

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Life ain’t no dress rehearsal.”



I've been in a reflective mood lately... More and more the words above resonate in my mind for various reasons.

Since my last newsletter, spring finally sprung and many in our Playcrafters theatre family returned from their warm winter retreats while others made plans to move away, closer to relatives in the south; some left suddenly for other reasons. Life is unpredictable.

“It’s so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day minutiae that we quickly lose sight of the big picture. Many, having paused long enough to reflect on where they’ve been, have concluded that they’ve squandered much of their precious time on earth and lost focus on things that really matter in life. The truth is, it’s not that you don’t have enough time to devote to things that matter to you – but rather, the time needed was spent doing something else”.

The preceding is quoted from Frank Sonnenberg’s 2012 online column “Make Time: There’s No Dress Rehearsal in Life.” Which was featured on his blog.

So, may I say to my Playcrafters family, enjoy the beautiful days ahead. Put down the iPad and iPhone; the e-mails can wait. Leave that routine chore you have to do for a rainy day. Make plans to see your friends. Go out and enjoy the beauty and natural resources our special island offers – go to dinner, an outdoor concert, support live theatre – summer’s end comes so quickly.

Amelia Chiamonte

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS



There are always moments in the theatre whether you are sitting in the audience, working backstage, or actually on it, that stay with you more than others.” Over the River and Through the Woods” was one of our most successful productions that left an imprint. Our audiences laughed and cried right along with us as director Debbie D’Amore’s beautiful vision came to life on our stage. With her team of talented actors and technical staff, she created a show that will be remembered for a long time to come.

We know that so much goes into a production and getting it right. We at Playcrafters have a superb team of incredibly hard working folks who volunteer of their time and talents over and over again to bring you the very best live theatre experience we can. “Over the River and Through the Woods” struck a chord that resonated with everyone who came and experienced the magic that live theatre can give. We know that we have a team here that can deliver, and with the support of The Boys & Girls Club, we shall continue to bring you the very best in local theatre. *Laurie Atlas, Board of Directors*

Pictured above L-R Robert Vicchiullo, Amelia Chiamonte, Julia Anne Pulick, Dan Love, Carl DiModugno & Laurie Atlas

MEMORIAL DAY

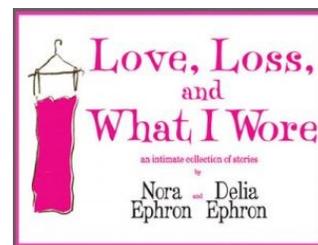


.....and the bands played on! What a great day for this year’s Bellport Memorial Day Parade. Our marchers, (led by Cooper and Scooter) were cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd as we joined the many who came out to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. *Photo courtesy of Bellport.com*

ANNOUNCING PLAYCRAFTERS THEATRE COMPANY’S 2019-2020 SEASON!!

We thank everyone who submitted a play for our consideration and ask that you understand how very difficult it is to choose only two Main stage productions out of so many good works to choose from. After a challenging selection of suggested plays, the Play Reading Committee and our Board are happy to announce our 2019-2020 season.

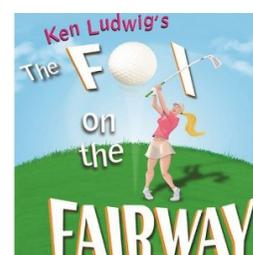
Summer Readers: **LOVE, LOSS and WHAT I WORE**, by Nora Ephron & Delia Ephron, directed by John Simpson– August 24 & 25th



Fall: **LAUGHTER on the 23rd FLOOR**, by Neil Simon, Directed by Bob Kaplan, November 1 – 10



Spring 2020: **THE FOX on the FAIRWAY**, by Ken Ludwig, Directed by Flo Federman – April 24 – May 3, 2020



Check our website at www.bellport-playcrafters.com for all details

PLAYCRAFTERS 2019 SCHOLARSHIP

This year Playcrafters Theatre Company received our highest number applicants in a long time, making our choice a difficult one. The Margaret W. Smith Scholarship was awarded to Mia B. Grossman and Erin Kelly.

The Desmond W. Burke Scholarship was awarded to Alexander Erwin, Shaun Laurinaitis and Tyler Zapata, (pictured below L-R)



Chrisa Burke came out to present the awards giving the class of 2019 and all the scholarship winners an inspiring, encouraging and moving address.

Thank you to all the applicants who expressed interest in our awards and

thank you to those, whose generous donations have made these awards possible. Congratulations and best of luck to our talented and deserving winners.

South Country Radio



The Launch of our 4th Playcrafters Theatre Company radio show returns to the "mystery" genre in our fourth presentation for South Country Radio. Originally presented by Doubleday's Crime Club Series, "The Topaz Flower" aired on April 24, 1947. Log on and listen as the mystery unfolds...

Go to Bellport.com (Bellport's Paperless Newspaper), scroll down the left side bar and click onto *Fun Stuff*. Once the page opens, scroll down again to

South Country Radio and you're one click away to "The Topaz Flower."



LAST CALL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP!

Remember our August Readers Theater is free for members!

Make checks payable to Playcrafters and mail to P.O.Box 452, Bellport, NY.11713.

REMEMBRANCES



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of two cherished members of Playcrafters Theatre Company this spring.

Bill Reynolds, one of our founding fathers, passed away on April 20th. Not only was Bill very active on our executive board for many years, he was a revered English teacher in the South Country school district. He had a clever wit and always a twinkle in his eye. He frequently made a point of coming to our matinees at the Boys & Girls Club before he moved to Florida in 2017. He will be missed. Some of Bill's stage credits include *Bell, Book and Candle*, *Bus Stop* (pictured left w/ Diane Eisier), *Damn Yankees* and *Hello Dolly*.

Carole Kinsey became ill while traveling on her 26th visit to Disney World and passed away on May 5. Carole will always be remembered for her love of traveling. As poll inspectors, I frequently sat with her on Election Day and she would revel in showing me all the photos from her past and planned trips. Carole and her husband Bob have been loyal and supportive members of Playcrafters for over 30 years. Her memorial service on Sunday, June 9th began with **IZ** Kamakawiwo'ole's Ukulele version of "**Over The Rainbow**". What a beautiful, uplifting way to remember Carole. Our sincerest condolences to Bob for his terrible loss.



Condolences go out to the family's and friends of Bill Reynolds and Carole Ann Kinsey

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