



FALL/WINTER 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We just passed the Thanksgiving holiday as of this writing and it is my wish that you were able to celebrate with your family and friends more this Thanksgiving than last year. As Christmas and the New Year approach, I hope you continue to enjoy family and friends.

This past season brought us back to live performances with a very successful radio show in September, directed by **Laurie Atlas** and **Lisette Ruch**, and performed by a talented cast. The Post Morrow Preserve was the idyllic setting for the radio show. I look forward to more productions there. Thanks to all involved.

Back on the boards, *The Tin Woman* was an artistic and financial success. As one of the producers, I was reminded of how much theater is a collaborative effort. Once again the Playcrafters family brought much enjoyment to the audience with this heartwarming production. Kudos to **Cathy Clyne** and the cast and crew.

Just as our 60th anniversary party brought us all together this past summer, I look forward to our annual meeting in January and seeing everyone again. 2022 also brings the long awaited production of Ken Ludwig's *Fox on the Fairway* in May, directed by **Flo Federman**. I'm sure this hilarious show will be enjoyed by all.

In closing, may your holidays be filled with moments of love, laughter, and good will, and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish you all a safe and healthy Holiday Season.

– Kathy Loizides

FAREWELLS...

We once again would like to recognize Playcrafters' members we lost in the last few months.

- **Louisa Morrison**, wife of our friend, Peter.
- **Fran Fosmore**, husband of our friend, Laurie.



SAVE THE DATE! Playcrafters' Annual Meeting

We hope you will make plans to join us as we return to an in-person annual meeting. Here are the details:

Sunday, January 16

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Hagerman Fire Department

510 Oakdale Avenue, East Patchogue

Refreshments and snacks to be provided. BYOB.

At the Annual Meeting we will recognize and thank our outgoing board members:

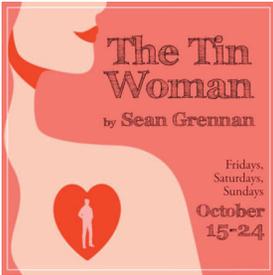
- **Laurie Atlas**
- **John Hannon**
- **Annette Maillard**
- **John Simpson** (who relocated earlier this year)

We also will welcome our new board members. And that's where YOU come in!

Playcrafters is looking for one new board member!

This is your chance to get involved and set direction for Playcrafters. The last two years have proven how valuable community theater is, and we hope you will get involved. If interested, please contact **Geri Skelly** at gerigem@optonline.net.

FALL 2021 SHOW



As we wrap up our production of *The Tin Woman* by Sean Grennan I have very mixed emotions. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to work with such a talented cast and hard-working behind the scenes crew. I was thrilled to watch the audience get on their feet and applaud at the end of each production and to see them so moved by the sensitive portrayal of the characters by these talented actors. The play was a touching depiction of the ability for each of us to overcome even the most extreme grief through the power of love, and these actors conveyed that in such a profound way. I am very sad that the show has come to a close and I will miss the work we did together. I would like to thank Playcrafters for this opportunity and the wonderful memories we were able to create. [See pictures of the production HERE.](#)

– Cathy Clyne, Director

PLAYCRAFTERS' 60TH ANNIVERSARY



(60th Anniversary Committee, left to right: Amelia Chiamonte, Judy Perfido, Flo Federman, John Hannon, Michele DePalo, Marcel Paul, Joseph Skelly)

On Sunday, August 29, more than 60 Playcrafters members gathered at the Bellport Country Club to celebrate our 60th anniversary. Members came from as far as Florida to get reacquainted and share stories about their involvement with Playcrafters. What made this event even more special was the archival display of posters, programs, pictures, and scrapbooks documenting our organization's history, put together by our historian, **Michelle DePalo**. Special thanks to her and to the rest of the 60th Anniversary Team (at left), as well as the Board of Playcrafters for their hard work and dedication in making this anniversary party a joyful celebration. [See pictures of the celebration HERE.](#)

Here's to another 60 years of the Playcrafters Theatre Company providing wonderful live and "streaming" theatre.

