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## *Leading Ladies In The Works*

by Michael Wilkes

The casting is done and rehearsals have begun. The director, Michael Wilkes, announced the cast: Leo/Maxine – Rick Tessari, Jack/Stephanie – Christian Boudman, Meg – Meggin Dail, Audrey – Victoria Neal, Florence – Willie Mork, Duncan – Russ Ellis, Doc – Mike Hobson, Butch – Eric Martin

Production staff includes: Producer/Asst. Director - Jay Sydow, Costumes – Deb Jones and Kristi Neiman, Program/Posters – Jeannette D'Onofrio, Publicity – Barbara Wilson, Tickets – Carol Bense. We still need many more volunteers for other production jobs – contact our producer [jay.sydow@gmail.com](mailto:jay.sydow@gmail.com) if you're interested. You might as well contact him, or he will just hunt you down.

Leading Ladies will be presented the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August – July 27, 28, Aug 3, 4 at 8 PM, and a matinee at 2 PM on Sunday, Aug 5, in the air conditioned Village Players theater. Tickets will be \$12, available in mid-June at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St., Wolfeboro or on-line at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com).

Set in York, Pennsylvania in 1958, this farce centers on two down-on-their-luck Shakespearean actors, Leo and Jack. The pair discover through a newspaper that Florence, an older ailing woman, has been unable to find Max and Steve (her sister's children who moved away to



Front row l to r: Russ Ellis, Meggin Dail, Tori Neal, Willie Mork  
Back row l to r: Mike Hobson, Eric Martin, Rick Tessari, Christian Boudman

England at a very young age) in order to include them in her multi-million dollar inheritance. They decide to pose as Max and Steve to claim portions of it. When they discover that "Max" and "Steve" are actually "Maxine" and "Stephanie," they continue on, undaunted, in drag. Leo falls for Florence's actual niece Meg, while Jack swoons over Florence's part-time aide Audrey. Florence recovers just as the pair arrives, but they decide to hang in there both for the money and for the opportunity to stay close to their hearts desire. Leo convinces Meg, who is a great fan of Shakespeare, to put on a production at Florence's estate, to give himself more of an opportunity to be with her, both as Leo and as Maxine. All the while, Meg's fiance Duncan grows increasingly suspicious of the "Leading Ladies."

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)



## Auditions

by Carol Bense

We need YOU for our Fall production of Gypsy, the fabulous musical based on the life of Gypsy Rose Lee and starring her inimitable stage mother. Auditions will be August 5 and 6 at 7pm at our theater. All roles are available and we encourage everyone to audition. We will also need lots of help to produce this show, so if you have had an irrepressible urge to be part of our production crew, to help build the set, make the costumes, gather the props or any of the other dozens of jobs which need to be done, please come to auditions or contact [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com) or [jaysydow@gmail.com](mailto:jaysydow@gmail.com). Watch for more on the website.

For more information on Gypsy go to <http://www.tams-witmark.com/musicals/gypsy.html>.

## VP BITS

news about members etc.

**Gabriel VanScoy-Giessler** has arrived.

Phoebe and Scott welcomed their third son on Saturday, April 14 at 1:59PM. He weighed in at 7lb 4oz and was 19"long (for those of you who keep statistics). Here's what he looks like.



**Zach Shea** has just been awarded his MFA from the Actors Studio Drama School in New York City. Congratulations to Zach who appeared in our South Pacific-2001 as a sailor, in The King and I-2002 as an Amazon, in The Drunkard-2003 as a drinker, and in The Foreigner-2003 as Ellard.

**Athena Ellis** is working for Theatre Under the Stars/Shakespeare in the Valley (Waterville Valley) for the summer. She has been hired as the Company Manager which is a hybrid of being a production stage manager, house manager, stage manager for 4 shows and directing some as well.

