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Thoughts from Menopositive about our Volunteers....

How Community and Serendipity pulled the Costumes Together for this show.

Every Monday unless it's a holiday Verna Templer, Norma?, Barbara Taylor, Barbara Horscroft, Nancy Kerr and Joyce, gather at the Henley Arcade in Cobourg. They are the ladies of the arcade – a group of women, (many of them well into their seventies and eighties), who volunteer their time to maintain the costumes for Northumberland Players. If it wasn't for them there wouldn't be a well preserved collection of period costumes available to Players as well as to local Churches, High Schools and any Theatre group that wants to put on a play. Nancy and Norma helped me dig through a large selection of floral hats, blouses, sequin outfit and dresses.

Norma searched for a long time for a skirt she knew was there.

Nancy sewed for the show and magically made a size 10 dress fit a size 14.

Barbara Horscroft made 4 beautiful trench coats.

Verna Templer ordered character shoes for the actors.

When I needed seamstresses Valerie Russell called Suzanne Mess who recommended Giselle Butcher, Maureen Holloway, and Barbara Taylor. Even though Barbara Taylor was going away on holiday for ten days she took what she could to alter.

Giselle Butcher made dress 2 sizes larger, made a bolero jacket out of a dress and did many alterations.

Maureen Holloway made a vest and a bolero Jacket

My friend Sheila Eby, a fellow Dragon Boater came on board to make three metallic fringe vests and work as a dresser.

My friend Chris Greatrex recommended a friend of his Carol Stock and she made a skirt out of ties.

Cathy Nevin agreed to dress and Bernadette...., has come on as a novice dresser. None of these costumes would have happened without a community of volunteers. I am truly thankful to all these people.

Visit the arcade sometime it is truly a gem in this area of Cobourg. You may even feel like staying to help.

Delphine White



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2008/2009 Season

Any Wednesday by Muriel Resnik (Director and Producer in place)

October 17,18,19 ,24, 25, 26, 30, Nov 1,2 2008

Best Western Dinner in Dinner Theatre

On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson (Director in place)

January 2009 - 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Feb 1, 6, 7, 8

Best Western Dinner Theatre

Musical at Victoria Hall—Stay Tuned.....April 2009..

The Affections of May by Norm Foster

April 2009 - 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3

Best Western Dinner Theatre

Musical TBA

February 27, 28, March 1,5,6,7 2009

Capitol Theatre, Port Hope

Directors, Producers, Stage Managers are required for the above . If you are planning your volunteer hours for 2008 / 2009, scripts are available to read upon request.

Stay tuned for AUDITION information in upcoming Encore Newsletter!

Submissions for Musical are being accepted by the board until May 15, 2008. If you have a musical in mind that you would like to direct please submit the information by this date for consideration.

It is hoped that our FireHall space will be up and running by fall. Negotiations with the town about the electrical upgrade are happening now and the electricity and air-conditioning will be going forward. Therefore we would like to start the play readings in the Firehall space by September. If you have a play you would like to perform as a reading we can order a script and cast choice is by choice not audition...it is a great way to try out work that could possibly become a full production...think about it....

Audition Call

For the October/ November Dinner Theatre production of

Any Wednesday by Muriel Resnick

The Best Western Cobourg Inn and Convention Centre

October 17,18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 30, November 1,2 2008

Auditions: Tuesday, June 10 and Thursday June 12 at 7:30 pm

Firehall Theatre 213 Second St. Cobourg

Cast of 4 characters includes:

Ellen: female turning 30 -- charming perky mistress of John, would-be artist

Cass: male 35-45ish -- good humoured, co-owner of company bought out by John's company

John: male 45-55ish -- successful tycoon, selfish, dynamic, ruthless, high society

Dorothy: female 45-55ish -- John's wife, elegant, finishing school grad, high society

Produced by Helen Matthew, Directed by Brenda Worsnop

Board Bios

Cathy Nevin

Three years ago, prompted by a long time desire to do theatre as well as encouragement from a co-worker involved with the Players, I drove to the Firehall for my first ever audition; *More Work Than a Puppy*. While at the time I thought I might be crazy, I now believe I would certainly have been crazy had I chickened out. I shed some 'shy', learning with and most definitely from an amazing cast and crew!

I am married to a wonderful husband, John; a set-builder for the Players and am mother to three amazing children - daughter Ashley; 15 and two sons, Chris; 19 and Alex; 21. I must credit my younger son to some degree for finally taking steps to the stage as he was already involved with Northumberland Players and quite enjoying the experience.

With a background in Early Childhood Education I work with the Childrens YMCA-Ontario Early Years Programs which includes some traveling to various centres throughout Northumberland County. When I do travel I enjoy having my camera along and keep an eye out for interesting photo opportunities. My co-workers will attest to having passed me by at roadside upon return home from staff meetings!

My list of interests is quite lengthy and what I find so wonderful about being part of the theatre is the various areas of skills/talents you have the opportunity to learn and be challenged by.

Now as a part of this board there are more opportunities to jump in and help build on what already makes this a strong and vibrant organization. It's a challenge to find where your strengths lie and how to bring them to the table as part of a team all working toward the same community minded goal. I am very happy to be here!

Carol Anne Caswell

Carol-Anne Caswell started the first Halfway House in Canada for adult female offenders under the auspices of the Elizabeth Fry Society as live-in housemother and counselor.

