

Driftwood Players

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Jane Mezera Retiring

The 2012-2013 season of the Driftwood Players is dedicated to Jane Mezera, who we are honored to have worked with these many years.



Jane Mezera recently announced that she is retiring from the Driftwood Players' Board of Trustees. Jane's history with the Driftwood Players is the history of the Driftwood Players. She has been a board member for many, many years having joined the theater in the spring of 1960. Over this time, she has held so many titles (including President) that the list of positions she hasn't held is shorter than those she has.

Trained as a kindergarten teacher, with minors in drama and English, Jane was also trained in childrens theater and backstage skills. She worked in the theater at the University of Hawaii.

She joined the Driftwood Players while we were in our first building in Cosmopolis. Using borrowed space from Weyerhaeuser, the building didn't have a great heating system and sometimes required actors to leave the building (in

their shorts) to make their entrance due to a lack of corridors. Jane was quickly elected Treasurer when the previous office holder moved out of town.

Eventually, Weyerhaeuser give the Driftwood \$1000 to leave the building and the theater settled into the old Swedish-Finn Hall in Hoquiam. This building served as the Driftwood's home for a number of years, notorious for its leaking roof and basement. Despite the shortcomings this building had, the players entertained many audiences and developed quite a following.

In 1979, Jane was awarded the Driftwood Players' most prestigious award, the Service Award for her work.

In the early 1980s, the Driftwood Players were given the opportunity and the community rallied to purchase and convert our current building, the former Christian Scientist Church. Jane has referred to our current building as a Cadillac compared to our previous jalopy.



Throughout the years, Jane has been known for her class and grace, and is well respected throughout our community.

In addition to acting in a number of plays and working in all of ways supporting their production, Jane has directed 31 shows, some plays and some musicals. The most recent of these shows was The Unsinkable Molly Brown.

Jane has said that she will continue to work front of house as she is able.

Please join us in thanking Jane for her many years of service!

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Annual Holiday Party



The December Board Meeting will be a potluck and party!

Everyone is invited to bring a dish and have a good time. Pop will be provided. The meeting, okay, party will be in the lobby of the theater at 6:30 on Monday, December 3rd.

Excursion Fare

Comedy / Drama

Winner of the 17th annual American College Theatre Festival, this play shows a way station to eternity that houses people whose bodies have never been found. With Amelia Earhart, Michael Rockefeller, Ambrose Bierce and Jimmy Hoffa are a young man whose car caromed down a mountain and a girl who jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge. All have some hope for what is yet to come, even those who abandoned all hope entering here. There are games and contests, some comic, some deadly serious, including the last one which determines why they fear facing their destinies in eternity.



Excursion Fare plays Fridays and Saturdays on November 17, 23, 24, 30, December 1, 7 and 8 at 7:30pm and Sunday Dec. 9 at 1:30pm.

Flood Repair Update

As many of you know, the theater experienced a flood in August as a result of a burst water line in the backstage kitchen. Quick action stopped any further running of water and cleanup efforts began immediately.

The restoration process involved the patching and painting of a few ceilings and many walls. Also there were some damaged floors in the backstage area and in the down-

stairs shop. This damage resulted in the need for asbestos abatement, replacing flooring and replacing the carpets in the back hall and stairs.

This resulted in the removal of all items from the shop area (including tools and materials) while building the set for Excursion Fare. Fortunately, the set crew has risen to the occasion and built a beautiful set in these circumstances.

Fortunately, insurance has covered most of the damage and the building is looking beautiful.

In a related note, the roof is at the point that it needs to be replaced. Due to the generosity of our donors over the past few campaigns, the funds have been raised and a contractor has been selected to do this work as soon as weather permits. Thank you to everyone that keeps our theater beautiful!

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the cast, crew and musicians of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee for their successful run this fall. This musical comedy with touches of audience participation and adolescent angst delighted many full houses. The show served as our Champagne Opener and a great time was had by all. Great job!



Thank you volunteers!

On Saturday, September 8th, many volunteers descended on the Driftwood for our annual clean-up day. Many hours of work were put in to get our theater ready for our 2012-2013 season. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that made the theater beautiful inside and out!



Judy Ball
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2012-2013 Season

September 2012

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music and Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman
Directed by Robert Neisinger

November/December 2012

Excursion Fare

By Dennis Smith
Directed by Dave Lund

April/May 2013

God of Carnage

By Yasmina Rexa
Directed by Ben Hohman

February/March 2013

The House of Agatha Mystrie

By Robert A. Allen
Directed by Jason Whited

July 2013

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)

By Jess Borgeson, Adam Long and Daniel Singer
Directed by Steven Puvogel

Audition Alert!

Auditions for "The House of Agatha Mystrie" by Robert A. Allen will be December 17 & 18 at 7pm at the theater. Parts for 5 male and 5 female characters. Performance dates are in February and March 2013. Director Jason Whited can be contacted by e-mail at jw_tribute@yahoo.com.

Ms. Mystrie, the famous and prolific mystery writer, gathers a group of the world's finest (and most peculiar) detectives at her



home for a weekend of rollicking and relaxation. Once all together, Ms. Mystrie convinces them all to solemnly promise not to solve any mystery for two whole days. Unbeknownst to Ms. Mystrie (and everyone else), each of them has decided to find a way to find the murderer without solving the mystery.

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Set Building Volunteers

The Driftwood Players are looking for volunteers to help with set building for upcoming shows. There are many fun and exciting sets coming up. No previous experience is necessary, but there are a wide variety of ways to use your individual skills. Whether it's construction skills, painting or even just helping to clean up as we go along, working on the set crew is a great opportunity to have a lot of fun, be a part of the show, get your name in the program and meet some great people! To volunteer for upcoming sets, contact set trustee Steven Puvogel at steven@puvogel.net or 268-3036. If you have been a part of the set crew before, but your contact info is not up to date, contact Steven so that he may update it and keep you informed of upcoming build times.



Annual Membership Renewal

Please cut out and return with your dues for the 2012-2013 season.

Individual—\$8.00 or Family—\$12.00

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