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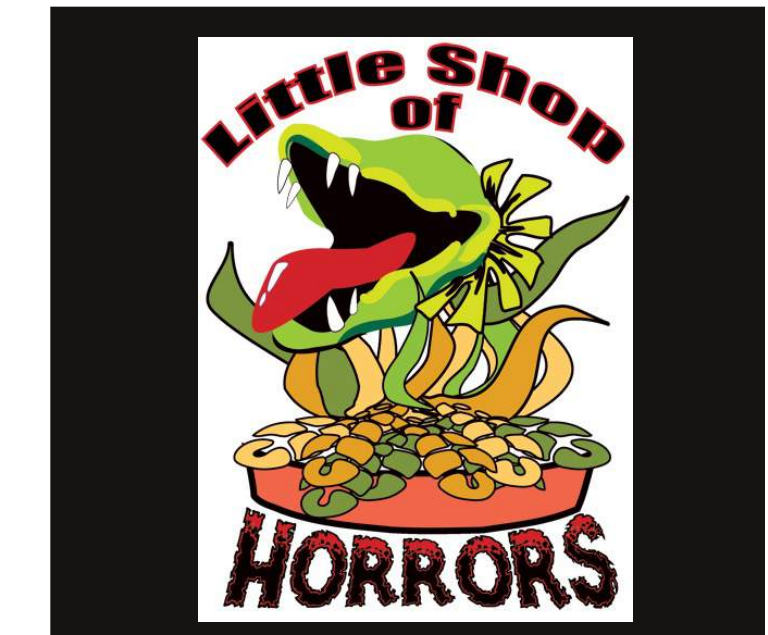
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approaching Audrey II in the Second Act.)
The Skid Row Bums come in all shapes and ages: male, female, teenaged, middle-aged, gloriously disheveled and disheveled gloriously but beware the Plant Food they offer. You may find pieces of ate. -- Nope, that's no typo. Why else would Audrey II be ever-growing?

Buy your tickets soon. Little Shop of Horrors is sure to be a hit. You can get them on-line at www.village-players.com, or you can buy them at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St., Wolfeboro.

Performances will be Fridays & Saturdays, Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29 at 8 and Sunday, Oct. 23 & 30 at 2.



Great performances from little seeds do grow! Choreographer Kaylin Dean leads Skid Row bums in first dance steps. "Like" the LittleShop Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/LittleShop/211813362216727> to follow and comment on the growth of Little Shop.

Celebrate "Horror-ween" at Little Shop

by Barbara Wilson

Twenty-three seeds, one ever-hungry bulb, plenty of fertilizer and less than a month to show time, so what's the dirt on Little Shop of Horrors?

Our Seymour, new face Jon Babon, is really a new face. He announced at the initial readthrough that he's a theater virgin, but you'd never know it from the performance he's giving.

At the first rehearsals, Angelo Gentile, last year's King from Cinderella, tripped over his tongue when "doing" a Brooklyn accent. What gives? He's a native New Yorker!

David Morrison is faced (no, make that 2-faced, er 3-faced, ummm 4-faced) with all the challenges inherent in multiple personality disorders.

The Greek Chorus is made up of two peas and a pod: mom and daughter Priscilla and Kristine Adams, and mom-to-be Megan Rohrbacher.

Katie Belanger? You know, she's Audrey? When not onstage, she doesn't always wear leopard-print stilettos.

Audrey II? The one with the basso profundo? He wouldn't be caught dead in leopard-print stilettos. But you might be caught dead if you get too close to his toothy stilettos. (Take it from us. Don't even think about

YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT

To help with expenses and to do a little fund-raising, we will be raffling off the fabulous, famous, leg lamp from *A Christmas Story*. (We are getting the expensive one valued at approximately \$200). Tickets are only \$1 or 6 for \$5. You can get them from Carol Bense, Theresa Crowell, Barbara Wilson, Stef Marsh or Willie Mork. Wouldn't this look exciting in your house, or better yet, you could give it to someone for Christmas.



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ANNUAL MEETING

It's that time again. The Village Players will hold our Annual Meeting on November 13th at 4pm at the theater on Glendon Street. We will be reviewing the accomplishments of the past year and considering the needs of the upcoming year. Most importantly, we will be electing officers for 2012. You need to be there and make your voice heard. After the meeting, we will share a pot-luck dinner and camaraderie with our fellow members.

You are entitled to vote at this meeting if your 2011 dues were paid before April 1, 2011. If you are unsure of your membership status, you can contact Carol at cwbense@roadrunner.com or 569-1396.

Don't Forget!

You can join, donate, or order tickets to our show on-line with credit card or Paypal.

GLAMOUR

by Barbara Wilson and Stef Marsh

You've heard bits about "glamour" and "mud." You've been invited to photo shoots. Perhaps you've even donned boas or flannels. Now it's time to let the world know about the fun. Here it is...drumroll please...the grand unveiling of the Village Players newest fundraising event: Glamour in Mud Season!

Long after most of America has put winter behind it and is enjoying the aromatic scents of tulips and daffodils, northern New Englanders are captivated by snow fleas and captured by foot-deep mud. They compete in "ice-out" contests, watch maple syrup boil, and create their own muscle testing, imagination stretching and ambiguously entertaining events.

Glamour in Mud Season, VP's weekend-long bash, begins Friday, April 13, with a reception for the opening of the Glamour in Mud Season Juried Art Competition and first performance of Hay Fever by master glam playwright Noel Coward. A delicious comedy of manners, the plot revolves around the zany theatrical Bliss family and their guests at a weekend estate party.

