



ST LUKE'S PLAYERS

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President's Message

Jane Guy

As I sit down to write this, our season has wrapped up for this year with the last matinee performance of *On Golden Pond* yesterday. Sets will be struck tonight and that's that! Well, no, not exactly. The Executive have a busy Summer planned.

Firstly we have the **AGM and BBQ on July 24**, always a fun event. See later in this newsletter for your invitation, and details including a map of the location. Not only is it a chance for members to socialize but it is also the time when a new Executive is voted in. If you are interested in being part of the Executive and planning for the next year, please let the members of our Nominating Committee know - **Dave Hitchcock** (hitch@shaw.ca) or **Elizabeth Brimacombe** (caebrimacombe@gmail.com).

Our most exciting acquisition will be installed over the Summer - new stage curtains. This is something the Executive have been looking at for some time, seeing if we can refurbish the current ones which by the way are 40 years old, or purchase second hand ones. In the end we decided to go "the whole hog" and buy new ones, after all they have a long life span it seems. The Church are delighted as they too had been looking at ways to replace the tired curtains.

Any suggestions on what to do with the old curtains?



We also plan to continue to refurbish the dressing rooms. In the past few years we have installed

new floors and organized the storage of the props, scripts and archives. We are now looking for volunteers to help with ripping out the arborite counters and sinks and replacing them. Contact **Pearl Arden** (reader8@shaw.ca) if you can help or if you are able to buy the materials at cost or a reduced price.

Many thanks to our construction crew led by **Dave Hitchcock** and **Neville Owen** for building pelmets in the Hall windows which over the Summer will be covered in fabric. This was done in time for *On Golden Pond* to block out most of the light that filters in over the top of the curtains.

We are pleased to announce that the plays and directors have been selected for 2011-12. The season is announced later in the Newsletter. Thanks to the Play Reading Committee for taking on this task. It promises to be an exciting year with very talented directors for each show. We are lucky to have so much talent wanting to be a part of St Luke's Players.

Reflecting back on our 62nd Season, it has been a huge success with record attendances. Many thanks to all the folk who took part, both on and off stage. The addition of three more matinees was well received by our audiences and we will continue this format for next year. The offer of seat cushions has also helped with their comfort during the shows.

Enjoy the Summer and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM and BBQ.

Jane



Sinners - by Norm Foster

Directed by Neville Owen

What a delight and how rewarding to direct this play and obviously the audiences enjoyed it, an average of 69 per performance. The excellent cast included **Lisa Lamarre**, **Perry Burton**, **Dave Hitchcock**, **Roslyn Heslop**, **Jeffrey Shultis** and **Connie te Kampe**. As with all successful plays, the production people are to be especially thanked for their hard work. **Sharon Sutherland**, stage manager, kept the cast in order and **Lori Smith**, producer, got the crew working. The set, designed by **Graham Thomson** and decorated by **Cher Owen** and **Virginia Landucci**, was great. The props, **Pearl Arden** and **Elizabeth Brimacombe**, and costumes, **Jean de Cartier** and **Vinnie Chadwick**, added so much. **Max Terpstra** and **Ben Barnes**, designed and ran the lights and sound. Off-stage work was done by **Jane Guy**, **Joanne Frappell** and **Dave Hitchcock**. **Bronwyn Taylor**, ably assisted by **Geli Bartlett**, ran the front of house. Again thank you all for your dedication to providing entertainment to St Luke's Players audiences.

Neville Owen, Director



SINNERS

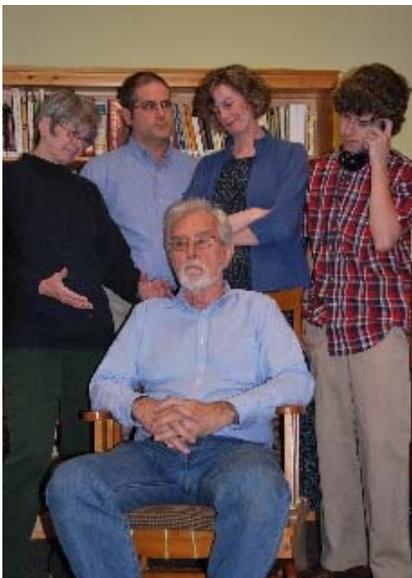


Lisa Lamarre (Monica) seducing Perry Burton (Peter)

On Golden Pond - by Ernest Thompson

Directed by Geoffrey J. Davidson

On Golden Pond wrapped up the 62nd season for St Luke's Players. **Geoff Davidson's** great directing of a wonderful cast made for a successful show that was enjoyed by every audience. The cast members (in the photo below) are: **Dick Newson** (seated), **Geli Bartlett**, **Richard Gauthier**, **Catriona Black** and **Alex Bannister**.



