



ST LUKE'S PLAYERS

63rd Season. No. 1

September 2011

Executive 2011-12

President: Jane Guy
Vice President: .. Dave Hitchcock
Secretary: Neville Owen
Treasurer: Mike Chadwick
Members at Large: ... Pearl Arden
..... Rosalind Coleman
..... Elizabeth Brimacombe

St Luke's Players'
Newsletter is published quarterly

Editor: Jane Guy

Direct inquiries or correspondence
for the Newsletter to the Editor

E-mail: jane-guy@shaw.ca

Memberships & Season Tickets
Bronwyn Taylor

Website
Steve Sturgess

For information about
St. Luke's Players go to:
www.stlukesplayers.org

President's Message

Jane Guy

I enjoy this time of year when our new season starts and there is lots of activity and excitement around with folk getting ready for our first production. The new stage curtains are hung; the Hall window pelmets are completed; and, thanks to **Graham Thomson** and **Pearl Arden**, the men's dressing room has received a make-over.

Rehearsals have started for *Nana's Naughty Knickers* and the set is under construction. Before the auditions, we also received a note from Katherine DiSavino, the author, wishing us best wishes.

This is also a time to make sure you renew your membership - after all you would not want to miss out on receiving these newsletters, now would you? Membership renewal forms are attached. If you are interested in season tickets - the best way to go to ensure the best seats and of course a savings on individual prices - a form is also attached.

Due probably to the first glorious day of summer finally arriving, we had a record attendance of 35 at the **AGM and BBQ on July 24th**.

The new **Executive** was voted in:

President - Jane Guy
Vice - President - Dave Hitchcock
Secretary - Neville Owen
Treasurer - Mike Chadwick
Members-at-Large
- Pearl Arden
- Elizabeth Brimacombe
- Rosalind Coleman

We are happy to welcome Rosalind to the Executive and to say many thanks and bid farewell to Lori Smith, who has moved to Prince George. We miss you Lori.

We also presented The Rev. Canon Peter Parker a cheque for \$13,240 in appreciation for St Luke's Church's support for the Players.

Before firing up the BBQs, we were treated to a very polished final dress rehearsal of the one-act play *Dinner for One*, the Players' entry in the BC Senior Games, and performed by **Elaine Lewis** and **George Morfitt** (see more about how they did later in the newsletter).

Thanks to **Steve Sturgess** who continues to do an excellent job of creating and maintaining our website which is awesome. Take a look at photos of past productions and old newsletters and get up to date information about our new season.

Thanks also to **Bronwyn Taylor** who took on the time consuming task of memberships and season ticket sales and increased both of these over the year - an incredible job!

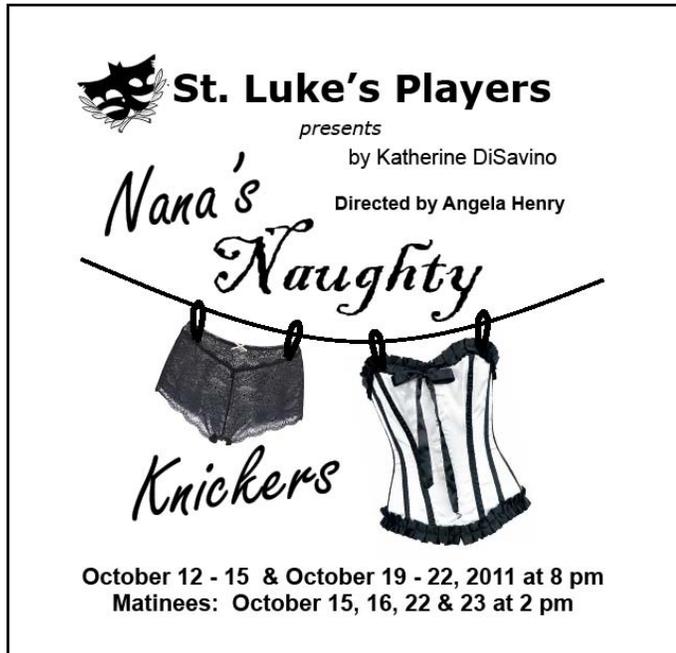
We are delighted that Amica at Douglas House will continue as sponsors for our 2011-12 Season.

Here's to a great Season!

Jane



Nana's Naughty Knickers - a comedy by Katherine DiSavino
 Directed by Angela Henry



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?



Elaine Lewis and Jennifer Ferguson rehearsing

Dear St. Luke's Players -

I believe I saw that you all have auditions this weekend for your production of NANA'S NAUGHTY KNICKERS, and I just wanted to drop you a line and wish you all well! I hope you have a wonderful turn out and a great time.

All best wishes,

Katherine DiSavino
 Author of NANA'S NAUGHTY
 KNICKERS

Elfrida Hamilton, well known among artists in Victoria and the lower island, is painting an original oil for the set. She has had her work entered in the Sooke juried Art Show among many others. The painting will be available for sale after the show. www.elfridasart.blogspot.com

Rehearsals are well underway for *Nana's Naughty Knickers* with some familiar faces - **Rosalind Coleman, Elaine Lewis, Matthew Mathiason, Richard Gauthier.** You may recognize **Jon Scheer** and **Pearl Arden** who are usually behind the scenes at St Luke's but now on the boards. We welcome newcomers **Natalie Munro** and **Jennifer Ferguson** to St Luke's stage and Director **Angela Henry** who needs no introduction to the Victoria theatre community. **Jon Scheer** and **Mike Chadwick** are Co-Producers; **Geoff Davidson** is Stage Manager.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships expired on June 30, 2011. 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 \$5.⁰⁰ 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.