On Saturday we plan a morning presentation of exotic and glamorous animals, and (fingers crossed) Saturday afternoon will bring Wolfeboro's first-ever block party featuring games, exhibits, music, vendors and contests.

Saturday night features another performance of Hay Fever; we'll encourage the audience to dress glamorously and walk the Red Carpet. On Sunday we hope the northern New England band "Mud Season" will play at the theater or another local venue. We hope they will be joined by The Black Fly Horns.

Watch for the announcement when GlamourinMudSeason.org goes live, then go shop "Glam Stuff" for all your holiday needs.

In the meantime, think about the many jobs, large and small, that are available for you to take! We are looking for planners, shippers, foodies, art lovers, sherpas, drivers, porters and climbers of all kinds. Some tasks are long-term, some are one-ofs. Contact Stef Marsh (569-6382;tumbledown@metrocast.net) or Barbara Wilson (569-5673; bnevillewilson@gmail.com) to volunteer.



Like Noel Coward, playwright of our spring show, Glamour in Mud Season is "a combination of cheek and chic, pose and poise."

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Almost, Maine Wrap up

by Carol Bense

Summer's over and our summer show, *Almost, Maine*, is a memory now. But it's a good one. We had some very good audiences and people seemed to really enjoy the show. In total of 658 people saw the show and we made over \$7000 (much needed revenue to keep our building in shape.) From my perspective as House Manager, it seemed that all the actors had a great time doing this show. Everyone seemed upbeat and positive out there in the kitchen.

We are including some photos so you can get an idea,



by Phoebe VanScoy Giessler

Director Theresa Crowell is excited to lead the Village Players in the holiday production, *A Christmas Story*. The show is based on the beloved classic stories and film by Jean Shepherd. You'll meet Ralphie, his

cantankerous dad, his adoring-yet-exasperated mother, his coddled baby brother and his colorful gang of friends. Oh, and yes, you'll see him obsess over an official Red Ryder 200-Shot Carbine Action Range Model Air Rifle. "You'll shoot your eye out!"

The cast includes Scott Giessler as Ralph, Dan Moore as Ralphie, Julia Velie as Mother, Stephen Burgess as The Old Man, Elliott Giessler as Randy, Guinevere Boston as Miss Shields, Tyler Buttermark as Flick, Robbie Enos as Schwartz, Becky Velie as Esther Jane, Jenni Talbot as Helen and Jackson Boudman as Scut Farcus. Rounding out the cast will be Kim Brennon, Caleb Brennon, Michael Roush, Katie Valie, Tommy Giessler, Mikeala Corbezzolo and Christian Boudman.

Theresa will be assisted by Mandy Ferriman with additional support from Jay Sydow. Other crew members include Ami Cobrezzolo on makeup, Sherry-Lyn Walbridge and Whitney Burbank as stage managers and Deb Jones on costumes. There's still plenty of time to get involved in this show if you are interested. Please contact Terry at tecrowell@hotmail.com to get in on the fun.

OUR KATHLEEN

by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

Kathleen Hill will be having surgery at Dartmouth Hitchcock on Monday, October 3. This is (hopefully) the final step in ridding her of the cancer that she's been battling since Spring. The hospital stay is expected to be 3 - 5 days with a 4 - 6 week recovery at home following that. The outpouring of support for Kathleen and Jeanne amongst Village Players has been phenomenal. If you are still hoping to help out, please contact Phoebe (pheebzmail@roadrunner.com) for information on what their needs are.



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2012 for The Village Players

by Carol Bense

Lots of excitement will be the rule for The Village Players in 2012. In conjunction with our "Glamour in Mud Season" event in April, we will be presenting Noël Coward's elegant farce, *Hay Fever*. The eccentric Bliss family members invite guests to their country house for the week-end, only to make them all a little crazy with their odd behavior. Carol Bense will direct.

Our summer show will be directed by Michael Wilkes. We are trying to get the rights to that hilarious Ken Ludwig comedy, *Leading Ladies*. Down-on-their-luck actors (Leo Clark and Jack Gable) find a rich widow who is searching for her long-lost grandchildren in order to include them in her will. Clark and Gable find they not only have to change identities, they also have to change genders to try to con the old woman into accepting them as her grandchildren. Raucous laughter ensues as they do their best to fool everyone.

That fabulous musical *Gypsy* will be our offering for the fall season. With such wonderful songs as "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses," this complex musical explores the dreams and hopes of the "ultimate stage mother", Rose, as she tries to raise her two daughters, Louise (based on the character of Gypsy Rose Lee) and Baby June, to be performers. The original production was nominated for 8 Tony awards, and *Gypsy* has been referred to as the greatest American musical by numerous critics and writers. Carol Bense will direct.

So watch for audition notices if you are interested in participating, You will find them here in The Prompter and on our website at www.village-players.com

VP BITS

news about members etc.

Judy Breuninger got her picture in the paper marching in the July 4th parade. Also in the parade was the Cate Park Band with many VP members.

Wayne and Louise Gehman welcomed their third grandchild into the world in early September. Their daughter Hilary and her husband had a baby boy.

Alison Bogannon (remember her as the daughter in *The Drunkard*) was on stage with the Portland Players, taking the role of Emma in *Funny Girl*. Yay, Alison.

Kingswood Theater Presents Grease

Summer Lovin' will be long over in late November, but that will make Kingswood Theater's production of *Grease* that much more enjoyable! Don't miss this classic, high-spirited musical, directed by our own Scott Giessler. The gang from Rydel High will welcome you November 18, 19 & 20 at The Kingswood Arts Center. Watch The Granite State News or visit www.kingswoodtheater.com for more details.