She was Secretary to Special Assistants, to four Federal Cabinet Ministers during the Trudeau Years.

While living in the near north, in the 90s, Carol-Anne was very involved and active in community development as Director; Acting President for The Mattawa and District Metis Aboriginal Association.

She is a Social Service Worker, Therapeutic Touch Practitioner and Reflexologist. Carol-Anne volunteers at the PrimRose Donkey Sanctuary in Roseneath.

Carol-Anne wants to encourage 'playwriting'.

Please watch the web-site for our first Playwriting contest - beginning May 2008!



MENOPOSITIVE-THE MUSICAL! WAS MARVELLOUS!

Above is the fabulous cast from Menopositive-The Musical! which played to sold-out audiences at Victoria Hall last month. The show received rave reviews; congratulations to everyone on a job well done.

From left to right:- Claire Russell, Heather Stubbs, Kim MacNeil, Helen Matthew, Sharon Keates, Taelor Dunn, Christine Button.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of **My Husband's Wild Desires Almost Drove Me Mad**...they still have one more weekend to go. Fabulously funny! If you haven't seen it yet, you should go! The show stars Richard C. Hill, Laurie Hoover, Ian Griffiths, Terry Stopps, and Amber Mackey. Directed by Shannon Oliver; Produced by Victor Baitley. Set and Costumes by Cyd Deming.

Cudos...to the cast and crew of Not Now Darling...record numbers of audience patrons, clever. fast paced staging, thoroughly enjoyed by all...the cast seemed to be having as much fun as the audience! Directed by Chris Worsnop and produced by Nancy Little...Congratulations!

Congratulations, to the cast and crew of **Urinetown**. Despite some extremely BAD weather, the show did turn a profit of \$4,000! This ambitious and edgy project Directed by Jack Boyagian and Produced by Michael Lombo was slick, creative and a pleasure to watch!

The Northumberland Players welcome all the Members of Cast and Crew and hope to see you all again for the upcoming season! Well done All!!!!

It was a wonderful season....many thanks

ENCORE! April/May 2008

Attention : The First in our series of Workshops for 2008/09

DATE

Saturday, September 6, 2008, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

LOCATION

Rotary Room, The Cobourg Public Library, 200 Ontario Street, Cobourg

(Please see map attached. Turn left one short block south of King, onto Ontario, then immediately left again into parking lot.)

COST

\$35.00 payable in advance by cheque to "The Northumberland Players".

Fee is refundable up to 7 days prior to date of workshop

Mail cheque and registration information to:

MAXIMUM # OF REGISTRANTS : 15

Chris Worsnop

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CONTENT

a.. The details of a job description for Sound Designers/Operators

b.. How to use the sound editing freeware called AUDACITY (<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/>) + information on some \$\$ sound editing software programs

c.. How to locate and download free sound effects from the Internet (www.findsounds.com)

d.. Some tricks for adjusting sound files so that they sound best

e.. Compiling and burning a CD

f.. Some important technical details about burning CD discs for use in theatre equipment

g.. How to prepare a sound cue sheet

h.. What to expect during Hell Week (setting levels, cue to cue, tech rehearsal)

Participants will need to bring a laptop (Windows) computer, with CD drive. The workshop room is an Internet "Hotspot" so a laptop with wireless Internet connection would be ideal, but not essential.

The workshop leader will be Chris Worsnop.

SUPPORT THE FIREHALL THEATRE RENOVATION FUND



A wall of names!

My dream is to see a wall of over 200 names engraved for permanent display inside the theatre. For as little as \$100 (yes, we will accept more) your name will be on this wall. You will be a part of this legacy. Perhaps you would like to give a family member a gift or donate the engraving in memory of a loved one. Names will be on permanent display. A tax receipt will be provided and we will all be on this symbolic wall as a celebration of our achievement.

JACK BOYAGIAN, President
Northumberland Players

Phone The FireHall Theatre at
905 372 -0577 to give your support.

Special thanks to the "Ontario Trillium Foundation" for their generous contribution to this project.





It was 'definitely' a marvellous night for a **MOONDANCE!**

Many thanks to all the Players who contributed their time to make this event such a success! Also, thanks to our generous Sponsors:

- ❖ *Acanthus Interiors,*
- ❖ *Canadian Business Computers,*
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- ❖ *Rousseau's Fine Furniture,*
- ❖ *Thomas Philip Enterprises, Human Resources Consultant*
- ❖ *Via Rail Canada (long time members Borden and Barbara Jean Taylor submitted the winning bid for this incredible package! Congratulations!)*

The activity on the dance floor was certainly an indication of how great the music was and **PHLO** was a big plus to this fundraiser! An appearance by **Elvis** and the cast of **Urinetown** was an added bonus!

The desserts were 'incredible' and we were overwhelmed by the response from our members and friends.

We sold over **100 tickets** and raised **\$5,209.64** towards the renovation of the Firehall. This space is going to be amazing when we're done!

Watch your Encore Newsletter for details about the **2nd Annual Moondance** taking place in late January or early February 2009!!

Thank you again,

Your Moondance Committee:

Tom Payne, Doug Dewell, Lois Skyvington, Lynne McCall, Marcie Polson, Doris Rasmussen, Mary Jo Curtis, Shannon Oliver, Helen Matthew.

A special **thank you** to Allyson Demoe for creating the gorgeous background for the poster and the dancers logo that graced merchants' windows in this area and beyond!