation for St Luke's Church's support for the Players.

We are pleased to announce that Amica at Douglas House will continue as sponsors for our 2010-11 Season.

Thanks to a crew of volunteers, Dave Hitchcock, Elaine Lewis, Jean de Cartier, Neville Owen, Bronwyn Taylor and Elizabeth Brimacombe, who were found on their hands and knees over the summer removing as much of the accumulated paint as possible off the stage.

Rehearsals and set construction for our first play of the season, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, directed by Jon Scheer, are well underway. More information on this production maybe found later in the newsletter.

NEW this season - we will have two Saturday matinees and two Sunday matinees for each production (only one Sunday matinee for *Arsenic and Old Lace* in October).

Jane



## Arsenic and Old Lace - by Joseph Kesselring

Directed by Jon Scheer



Abby and Martha Brewster are two nice, sweet, elderly sisters who treat nice, sweet, lonely old men to a deadly concoction of elderberry wine laced with special ingredients from their grandfather's laboratory. Their nephew Mortimer must try to keep his aunts out of the hands of the local police while debating whether or not to go through with his recent promise to marry the girl next door. Adding to the complications is Teddy who, when not charging up San Juan Hill as Teddy Roosevelt, is burying the yellow fever victims in the Panama Canal locks in the cellar. Then when the criminal brother Jonathan arrives with the strange Doctor Einstein and their own cold companion, Mortimer has to keep from being the next person to permanently go to Panama.

The nice, sweet, elderly sisters are played by Rita Humphreys and Danda Humphreys (not sisters in real life!) supported by a number of actors well known to St Luke's audiences, including Reyna Webb, Mitch Barnes, Gerald Schieven and Alan Ormerod.

*Arsenic and Old Lace* was written in 1939 by American playwright Joseph Kesselring. It has become best known through the 1944 film adaptation. The lead role of Mortimer Brewster was originally intended for Bob Hope, but he couldn't be released from his contract with Paramount. Jack Benny and Ronald Reagan were approached before director, Frank Capra settled on Cary Grant to play the part.

Audiences are sure to enjoy this farcical black comedy that "kicks off" St Luke's Players 2010/2011 Season. Tickets go on sale on September 11 for the 11 performances, including 3 matinees. Don't miss it - ensure that you buy your tickets as soon as you can!!



Having fun during Set Construction:  
Ian Grant, Tony Gilsean, Jean de Cartier, Graham Thomson,  
Neville Owen and Lori Smith in front with "the body"

### SEASON TICKET SUBSCRIBERS

Please note if you are a Season Ticket subscriber, the tickets will be sent to you in September. If you applied without sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (as per the application form) the tickets will be waiting for you at the door at *Arsenic and Old Lace* performances. Unfortunately we can no longer cover the cost of double mailings.



A recent Production meeting for *Arsenic and Old Lace*

## Robinson Crusoe - a traditional panto by John Morley

Directed by Dave and Helena Hitchcock

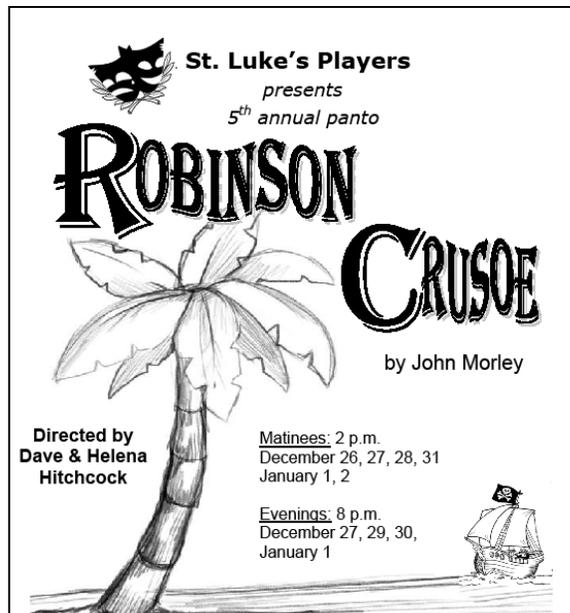
Preparations are well under way for St Luke's Players' 5<sup>th</sup> annual traditional panto - *Robinson Crusoe*, that opens on Boxing Day and runs for 10 performances. Rehearsals start towards the end of October.

The exciting, adventure-packed, story follows Robinson Crusoe, his mum, girlfriend Polly and crew of the Mary Rose on their voyage to Tobago, in the hope of finding hidden treasure. En route Robinson pits his wits against the villainous Blackpatch and his band of bloodthirsty pirates who want the treasure for themselves. Shipwrecked on Tobago they meet Friday and the Islanders, led by their fierce Queen. Don't worry everything ends happily ever after, like all good pantos, and along the way there is plenty of singing, dancing and zany humour, providing fun for the whole family.

