

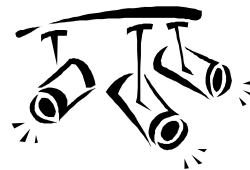


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A Word From The President.....



Paul Hyatt

Most of my letter to patrons appearing in the "Scandal Point" program also pertains to our members. Since many of you will actually see the play before complete programs are available, I've been asked to run it in this newsletter too. It follows:

Dear Friends,

This is my last message as President, so I'm going to be a bit personal.

Lemon Bay Playhouse was organized and began play production in a small 40 seat theatre with the 1987-1988 season. I became an active participant as soon as I moved here in 1989 and I've been at it ever since, in every capacity possible.

It has been a real honor to serve as a Trustee for most of these last 19 years and as President, off and on, for almost half of them. It has also been exciting.

During its short life LBP has been an amazing success story. We first outgrew our original storefront location down the street and now we're quickly outgrowing this present one. So we've begun to plan for the development of a beautiful new and much bigger theatre for the future.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Lemon Bay Playhouse will take place on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, Englewood, Florida

General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting will start with a pot luck supper at 6 p.m. in the Green Room, followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium on March 27th .

This is a great opportunity to meet our new Trustees, learn more about our future, express your ideas and make suggestions.

Our membership is now at an all time high of over 200 members and growing. This has always been a fun event to start the new year. Any questions, call Mary Lou Ardrey at 475-5756.

Excerpts from the Board of Trustees minutes of the January 31, 2006 meeting.

At the next Annual Meeting on March 27 at 7:00 PM, Nominating Committee Chair Rosie Tremo will present a new slate of Trustees. Four seats were up for election this year and four nominations were submitted. V.P. Mary Lou Ardrey will remain on the Board for a second term; new Trustees will be Jim Hanushek, Murray Fitzhugh and Janet Landis. Trustees continuing their terms are: Bob LaSalle, Paul Phillips and Rosie Tremo. Biographies of new Trustees will be available at the meeting.

Director Sheila Heil has volunteered to chair the Intermission Series for the '06-'07 season. Trustee Mary Lou Ardrey recently resigned from that position.

Thanks to a suggestion from Russ Johnson, Box Office Acting Manager, an outdoor, glass enclosed, lockable bulletin board will be installed on the building next to the ticket window for public notices.

BACKSTAGE WANTS YOU

The Lemon Bay Playhouse will host a Backstage Open House to recruit new volunteers on Saturday, March 11 from 1-3 p.m. at the theatre, 96 W. Dearborn Street.

Representatives of the theatre will explain the volunteer opportunities backstage—from stage managing to crew work to operating the light and sound boards.

“Experience isn’t necessary,” says Bob La Salle, current production manager and a volunteer himself. “All a volunteer needs is a desire to learn a new skill, to meet new people and to contribute some time to help make theatre happen in our community.”

Lemon Bay Playhouse, Englewood’s only community theatre, was founded in 1987 by a group of local theatre enthusiasts. The group purchased and moved into their current building on West Dearborn Street in 1995.

The playhouse produces a subscription series of six plays each season, September through July.

Tickets and information are available by calling the box office at 941-475-6756.

Sponsorship Contract Program

Sue Pavlat and Russ Kyper are seeking replacements on the Playbill/Sponsorship Committee. Sue is here for only six months, or for only three plays and needs to step down. Russ would like to give up the position as he is quite involved with the expansion program. Both Sue and Russ agree it would be to the best interest of Lemon Bay Playhouse and the advertisers if there were only one person, a full time Florida resident holding this position.

This position consists of contacting existing advertisers/sponsors and seeking new sponsors should a current sponsor decide not to renew their contract. Additional responsibilities include getting the sponsor’s camera artwork to the printer on schedule, collecting the balance due for the contract fee and presenting the complimentary opening night tickets to the sponsor. Sue and Russ will present guidelines in calendar form to make this position an easy transition.

Please contact Russ Kyper 474-7632 or Sue Pavlat 474-9797 for more information.

Lemon Bay Playhouse Presents “Scandal Point” by John Patrick

Although Joy Desmond awaits her husband’s release from prison, she has not lacked for male companionship in his absence. Their lawyer, Bruno Capra, has moved in with her, and they have made plans to do away with the husband and retain his fortunes. Since Dr. Desmond is an eminent herpetologist, their plan includes a venomous snake. Opening March 8, “Scandal Point” runs through March 26. This production is directed by Mary Lou Ardrey.



The cast includes: Left to right, Robert Jeffs, Monica Doherty, Brian Gates and Dr. Wil Horton.

An important new outreach program designed to make community leaders more aware of the LBP and its contributions to Englewood’s artistic enrichment was launched at the opening performance of “Office Hours” in January. A group of eight invitees attended a special “get acquainted” wine and cheese reception held at the theatre from 7-8 p.m. and enjoyed the show as our guests.



Guests at the reception included Realtor Rex Govorchin, Paul Hyatt, President of Lemon Bay Playhouse, Karen Govorchin and Joan Harms.

The world premiere of “Sin, Sex and the CIA” by Michael and Susan Parker continues to unfold. This week, Michael has given us some of the publicity being put forth for his play and a sketch of the set specifically designed for our stage. “Sin, Sex and the CIA” will open at Lemon Bay Playhouse for the first time anywhere on August 15th. Auditions for the production will take place at the playhouse on July 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., so put that in your calendars. Bear in mind that Lemon Bay Playhouse and the cast of this production will appear in every script that is distributed by Samuel French, Inc. We are privileged to be the recipients of this distinct honor and hope that this production will do justice to Lemon Bay Playhouse, its members and volunteers.

Open auditions will be held March 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. for THIS DAY AND AGE, a comedy by Nagle Jackson. This sophisticated comedy deals with the empty nester’s greatest nightmare: when the grown up chickens return home to roost. There are roles available for three men and three women, ages 20 through 60. The play will run May 3-21 with performances Wednesdays through Sundays. Frank Drake is directing. For more information call the box office at 941-473-8937 or visit the website at lemonbayplayhouse.com.

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As our reputation for high quality amateur theatre spread throughout this area, our box office has had to constantly hurry to keep up with demand. Over 10,000 people paid to see productions on our stage during the last 12 months and all six of the scheduled plays we produced in that time period have been complete sellouts. Several hundred more people were entertained by our traveling Readers Theatre in a variety of locations and on the radio.

But even though our growth has been phenomenal it has also been healthy and sustainable. Other theatre companies in this part of Florida look at our rock-solid financial reports with envy. We bought this building in late summer of 1995, completely remodeled it and then burned the mortgage on September 30, 2001. Six years.

Still, our greatest asset isn’t shown on the balance sheet because it is made up of all the wonderful people who have contributed to the nurturing of this unique, home-grown arts institution. Bright, talented individuals keep joining our cadre of inspired volunteer workers. More and more actors come here now for a chance to perform on our stage. And our patrons—that’s all of you who are reading this—have been absolutely magnanimous in the steady support and generosity they have showered upon us.

Getting to know, collaborate with and become friends with all of you has been richly rewarding for me. Thanks for the memories.

Paul Hyatt, President

For Our Great Volunteers

Doreen Barnett, our “hostess with the mostest” announced that the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. This special event will be catered, once again, by Gary Miller. There will be many surprises (as usual), entertainment skits, and recognition of some of our outstanding volunteers. Mark the date and time in your calendar. This is a fun event for everyone.