



## SUMMER 2023

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy summer – my favorite time of year. Not only do I love the warm weather, it gives Playcrafters lots of opportunities to see you!

As you will see in this newsletter, we are quite busy this summer and later this year. While we look for a new

theater space, we are staying busy with social activities that have a theatrical flair. PLEASE JOIN US!

Speaking of the search for a new theater space, I am pleased to report we are making good inroads and look forward to finalizing plans soon. Details to come.

We hope you get the message that Playcrafters is thriving. But we can't do it without YOU. Though our full productions are on hold for now, we are staying active -- and we need your support. Whether you are a member or not, you are important to Playcrafters. Please plan to join us this summer.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact our [board](#), or you can always reach me at [flo@flofederman.com](mailto:flo@flofederman.com).

– Flo Federman

### SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF PLAYCRAFTERS

**Kevin Clyne** is in *A Time to Kill* for Studio Theater in Lindenhurst June 30-July 16, alongside **Emily Vaeth**.

**Carl DiMudugno** is in *The Curious Incident Of The Dog in The Night-Time* at Modern Classics Theatre in July and *Now And Then* in September at Clare Rose alongside **Amelia Chiaramonte**, directed by **James Carey**.



**What did we miss? If you're involved in an upcoming production, we'll be happy to spread the news!** Let us know at [info@bellport-playcrafters.com](mailto:info@bellport-playcrafters.com).

### ANNOUNCING: 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



## SCHOLARSHIP

As you may know, Playcrafters awards two [scholarships](#) to graduating seniors of Bellport High School who have

participated in the performing arts – the **Margaret W. Smith Scholarship** and the **Desmond W. Burke Scholarship**.

Eligible students include those involved in on stage performance and backstage in any phase of a production in school and/or community theatre groups. Also eligible: participation in a dance school, chorus, band, orchestra, wind/jazz ensemble, etc.

We are happy to announce this year's scholarship winners, who were each awarded \$500, as conferred by Board Member **Jack Walker**, at the Bellport High School scholarship night June 5.

**Keira Ballan** was awarded the Margaret W. Smith Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Hartford, pursuing a BFA Musical Theater. She is an accomplished viola player and in her letter of recommendation, her orchestra teacher, Victoria Hartman, says "she has an unbelievable musical ear and a drive to put in all the necessary work."

**Hannah Carlson** was awarded the Desmond W. Burke Scholarship. She will be studying music education at SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music. In his letter of recommendation, Pit Orchestra Teacher Henry Finnegan says "Hannah is an exceptional violinist who has performed in multiple groups both in and out of school."



## LOOKING BACK...

Thanks to our small but mighty crew who represented Playcrafters at the annual Bellport Memorial Day Parade on May 29 – **Flo Federman, Laurie Atlas, Marcel Paul, John Hannon, Jim Hazard, Vicki Fleming (& Olive), and Joe Landolfi.**



### NEXT FRIDAY, JUNE 30: SUNSET WAGON RIDE

If you haven't been to the farm, now's the time! Join us at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank on a warm summer evening: Wagon ride, animal visits, campfire (and s'mores!), and general fun with your Playcrafters friends.

Admission: We are asking for a donation to Playcrafters – whatever you'd like to give! RSVP to [Vicki Fleming](#).



### JULY 29: BELLPORT DAY

It's the Bellport Chamber of Commerce annual street festival, on Main Street in the village. The family event will offer pony rides, a petting zoo, craft vendors -- AND Playcrafters. We'll be making puppets for the children at our table and taking the stage to entertain the crowd.

If you're interested in taking part, contact [Laurie Atlas](#). Otherwise, just come and have some fun with us!



### AUGUST 19: PLAYCRAFTERS SUMMER CELEBRATION

It's our biggest event of the season. Please join us for a strictly social gathering of Playcrafters members and friends under a big tent at the Post Morrow Foundation.

We'll have food, drinks, and lots of fun -- including lawn games and other activities. AND we are pleased to present a performance by the "What's Next?" improv troupe, made up of Playcrafters members and friends **Kevin Clyne, Mark Santaromita, Karen Santaromita, Ken Young, and Tim Conlon**. It's unscripted, spontaneous theater that is guaranteed to make you smile.

We'll also have some raffle prizes. **If YOU have a prize to donate for our raffle, please contact Flo.**

Admission: We are asking for a donation to Playcrafters as your admission -- whatever you'd like to give! RSVP to [Flo Federman](#).