Once again, Dave & Helena Hitchcock are directing, Kristen Birley will be looking after the singing & dancing and Bronwyn Taylor will be the Stage Manager. Deb Taylor is the Producer and has already started gathering an impressive production team. People are wanted for the following positions:

- assist the costume mistresses with sewing
- props procurement
- sound and lighting techs
- front of house/concession organizers.

**If you are interested in helping "behind the scenes", please contact her at 250 598 6413 or [debratw@shaw.ca](mailto:debratw@shaw.ca)**



If you have any questions or would like a copy of the script, please contact Dave or Helena (Tel: 250 370 1291 or e-mail: [hitch@shaw.ca](mailto:hitch@shaw.ca)). You will be asked to read from the script and to also prepare a short song to demonstrate your singing ability.

If your preference is to actually appear on stage

### OPEN AUDITIONS

will be held at St. Luke's Hall,  
3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road

**Friday October 1 at 7:30 pm or  
Saturday October 2 at 2:30 pm**

Actors of all ages are needed from young children (6 years old +) to teenagers to adults to seniors!

Refer to St. Luke's Players' website for more information on upcoming plays and to look at photos of your favourite productions from the past.

[www.stlukesplayers.org](http://www.stlukesplayers.org)

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships expired on June 30, 2010. 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.<sup>00</sup> annual membership fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope so your membership card can be mailed to you.

This is the last newsletter that will be sent to non-members.



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## What's Happening Around Town

<p><b>Geoff Davidson</b> and <b>Caroline McKenzie</b> performed in the Shakespeare Society's <i>Richard III</i> over the summer.</p>	<p><b>Jo Barnes</b> will be performing in <i>The Odd Couple (female version)</i> at Langham Court Theatre in October, and <b>Joan Emery</b> is Assistant Stage Manager.</p>	 <p><b>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2010</b>  <b>10:00 AM- 5:00 PM</b>  <b>VICTORIA CONFERENCE CENTRE</b>  <b>CARSON AHLL</b>  <b>FREE ADMISSION</b></p> <p>Explore all the exciting arts organizations this great city has to offer. Local arts and culture organizations will be under one roof to promote their upcoming season, introduce their craft, showcase their unique styles and sell season subscriptions. <b>St Luke's Players will be there - please join us.</b></p>
<p><b>Jesse Setka</b> appeared in ASAP Theatre Company's production of <i>Party Worth Crashing</i> in June/July.</p>	<p><b>Wendy Cornock</b> performed in <i>Requiem</i> produced by Theatre Cordis in August.</p>	
<p>Our set designer extraordinaire <b>Tony Gilsenan</b> has started work on designing the set for Victoria Gilbert &amp; Sullivan Society's upcoming production of <i>The Mikado</i>.</p>	<p><b>Stan Davis</b> did the musical arrangement for the Fringe show <i>The Card-board Castle</i>; and <b>Katya Delancy</b> was involved with the Fringe show <i>Spin</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Jo Barnes, Zoe Brimacombe, Katya Delancey, Nevada Prinz</b> and <b>Rebecca Delancy</b>, appeared in <i>Dial M for Merlot</i>, which was directed by <b>Gerald Shieven</b> and presented by Peninsula Players and Muse Winery in July/August.</p>	<p><b>Joan Emery</b> was Stage Manager, <b>Tony Gilsenan</b> designed the set, <b>Dick Newson</b> was Head Scenic Carpenter, <b>Lori Smith</b> was Backdrop Designer/Artist, <b>Jean de Cartier</b> was in charge of Properties and Set Dressing, and <b>Perry Burton</b> was on Lighting Crew for Langham Court's <i>Perfect Wedding</i> in June.</p>	

**St. Luke's Church**  
**Family Fun Day**

Celebrating 150 years in Cedar Hill  
 Saturday September 11, 2010  
 10 am - 3 pm  
 A free community event for  
 the whole community

Fun activities for the whole family  
 Arts & Crafts  
 Games & Prizes

Please contact Jane Guy at  
[jane-guy@shaw.ca](mailto:jane-guy@shaw.ca) to update us on  
 news of members around town.

**PLAY READING COMMITTEE -  
 VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Pearl Arden is Chair of the Play Reading Committee tasked with reviewing, reading and recommending plays for the 2011-12 season. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, contact Pearl at 250 385 7690 or [reader8@shaw.ca](mailto:reader8@shaw.ca)

**WANTED- LAPTOP COMPUTER**

St Luke's Players is in need of a laptop computer from which to control sound effects during performances. If anyone has an old laptop they wish to donate, please contact Neville Owen (250 592 4285) or Mike Chadwick (250 721 3454). We would be most grateful.

