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## SPRING PRODUCTION IN REHEARSAL

by Carol Bense

Did you say that Noel Coward's *Hay Fever* was an elegant and charming comedy of manners? *Right!* Did you think that you really shouldn't miss this important part of Glamour in Mud Season? *Right!* Because it is certainly

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COWARD'S



April 13, 14, 20, 21 8PM  
April 22 2PM

glamorous.

But let's hear what some of the people involved with the show have to say. The director, Carol Bense, is usually saying "Diction, diction, diction" or "too fast, slow it down" or "pick up those cues quicker, I don't want to hear that last word before your line." But then, she is demanding.

"Who are these crazy, outrageous people? And what does slapdash mean anyway?" After just one rehearsal, that is Assistant Director, Cate Poole's question.

Mandy Ferriman who plays Judith Bliss, the grande dame of the play, says, "Noel Coward wrote *Hay Fever* back in 1925. The 1920's were such a happy time for the world; the "War to End all Wars" was over, the depression was years away, life was grand! I love the fashions and style of this show and my character is based on an actual person. According to the playwright, Laurette Taylor was the model for Judith. So I feel that in a way, I am bringing history to the stage as well as a real person, a great actress who influenced Uta Hagen, who in turn has influenced me... which by the way is extremely intimidating."

My favorite line, says Helen Rautenberg who is playing Clara, the feisty maid, is "Are you attempting to find fault with me?"

"I am really excited! I laughed so much when I read the script and laughed even more at the very first rehearsal. The Bliss family members are a total trip! It's going to be a hoot and I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this cast," responds Kaylin Dean who plays Myra, the no-nonsense business-woman.

We think you will enjoy being in the audience for this show as much as the actors are enjoying being on stage. Tickets will be \$12 and will be available by March 1 both on-line at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) and at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main Street in Wolfeboro.

Once again, performances will be at our theater on Glendon Street, April 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8pm as well as April 22 at 2pm. This show will also be a part of "Glamour in Mud Season" so watch the website and the local papers for information on the Gala Opening.

If you are interested in helping with this show, please contact Producer, Diane Sullivan, at [disully@worldpath.net](mailto:disully@worldpath.net) or call her at 539-4425.



## Leading Ladies Coming This Summer

by Carol Bense

After The Prompter went to print, we received this information from Michael Wilkes, Director, so those of you who receive the email version get the latest.

Michael hopes to schedule auditions for Sunday and Monday, April 22nd and 23rd at 7pm at the theater. Roles are available for 5 males and 3 females.

In this hilarious comedy by the author of Lend Me a Tenor and Moon Over Buffalo, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing scenes from Shakespears on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces! Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows that there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets "Maxine and Stephanie" that she finally gets a taste of it.

You can find more information on this very funny comedy at [http://www.kenludwig.com/leading\\_ladies/leading\\_ladies.php](http://www.kenludwig.com/leading_ladies/leading_ladies.php) or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leading\\_Ladies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leading_Ladies)



## *A Christmas Story Was Told*

by Carol Bense

Yes, it all happened at our theater. Ralphie got dumped down the slide by Santa, the famous leg lamp got broken, the tongue got stuck to the frozen lamp post, Scut Farcas beat up on everyone, Ralphie said the

famous "f-u-u-u-dge", and little Randy did whatever entered his mind at the moment. The audiences loved it. 551 people saw the show over its 4 performances, and we were very lucky to have an angel for this show, Mr. Michael Roush.

Michael has loved this show for years and wanted to be involved from day 1. He came to auditions, but couldn't really commit to rehearsals because he lives too far away. However, he donated the wonderful leg lamp which we raffled off. He also brought his charming village of Ralphie's home town which he set up in the side room for the show along with photographs of the stars of the movie. And, in the end, he purchased the banner which Jerome made to take back to the museum. We owe him a big round of applause.



## Get Involved! Glamour in Mud Season™

April 13-15

by Barbara Wilson

Confirmed events for our premier Glamour in Mud Season include:

- Juried Art Contest and Sale (see related article)
- Gala Opening for the Art Show
- Noël Coward's Hay Fever
- Glam Animals Exhibition by the Granite State Zoo
- Concert by the band Mud Season and the Black Fly Horns

Events in the works but not confirmed

- Block party
- Sunday a.m. breakfast or brunch
- Contra dance by GALA

We need help now as well as Glam weekend. Please contact Barbara Wilson, 986.4191, [bnevillewilson@gmail.com](mailto:bnevillewilson@gmail.com) if you're even a little bit interested in doing

- Internet research and data base building for prospective New England sponsors
- Research and data base building for prospective local sponsors
- Electronic and phone contact with prospective New England sponsors
- Electronic, phone, and face-to-face contact with prospective local sponsors
- Poster & flier distribution (starting in March)
- Audio production for radio ads & Internet
- Video production for tv & Internet
- Bloggers (we have some volunteers but need more)
- Social media (no prior experience necessary if you want to learn)
- Glam merchandise: suggest new products; track sales, maintain inventory, seek outlets, ship
- Website sales

Find out more. Upcoming meetings (all at 7 p.m. at Willie Mork's place at Sugar Hill):

- Monday, January 30
- Wednesday, February 15
- Tuesday, March 6
- Monday, March 26

Here's to a fabulous 2012 for VP and lots of Glamour in Mud Season!  
[glamourinmudseason.org](http://glamourinmudseason.org)

## Glamour in Mud Season™ Call for Submissions

The Village Players announces a call for submissions for a juried art exhibition and sale the weekends of April 13 and 20, 2012. Professionals and students in all disciplines are encouraged to submit original works depicting New Englanders making lemonades out of the lemons of the region's fifth season.