Catriona Black and Rob LeBlanc



Thanks to the very hard working crew who managed once again to pull it all together behind the scenes. Whether building and painting, selling tickets, tea and cookies, or giving a brilliant performance a good time was had by all involved.

Lori Smith, Producer

ANNOUNCING OUR 2011-12 SEASON

NANA'S NAUGHTY KNICKERS

a comedy

written by Katherine DiSavino

directed by Angela Henry

October 12 - 23, 2011

Bridget and her grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favourite Nana in New York for the summer, quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet grandma is running an illegal boutique from her rent-controlled apartment, selling hand-made naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five borough area!

Will Bridget be able to handle the excitement? Will Nana get arrested – or worse – evicted?

I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT

a thriller

written by Peter Colley

directed by Jon Scheer

March 14 - 25, 2012

A young woman, Jan, is brought to a lonely farmhouse by her husband Greg to recover from a nervous breakdown. But frightening things start to happen almost as soon as they arrive. Then Greg's lustful sister, Laura, with whom he seems to have an unnaturally close relationship, appears unexpectedly. There is also George, the rather strange old farmer who lives nearby, with his tales of murders and ghosts in the neighbourhood. And then there are the flickering lights, the mysterious heartbeats, the hand at the window, the blood on the floor, the corpse in the hallway a nightmare, with twist after twist.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

a traditional panto

written by Kate Parry & Karen Dolan-Smith

directed by Dave & Helena Hitchcock

December 21, 2011 - January 2, 2012

Our heroine, Alice, finds herself in Wonderland, together with her Mum, Dame Gladys. They quickly meet up with the White Rabbit, Tweedle Dum & Tweedle Dee, Prince Valentino, Princess Euthanasia and many other familiar characters. Alice attempts to help the people of Wonderland by trying to solve an impossible riddle and overcome the evil King & Queen of Hearts and their scary band of Spooks.

There is plenty of singing, dancing, action, local humour and audience participation, providing fun for the whole family, both on and off the stage!

MURDERED TO DEATH

a comedy/mystery

written by Peter Gordon

directed by Neville Owen

May 23 - June 3, 2012

An hilarious spoof of the best of the Agatha Christie traditions, this "whodunit" twists and turns with side-splitting antics and ever-increasing merriment and confusion, with an assembled cast of characters guaranteed to delight. The play introduces the inept and bungling Inspector Pratt, who battles against the odds to solve the murder of the house's owner.

But will the murderer be unmasked before every one else has met their doom, or will the audience die laughing first?

SAVE MONEY AND PURCHASE A SEASON TICKET

Season ticket application forms are attached or available on the website. To help with costs, please include a self-addressed envelope with your order - tickets will be mailed to you later in the Summer. Advantages are a savings off individual ticket prices and reserved seating, except for the panto. See attached form.

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.

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What's Happening Around Town

<p>Langham Court's recent production of <i>A Month in the Country</i> saw Andrea Pite as Producer, with Elodie Adams performing and Jean de Cartier doing Stage Dressing.</p>	<p>Antoinette Church and Quinn MacTavish are performing in Langham Court's <i>Elizabeth Rex</i> and Perry Burton did Lighting Design. </p>	<p>Gerald Shieven is Director and also acting with Zoe Brimacombe and Jo Barnes in Peninsula Players' play <i>Gone with the Wine</i> at the Muse Vineyard this Summer. </p>
<p>Fringe 2011 - Jo and Mitch Barnes will perform <i>Return to Love</i>; Caroline McKenzie de Korte will perform <i>Smell of the Kill</i>; and Danda Humphreys, Elizabeth Brimacombe and Wendy Cornock will perform <i>Love Letters for Georgia</i>. </p>	<h1 style="color: blue;">WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN</h1>	<p>ACTivate: A Festival for Inspiring Theatre - Jo and Mitch Barnes represented St Luke's Players with <i>Silver Linings</i>; Caroline McKenzie de Korte was in an excerpt from <i>Smell of the Kill</i>; Elaine Lewis was in Target Theatre's Production <i>Dot Con</i>; and Nevada Prinz was in Esquimalt High's <i>Deliver us Not</i>.</p>
<p>An abridged version of Zoe Brimacombe's prizewinning entry in the Young Playwrights Festival was staged at the Belfry's Spark Festival. </p>	<p>Elaine Lewis and new member George Morfitt will be representing St Luke's Players at the BC Senior Games in Nelson in Aug - their entry will be <i>Dinner for One</i>.</p>	<p>Aaron Brimacombe played Claudius in <i>Green Eggs and Hamlet</i>, performed at James Bay and Moss Street Markets with Kate Rubin's Youth Performance Troupe.</p>
<p>Best of luck to Lori Smith who will be moving to Prince George in July. We will certainly miss her and thank her for all her enthusiastic hard work on behalf of SLP, especially as Producer.</p>	<p>At Langham Court's Reader's Theatre, Kathy Macovichuk and Alan Ormerod were in <i>The Ugly Duckling</i>; Elizabeth Brimacombe was in <i>A Brief Encounter</i>.</p>	<p>2011 Shakespeare Festival - Perry Burton will play Claudius in <i>Hamlet</i> and Geoff Davidson has two parts in <i>Comedy of Errors</i>. </p>