## Thanks from Kingswood Theater

by Scott Giessler

On behalf of all the members of Kingswood Theater, I'd like to thank The Village Players for their constant encouragement and support of our program. As you probably know, this was a particularly successful year for us. Most recently, our festival show, *Star Crossed Lovers*, received wide praise at the regional and state levels and for the first time in my tenure, we won a spot at the New England Festival. This 3-day event was a great learning experience for all involved and we would not have been able to participate if it were not for the generous financial support of many

members of the community. Whether you wrote a check to the costs of our "showed up" to a and added your applause to the you very much. the other adult and I know that to be in a that values what



community. personally help defray trip or simply performance laughter and mix, I thank My students, volunteers, we are lucky community we do.

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## Hay Fever Wrap Up

by Carol Bense

Our Spring 2012 show is now history. Although our audiences were small (please tell us why if you didn't come -just send an email to [info@village-players.com](mailto:info@village-players.com) - we need your input), those that came (387) seemed to enjoy the production. Hay Fever, being in a style popular in the 1920's and 30's, is a difficult show to do for today's audiences and we were not sure we would get there. But everyone involved worked very hard and I think we achieved our goals. Certainly the cast and crew became very close as we all struggled to "get" this Noel Coward thing.

Here are some photos you may enjoy. Look for more at <http://www.village-players.com/plays/hayfever/hayfeverphotos.html>.







# GLAMOUR IN MUD SEASON

## Glamour in Mud Season™ a Grand Success!

by Barbara Wilson

Fundraising Committee members met recently to review the first Glamour in Mud Season™ and unanimously declared the effort had met their goals of 1) raising awareness of Village Players, 2) building new ties to the community and 3) raising



Gala Art Opening

funds.

We had so much fun, we're doing it again, April 12-14, 2013!

Space is not sufficient to review all events and efforts (talk to any

Fundraising Committee member, she'll fill you in!), but please thank our sponsors who supported our efforts and the Village Players who made it all happen. We are grateful to all, even those we may inadvertently leave out!

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Leaders of the pack

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Russ Ellis, Bill Marsh, Bob  
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Sydow, Rick Tessari, Bob Tuttle  
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Wolfe 101  
Town of Wolfeboro Public Works  
working on Glendon Street  
A cast of thousands who made  
delectable desserts!



Red Carpet  
Opening  
Night  
of  
Hay Fever

Glamour Article continued

### Glamour in Mud Season Committee

Carol Bense  
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The Contra Dance Families



GlamAnimals



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### The Unsung, But Very Much Appreciated

by Carol Bense

Their names do not appear in the program; they do not get any applause at the end of the show; often, they are not recognized at the cast party; but, without them, we would not be able to invite people into our theater. I speak of the dedicated Village Players members and friends who come to help clean up the theater on the Saturday before the first performance. Some come once, and some come every time, but all help to get the work done. Those indefatigable workers who came to help for *Hay Fever* and *Glamour in Mud Season* were: Michael Wilfert, Kathy Whitehead, Diane Sullivan, Helen and Bob Rautenberg, Cate Poole, Lisa Rose Penny, Willie Mork, Diane Mork, Stefanie Marsh, Russ Ellis, Kaylin Dean, and Carol Bense. Thanks to all of you for making the effort and for helping to get the job done in a hurry. With this many people, it only takes about 2 hours to get the whole theater cleaned up. There were probably many others who helped to make our theater beautiful for this show, among them, Barbara Wilson and Kristi Neilson, who decorated the side room: and to them all we say a sincere thank you.

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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.

Contact Carol Bense - cwbense@roadrunner.com or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

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Carol Bense



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**Meredith Village Savings Bank Awards Grant**

by Carol Bense

The Village Players has been awarded \$5000 by Meredith Village Savings Bank. This grant was offered as a matching grant if The Village Players could raise \$5000 in matching funds. Thanks to the generous donations from many of you, we were able to reach that goal and we now have \$10,000 to be used for some much needed maintenance on our building. Some of the funds are to be applied to insulating some of the areas of the building which have been squandering heat and will, therefore, save us even more money. Some funds are also earmarked for sand-blasting and powder-coating the wrought-iron railings in the front of the building, thus prolonging their lives.

We truly appreciate the support of Meredith Village Savings Bank and their trustees. We are fortunate to be situated in a town with another institution which values theater.