
Driftwood Players

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The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Champagne Opener)

In addition to production costs for the 2012-2013 season, several major projects are needed to preserve, maintain and operate the Driftwood Theater. Our 2012-2014 "wish list" of projects include:

- Replace roof—\$45,000
- Replace boiler/furnace—\$5,000
- Lighting and production equipment upgrades—\$15,000
- Total 2012-2014 Sustaining Fund Goal—\$65,000

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The Driftwood Players are holding their biennial gala Champagne Opening on Saturday, September 15th. This fundraising event will raise the curtain on our 2012-2013 season. We have a special evening of entertainment planned that begins with champagne and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm, followed by The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at 7:30 pm. Wine and appetizers continue throughout the evening.

Our volunteer organization cannot cover the cost of maintaining our beautiful theater on the ticket prices alone. For this reason, every two years, we ask you to join us in becoming a contributor to the **Driftwood Players Sustaining Fund** to keep the dream of high quality live theater in a beautiful setting alive.

All of our contributors are

acknowledged in each of the programs during the next two seasons.

Directed by Robert Neisinger, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a Tony Award winning musical where six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely manage to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

Additional performances include September 21, 22, 28 & 29 at 7:30 pm and three matinees on September 16, 23 & 30 at 1:30 pm.

Tickets to the gala Champagne Opening are sent to patrons that make a contribution of \$50 or more. Donation forms can be printed at <http://tinyurl.com/driftwood-donation>. For more information contact President Debbie Scoones at debbie.scoones@comcast.net.

Cast:

- Jerrod Phelps (Chip)
- Patty Sundstrom (Swartzy)
- Ben Hohman (Coneybear)
- Alex Eddy (W. Barfee)
- Megan Kelly (Marcy)
- Debbie Scoones (Olive)
- Christine Hill (Rona)
- Gary Morean (Panch)
- Ken Albert (Mitch)

Orchestra:

- Piano - Merry Jo Zimmer
- Keyboard/Flute - Beth Ginther
- Cello - Jenny Leighton
- Percussion - Jeff Protheroe

Season Tickets

Season tickets can now be ordered by contacting Sue Keltner at (360) 532-8243 or jlkeltner@techline.com.

For just \$60, choose the performances you would like to see each of the following shows:

- The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling

Bee, directed by Robert Neisinger, September 2012

- Excursion Fare, directed by Dave Lund, Nov./Dec. 2012
- The House of Agatha Mystrie, directed by Jason Whited, Feb./March 2013

• God of Carnage, directed by Ben Hohman, April/May 2013

• The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), directed by Steven Puvogel, July 2013

2011-2012 Awards Banquet

On June 2nd, the Driftwood Players held their annual Awards Banquet at the Grays Harbor Country Club. The evening was entertainingly hosted by Bryan Blackburn and Cheyenna Carroll. The festivities included entertaining roasts of the directors from the previous season and presentation of awards to the best of the 2011-2012 season.



The Best Actor in a Small Role Award resulted in a tie, with the honors going to Preston Ward of *The Tender Trap* and Dave Foscue for *Flaming Idiots*. The Best

Actress in a Small Role was Heather Egeli in *Glorious*. The Best Supporting Actor was Jason Whited for *Flaming Idiots*, while

the Best Supporting Actress was Linda Thornton for *The Tender Trap*. The Best Actor in a Lead Role was Bryan Blackburn for *Flaming Idiots*, while the Best Actress in a Leading Role was Kathe Rowe for *Glorious*.

Kathe Rowe doubled up her winnings, taking home the Ham Award for *Hot Aging Women*.

The Mabs George Service Award went to Debbie Scoones for her dedication to the theater, and the Betty Butler Award was presented to Jeannie McNeal.

Elections

The Driftwood Board of Trustees held elections at the May meeting and elected the following officers to one year terms:

- President—Debbie Scoones
- Vice President—Jason Whited
- Secretary—John Limitone
- Treasurer—Harold Warren

The following trustees were also

elected to two year terms:

- Front of House—John Hallacy
- Props—Teresa Dubois
- Make-up—Kathe Rowe
- Lights and Sound—Ben Hohman
- Sets—Steven Puvogel
- Newsletter—Jessy Finlayson
- Program—Terry Rogers

Please congratulate and thank these new and continuing trustees and officers for their service to the theater.

Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the theater's green room. The meetings are open and all members are encouraged to attend. The next meeting is Monday, September 3rd.

CATFISH MOON

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Catfish Moon* for their successful run this summer. Directed by Sara Henry with assistance from Mentor Director Ben Hohman, this show delighted audiences with its funny, touching story. It starred Daryl Johnson as *Curly*, Steven Puvogel as *Gordon*, Randall Tremain as *Frog* and Monica Ewing as *Betty*. The visually appealing set



was created by Steven Puvogel and Andrea Vingo, with the help of numerous volunteers.

On August 14th, it was discovered there was a flood in the theater as the 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 is underway and it is not quite known at this point what the long term damage will be for certain. Kudos to Building & Grounds Trustee Gary Morean for his decisive action, preserving our beautiful venue.

Nina Morean

The Driftwood Players lost one of their brightest stars with the passing of Nina (Ingram) Morean. Nina first appeared in 1972's Camelot and went on star in many memorable productions such as The Man Who Came to Dinner, The Philadelphia Story, Lips Together Teeth Apart, A Christmas Carol, I Hate Hamlet, Three Viewings, Bedroom Farce, The Importance of Being Earnest, Rumors, Other Peoples Money, The Vagina Monologues and The Matchmaker to name a few, winning several acting awards along the way.



Nina and Gary Morean won the Mabs George Service Award in 2007.

Nina was very dedicated to the Driftwood Theater, having served as President and Fundraising Chair many times. She beautifully and gracefully represented the theater in our

community.

Nina's infectious smile, stage presence, dedication to theater, spirit and demeanor will be missed by everyone at the theater for many years to come.

Paul Rowe

Longtime volunteer and Driftwood friend Paul Rowe passed away recently. Affectionately known as "Uncle Pudge", he spent many years volunteering at our theater and will be missed by all.



2012-2013 Season Announced

The 2012-2013 season looks to be an exciting time for the Driftwood Players with the following plays :

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

February/March 2013

The House of Agatha Mystrie
By Robert A. Allen
Directed by Jason Whited

April/May 2013 God of Carnage

By Yasmina Rexa
Directed by Ben Hohman

July 2013

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)
By Jess Borgeson, Adam Long and Daniel Singer
Directed by Steven Puvogel

Theater Cleanup

Our annual theater cleanup day is a great opportunity for volunteers to help beautify our building for the upcoming season. This year's cleanup will be on Saturday, September 8th from 10am to 2pm. Please come help, have fun and make a difference in your theater!



Audition Alert!

Auditions for "Excursion Fare" by Dennis Smith will be September 18 & 19 at 7 pm at the theater. Parts for 8 male and 2 female characters. Performance dates are in November and December. Director Dave Lund can be contacted by e-mail at dlund27@centurytel.net.

Set in 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. There are games and contests, some comic, some deadly serious, including the last one which determines why they fear facing their destinies in eternity.

Champagne Opener Volunteers

Visit our website!
www.aberdeendrftwood.com



The Driftwood Players are looking for volunteers to assist with the Champagne Opener on September 15th. Help is needed with set-up, clean-up and take down. This is an excellent opportunity to help the Driftwood Players in our fundraising efforts for the upcoming seasons. Contact Debbie Scoones by e-mail at debbie.scoones@comcast.net. She will forward your information to the chair of the committee you would like to serve on.



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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