ACTivate: A Festival for Inspiring Theatre

St Luke's Players were among eight different local theatre groups that took part in the inaugural ACTivate Theatre Festival held at Langham Court Theatre on May 14 and 15. **Mitch and Jo Barnes** performed their one-act comedy about a couple's disastrous 25th wedding anniversary, *Silver Linings*. The play, written by Mitch and Jo and directed by Terry Rowsell, may be familiar to many of you as it was also performed at our 60th anniversary celebration a few years ago. In addition to the two nights of performances from many theatre groups (including two Victoria high school groups), the festival also featured a variety of workshops and a chance to meet and work with performers of all ages. *Silver Linings* was very well received by the ACTivate audience and we would like to thank everyone in St Luke's Players for their support and giving them the opportunity to represent them.

Mitch Barnes



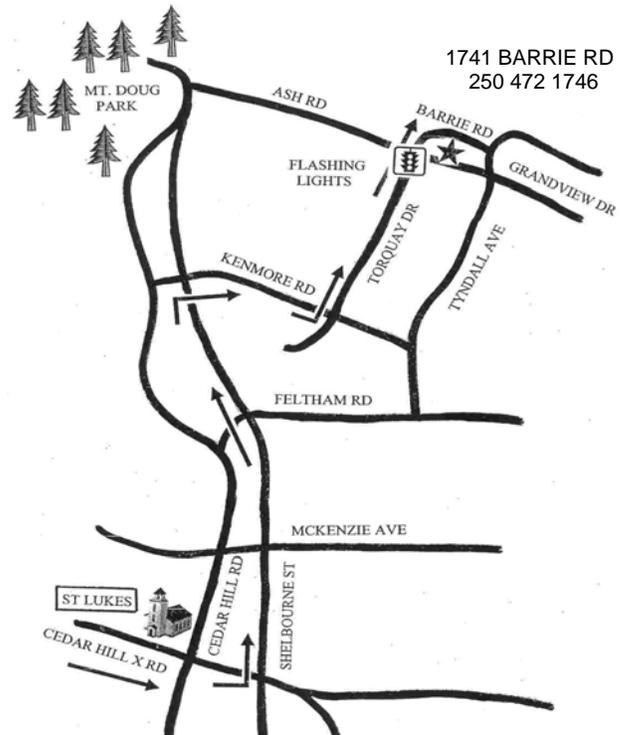
The anniversary couple rehearsing *Silver Linings*.

Members' Bulletin

You are invited
to the AGM and BBQ
on **Sunday July 24** at 3 p.m.
at Jane Guy's house
1741 Barrie Road [in Gordon Head]

Socialize, conduct the AGM business at hand including voting in the new Executive and then have the barbecue.

Bring your own meat to barbecue, a salad or "appie" to share, and your own beverage. The barbecues will be provided.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Anyone want a summer project?

We are wanting to update the dressing rooms. If anyone would have the time to **remove the existing arborite counters and the sinks and replace** them that would be wonderful. If anyone has **access to materials at cost** please let us know. So here's a fun Summer project for someone. The thanks you will receive from those who have to try and clean those broken counters and grotty sinks will overwhelm you.

Let me know.....Pearl Arden, Board Member-at-Large
250-385-7690 or reader8@shaw.ca

WANTED - YOUR OLD LINGERIE

No, this is not a racy advertisement! We are in need of oodles and oodles of lacy or frilly underwear for next Season's first show, *Nana's Naughty Knickers*.

If you have any pieces that your can donate, the condition is not important, please contact **Elizabeth Brimacombe** (caebrimacombe@gmail.com). Any size, any colour, any style.



Amica at Douglas House is pleased to sponsor St Luke's Players' 2010/2011 season and will continue in 2011/2012. For more information go to: www.amica.ca

Annual membership expires on June 30.

Don't miss out! If you wish to be a part of forming the direction of St Luke's Players during the coming year, consider being on the Executive. Only paid up members may be nominated. Only \$5.00. See attached form.