Alice in Wonderland

A traditional panto by Kate Parry & Karen Dolan-Smith

Directed by Dave & Helena Hitchcock

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.

This is a typical British panto with a large cast requiring experienced and inexperienced actors of all ages (8 to 80!!!) There is singing, dancing, plenty of action, comedy, wonderful costuming opportunities and lots of audience participation - providing fun for the whole family, both on and off the stage.

OPEN AUDITIONS

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

**Friday September 16 at 7 pm or
Saturday September 17 at 2 pm**

Actors of all ages (8 to 80) are needed

Come prepared to demonstrate your talents!

For a script contact Dave & Helena
250 370 1291 or hitch@shaw.ca

REHEARSALS

Most, if not all, rehearsals will be at St Luke's Hall. Rehearsals start on October 17. They are from 7.00 to 9.30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, although you won't be required for all rehearsals. A rehearsal schedule will be provided.



AMICA[™]
at Douglas House

Amica at Douglas House is pleased to sponsor St. Luke's Players' 2011/2012 season.

For more information go to: www.amica.ca



St. Luke's Players

6th annual panto

by Kate Parry & Karen Dolan-Smith

Alice in **WONDERLAND**

Directed by Dave & Helena Hitchcock



Evenings: Dec 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 & Jan 1 at 8 pm
Matinees: Dec 26, 27, 31 & Jan 1, 2 at 2 pm

PERFORMANCES

There are a total of 12 performances:

Evenings: December 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 & January 1

Matinees: December 26, 27, 31 & January 1, 2

All performances are at St Luke's Hall

PRODUCTION CREW

With such a large production, St Luke's Players is always looking for volunteers to help with the many off-stage tasks. Whether set construction, set painting, costumes, props, lighting, sound, publicity, front of house, concession etc. etc. - WE NEED YOU!

So please consider getting involved, either on or off the stage, with this production. We guarantee that you will have a lot of fun!!! For further information at any time please contact Dave or Helena at 250 370 1291 or hitch@shaw.ca

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

What's Been Happening

St. Luke's Players Brings Home the Gold



St. Luke's Players entered the BC Seniors' Games One-Act Play competition this year, and we won the gold medal! The play, *Dinner for One*, starred **George Morfitt** and **Elaine Lewis**. Not only did *Dinner for One* win the Gold Medal for best production, but George won Best Actor and Elaine Best Supporting Actor. Although the adjudicator, Laurie Jarvis, had lovely things to say about the show, she did not award Gaylord Gnu honourable mention for best rug. Credit goes to Neville Owen for suggesting *Dinner for One* as a suitable entry for the competition and for coming up with creative and intelligent ways to stage it.



The One-Act Play competition took place in Nelson in August at the beautiful Capitol Theatre. The props and costumes were taken to Nelson by George and Elaine in Rubbermaid boxes nicknamed "theatre in a box." The large set pieces – dining table and sideboard - were provided by the One-Act Play coordinator in Nelson, Margaret Stacey, who kindly moved her dining room furniture to the Capitol Theatre for George and Elaine to use as a set. Elaine's partner, Judy Bell, acted as stage manager and got everything in place for the show.

The BC Seniors' Games One-Act Play competition was a huge amount of fun for those involved; the Seniors' Games are an enjoyable and interesting four days with competitions in everything from bridge and dragon boating to table tennis and track and field. Next year the Games will take place in Burnaby, and St. Luke's Players may want to consider entering the One-Act Play competition again.

Elaine and George

Check out our new stage curtains!

These arrived over the summer and a group of volunteers set about hanging them.



What's Coming Up



**St. Luke's Players
2011-12 Season**

NANA'S NAUGHTY KNICKERS

a comedy
written by Katherine DiSavino
directed by Angela Henry

October 12 - 23, 2011

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

a traditional panto
written by Kate Parry & Karen Dolan-Smith
directed by Dave & Helena Hitchcock

December 21, 2011 - January 2, 2012

I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT

a thriller
written by Peter Colley
directed by Jon Scheer

March 14 - 25, 2012

MURDERED TO DEATH

a comedy/mystery
written by Peter Gordon
directed by Neville Owen

May 23 - June 3, 2012

Please contact Jane Guy at jane-guy@shaw.ca
to update us on news of members around town.

St. Luke's Church

Fantastic Fun Day

**Saturday
September 10, 2011
10 am - 2 pm**

3821 Cedar Hill X-Road



**games
& prizes**



Bouncy Castle



**lunch &
refreshments**

**Fun activities for you
and your family!**



**guided
tours**

Our heritage building will be open all day
with volunteers available to answer your
questions, or join a guided tour of the
historic cemetery at 11:00 am or 1:00 pm.



**arts &
crafts**

PLAY READING COMMITTEE - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Play Reading Committee is tasked with reviewing, reading and recommending plays for the 2012-13 season. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, contact Jane Guy at 250 472 1746 or jane-guy@shaw.ca

SAVE MONEY AND PURCHASE A SEASON TICKET

Season ticket application forms are attached or available on the website. Advantages are a savings off individual ticket prices and reserved seating (except for the panto). See attached form.

To help with costs, please include a self-addressed envelope with your order - tickets will be mailed to you in September. If you have already applied without sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, the tickets will be waiting for you at the door at *Nana's Naughty Knickers* performances. Unfortunately we can no longer cover the cost of double mailings.