



SPRING 2021

A Message from the President



*"All the flowers of
all the tomorrows
are in the seeds of today."*

– Unknown

Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, a hopeful time. This year that renewal and hope is most needed.

Having just passed the one year mark of the pandemic, we look forward to returning to a sense of normalcy. Normalcy is different for everyone, but for Playcrafters it's the hope of returning to performing, working behind the scenes, and sharing the experience of live theatre with friends. With restrictions being lessened we anticipate being able to resume what we love doing, as we have for the past 60 years.

I have enjoyed reading the remembrances of our past as I know you have. (Click [HERE](#) if you missed any!) I want to thank our 60th Anniversary Committee (**Michele DePalo, Flo Federman, John Hannon, Marcel Paul, Judy Perfido, and Joseph Skelly**) and all the contributors for reminding us of what we do and why we do it.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing president, **Amelia Chiamonte**, for her constant, dedicated leadership especially through this long and most difficult year. She is not only an able leader, but a treasured friend.

Let us look forward to planting the seeds that will blossom into Playcrafters coming season. It will be wonderful to see all of you again.

Please remember to be kind and stay safe.

– Kathy Loizides



ANNOUNCING...

OUR 2021
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Thank you for your commitment to Playcrafters!

A FINAL WORD FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

It is unfortunate that we could not meet for our Annual Meeting in person this year. The Annual Meeting is a time when old friends to come together to catch up, new friends to say hello and get acquainted and the outgoing president to say adieu.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your president for two terms as well as in many other capacities while on the board over the years. I always looked forward to the comradery that develops between the various team members, whether on stage or backstage, while working on a production. I especially loved being editor of the quarterly newsletter. This year we faced a challenge Playcrafters has never encountered in its 60-year history and the newsletter allowed me to share some words of encouragement and kindness and hopefully bring some calm to an otherwise stressful situation.

I felt this was a good time to step back, take a break, and support Playcrafters in other capacities. I will be joining our many other core members who do so much behind the scenes to make Playcrafters Theatre Company the success that it is.

I wish our new president, **Kathy Loizides**, and the board the best of luck and success as we slowly come out of the COVID-19 social distancing period and I look forward to the time when we can all meet again in person and enjoy bite, a drink and a good story. Until then, stay well and stay safe.

– Amelia Chiamonte

SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all teens – and parents of teens!

Packets for the Des Burke Scholarship have been dropped off at Bellport High School and the guidance counselors have been informed. They are due back by May 7.

If you are interested in donating to our scholarship fund, in lieu of this year's membership fee, send to:

PO Box 452
Bellport, NY 11713

WITH SORROW...

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of **Joe Mordente**, who for many years was a Playcrafters member and supporter.

His wife, Barbara, is a veteran Playcrafter, having choreographed many of our past musicals.

Our sincere condolences go out to their family.

2021-22 Season

As life gets closer to normalcy, we emerge and plan our upcoming season! Please plan to join us for our Fall 2021 show, *The Tin Woman*, directed by **Catherine Clyne**. Then in May 2022 we present our previously postponed show, *Fox on the Fairway*, directed by **Flo Federman**. Stay tuned for details on each!

Memorial Day

There will be no Memorial Day Parade in Bellport this year, but we may be involved in some other outdoor events during the summer. So far there are no updates on Bellport events happening this summer.

Live Events?

The Playcrafters board is looking into the possibility of a live outdoor event in the summer and/or an outdoor celebration of our 60th Anniversary. We'll be sure to let you know the details when we get them!



Join Us

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Playcrafters' Board of Directors has unanimously voted to "pay it forward" to our membership by waiving the membership dues for 2021 and grandfathering in your membership for the entire year. At a time when you are being solicited for donations by so many in need, what better way to pay it forward and express our gratitude to our members for their loyalty. Of course, should you wish to send in your membership as a donation, we would certainly be thankful.

Now more than ever, we are reminded how vital it is to support the arts. If you are not among the members listed below, please consider [joining us](#) now.

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