PLAYCRAFTERS OLD TYME RADIO SHOW

You might think a pandemic, last minute cast changes, and a myriad of logistical hurdles may have deterred some folks from getting our "Old Tyme Radio Show" to completion. But for director **Laurie Atlas**, producer **Lisette Ruch**, and a determined cast of talented actors, giving up was never in the cards. This group started rehearsals one week before the world closed down in March 2020, but carried on and rehearsed over Zoom until they could all be together again in person. All that hard work paid off big time with a spectacular outdoor live performance at the Post Morrow Preserve on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

A decision was made not only to record our radio show, but to perform it live so folks could experience the feeling of being right there in the radio studio with us. Our

sizeable audience listened intently as the actors brought their scripts to life - along with live Foley sound effects being done just they would have been in the studio back then. It was a treat for all in attendance and for the actors too.

No production can be mounted without a strong foundation and a lot of hard work. Without our producer Lisette Ruch's dedication, knowledge and skills in all areas of this production, it would not have come together the way it did. Special thanks to **Jim Hazard** for securing our performance space and for his help with our sound effects. Our audio technician **Dennis Conroy** is second to none, **Kathy Loizides** for our costume pieces, and the Playcrafters board of directors for their support. A shout out must also go to the talented **George Loizides**, who

performed seamlessly with us after only one quick rehearsal. Thank you must also go to all of the actors associated with this project along its journey: **Kevin Clyne, Carl DiModugno, John Hannon, Elyzabeth Meade, Norman Roscoe, Susan Roscoe, Lisette Ruch** and **Marianne Schmidt**. Laurie shares that it was an honor and a pleasure directing and performing alongside them.

On October 20, our troupe recorded the shows. They are now being edited and soon will be ready to go up on the web on South Country Radio. We will provide you with the link once it is all completed.

We look forward to bringing you more radio show experiences in the future not only for your listening pleasure, but live and in person too. Stay tuned...





FALL 2022 SHOW

In golf, a mulligan is a second chance to perform an action, usually after the first chance went wrong through bad luck or a blunder. Call this the Covid mulligan, as the show we tried to present in Spring 2020 will finally be available for you to see in May 2022.

Special thanks to the cast, which have all agreed to return and finish what we started – **Chrissy Cavagnet, Joe Cavagnet, Rich Coraggio, Jane Maushay, Bryan McGowan, and Emily Vaeth** – along with my partner in crime, **Vicki Fleming**, our stage manager.

So wash hands, get vaxxed, keep the deltas and the omicrons away, and join us for this hilarious show.

– Flo Federman, Director



WHO WILL OUR NEXT DIRECTORS BE?

Playcrafters is looking for play submissions and directors for Fall 2022 and early Spring 2023.

Plays will be accepted from January 1 to February 6, 2022. No plays will be accepted after the 6th. Play scripts must be submitted with information about why you wish to direct the play—your vision. All plays will be returned.

Please submit your play suggestions to:

Jane Love

28 Academy Lane, Bellport, NY 11713

For more information: janemlove2010@gmail.com, 631-286-1136.



OUR MEMBERSHIP

In consideration and sensitivity to all our members during the COVID-19 quarantine period, we suspended membership and fund drives and did not ask for membership renewals. We kept all 2019 paid up members current through 2021.

Our annual meeting on January 16 is also our annual membership renewal meeting, when we ask our members to renew their membership and encourage non-members to become a part of our great organization. This is a fun opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Below is our current membership and member levels, along with a renewal/application form, which you can also find online, [HERE](#).

We hope to see you at our meeting to celebrate the return of regular programming for the year. Please bring your renewal with you to the meeting. If you cannot attend our meeting in person, please mail in the renewal form, making sure you update changed or new information.

As always, thank you for your continued loyalty to Playcrafters Theatre Company.

— *Amelia Chiaramonte, Membership Chair*

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 ANGEL \$75 to \$99
 SPONSOR \$50 to \$74
 MEMBER* \$25 to \$49

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Today's Date: _____

* The former Single, Couple, Family, and Household member levels have been combined

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