Entries should depict ways New England can be glamorous despite mud. Works might emphasize such things as the New England environment during the season, quirky accommodations New Englanders make for the mud, or the fun and playful nature of theater.

Artists must be 18 years or older. Artwork must be 2-D and no larger than 30 inches in any direction, including frame. Initial consideration will be done electronically, and all artwork accepted into the show must be available for sale. Entries are due March 1, 2012.

Two prizes will be awarded: a Grand Prize (cash) and Viewer's Choice. For complete guidelines and rules, go to <http://glamourinmudseason.org/artshow>



## We Will Miss You, Betty

by Carol Bense

The day before Thanksgiving we lost our great and good friend, Betty Sherwood, to the complications resulting from pneumonia. Betty was a member of The Village Players for 25 years and she participated in at least 45 productions. But, more than this, she lived right next door to the theater and thus was always there for us in times of emergency. When the fire alarms went off, she may not have been all that happy that she was next door, but she never complained, and she always kept an eye on the building and alerted us to potential problems.

Betty was never on stage with us, but was happy to do her part behind the scenes. She took on many functions from usher to producer and you can see a list of the plays in which she participated at <http://www.village-players.com/memorial/sherwoodmem.pdf>. From 1986 right up into 2011 she was active in the group. And of course, she always showed up for clean-up days and other projects where help was required.

On January 22, 2012 we scheduled a memorial for Betty at the theater to give her Village Players friends and others an opportunity to remember her and our experiences with her. Keith Belanger has agreed to play show tunes for the the memorial and Lydia's Cafe will be providing the coffee for us. Several members have volunteered to bring snacks. We are hoping that many of us will be there to share our memories of Betty.



## Kingswood Theater Spring Production

by Phoebe VanScoy Giessler

What if *Romeo & Juliet* was set in the style of a 1930s Broadway musical? Or featured neolithic characters who lacked the skill of verbal communication? How 'bout a toga version in ancient Greece?

Kingswood Theater's spring production, *Star Crossed Lovers*, answers all that and more. The show, written by Sheila Callaghan and Sophocles Papavasiliopoulos, takes you across centuries, continents and genres with side splitting humor, music and dance. Don't miss your chance to see another fantastic Kingswood Theater production! Friday, March 16 at 7PM and Saturday March 17 at 7PM. For more information, go to [www.kingswoodtheater.com](http://www.kingswoodtheater.com).

## DUES ARE DUE FOR 2012

Be sure you are up to date on your dues. You can go to the website [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) and click on the Join or Donate button to pay with a credit card or Paypal account. Or you can mail your check and this form to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. You can check to see if you have paid dues by clicking on the red Member Access button and then clicking on the Members link. In order to vote at the annual meeting in the fall, your 2012 dues must be paid before April 1, 2012.

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## Work Session of January 8

By Jerome Holden (VP)

Thank you to all the people that showed up to help. Deb Jones, Diane Sullivan, Carol Bense, Diane Mork and Cate Poole worked on the costume room. Cate also replaced bulbs in the Ladies room and restocked and cleaned both bathrooms after the First Night festivities. Corky Mork came to work on the tricky switches back stage and in the auditorium.

Only Cate Poole and I were spent 7 hours on the back roof to do the Easy Ice Melt system and gutter, so that no ice will form on the handicapped access ramp after heavy snow storms. This will also stop 75% of the water run off from that roof from running under the air conditioners and into the cutting room.

For those of you who don't already know. There is no insulation in the roofs at the theater. When we get 8-12 inches of snow it melts off the 3 roofs that are up high in 2 to 3 days and runs down onto the Kitchen roof which is insulated better and is flatter. It cools and starts to freeze there creating ice dams and running down onto the wheelchair ramp. Last year there were icicles the size of me out there!

There is still lots fo do on this project. Please contact Jerome if you can help.

## VP BITS

news about members etc.

Just at the last moment for this edition, Sydney Rhiann Rohrbacher. Born to **Megan and Eric Rohrbacher** at 8:41 am on January 18. 7 pounds, 4 ounces (after feeding), 20 inches, red hair. Grampa **Corky Mork** says she and her brother Max will be the Ginger Ninjas.

There must be something in the water. Another little future VPer is on the way. **Kim and Chris Brennon** are expecting a new addition to their family. Congratulations to them!

**Nettie Fiorini and Doug Vaughan** will have their art work on display at the Gallery at Washington Street Mills in Dover through Saturday, February 4th, 2012.

**Keith Belanger** has the role of Orin Scrivello in Little Shop of Horrors (wonder how he learned about that role??) at the Rochester Opera House, Feb. 23 through March 3.

**Katie Belanger** is playing Rheba in You Can't Take It With You at The Leddy Center, March 23 through April 1.



Your 2012 Board of Directors

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and special membership deals.

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**YOU CAN HELP US WIN THIS GRANT**

by Carol Bense

You can help us get a \$5000 grant from Meredith Village Savings Bank. In order to receive the grant which will be used to insulate major heat loss areas, sand and powder coat the railings out front, among other 2012 project goals; we must get a matching amount of money from donors to the project. Please don't let this \$5000 slip through our fingers. Donate whatever you can - we will keep you informed of the progress. Please send checks to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 and make sure you write on the check "2012 Level 3 projects." You can also donate on-line with a credit card or Paypal account. Go to www.village-players.com and click on the Join or Donate tab at the top of the page. There will then be a choice labeled Donate which you can choose to donate to the 2012 Level 3 Projects fund.

**PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.**