



the PROMPTER

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT

March 2009



NightWatch Will Keep You Guessing

by Carol Bense

What did Elaine see in the apartment across the way? Why does no one else see? What does Lieutenant Walker find? Where is Blanche going? Who is John calling? What does their strange neighbor know? Questions, ...questions.... but you won't know the answers until the very last minute. What is your theory? This suspenseful mystery by Lucille Fletcher will keep you hanging. Bring your friends and see who turns out to have the answers.

Portraying the central character of Elaine is Megan Rohrbacher, and her long-suffering husband, John, is played by Christian Boudman. Christian is a newcomer both to The Village Players and to Wolfeboro. He has spent the last several years working in the film industry in LA.

Blanche, Elaine's best friend, is played by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, and Dr. Lake, the psychiatrist who comes to help Elaine is portrayed by Barbara Wilson. Husband and wife team, Bob and Helen Rautenberg, play the extraordinary neighbor, Appleby, and the nosy German maid, Helga. Lieutenant Walker and his assistant Patrolman Vanelli are played by Gordon Brooks and Rick Tessari. Rounding out the cast is Mike Welch playing the irate deli owner who complicates the mystery even further.

Dates for this show have been changed a couple of times, but are now firmly set for April 3, 4, 5, 10, 11.



You will notice that our Sunday matinee is on the first Sunday of the run rather than the second which turns out to be Easter Sunday. Shows start at 8pm except for the Sunday matinee which is at 2pm. Doors open ½ hour before the show. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St. in Wolfeboro, or on-line at www.village-players.com as well as at the door.

Director, Carol Bense, commends the actors for learning their lines early so that the nuances of this script could be addressed. "Each character has so many levels, it is essential for the actors to work very hard to achieve believability," she states. Assistant Director, Athena Ellis, has her work cut out for her, keeping track of all the blocking.

Producer, Diane Mork-Ducret has a fine crew supporting her efforts. Hunter Eliot is the lighting designer, and Gordon Brooks is creating the sound. Willie Mork oversees costumes, and Russ Ellis is building the set, with Kathleen Whitehead decorating. John Savage has agreed to be Stage Manager. Betty Sherwood will be responsible for props and Delina Bergeron will supervise make-up.

You won't want to miss this exciting thriller, but please don't tell anyone the ending. Let's keep everyone guessing.

New Ad Policy for *The Prompter*

by Carol Bense

Starting with this issue, the staff of *The Prompter* will now accept one or two ads for each issue. You will notice the ad for Lydia's Café in this one. Some of our members who own businesses have expressed a desire to run an ad, and, of course, it helps with the expenses which are not covered by membership dues.

Ad size is 2" by 3.5" (business card size) and cost \$25. If you would like to put an ad in any issue, please contact Richie O'Brien (richie@mirrorklakemedia.com), Willie Mork (williemork@yahoo.com), Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler (pheebsmail@roadrunner.com), Carol Bense (cwbense@roadrunner.com) or Diane Sullivan (disully@worldpath.net).

Newsletters are scheduled for publication in February, April, June, August, October and December. Ad materials would be needed approximately one month before publication.

NHETG Regional Festival to be Hosted by Kingswood Again

by Carol Bense

The 2009 New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild's Regional Festival, will take place in the Kingswood Auditorium on Saturday, March 21st. The festival is an all day event that will feature not only Kingswood's play, but six other high schools' as well, including: Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Franklin, Newport, Pembroke, Plymouth, and Sanborn High Schools.

During the day each school will present a short play which will then be critiqued by a panel of adjudicators. Awards will be presented at the end of the day. For High School theater, this is the biggest event of the year. Tickets are \$5 for a half-day and \$10 for the full day.

Kingswood Theater's entry is *Buffalo Hill*, an original comedy/drama and one of the most elaborate Kingswood entries to date. It tells the story of a High School's theater program. We meet an aging theater teacher who is preparing to take her students to the White Rose Theater Festival in Glasgow, her one last and arguably desperate shot at glory. Enter a young

science teacher, a little hot-headed, who has listened to her teachers' room rants for two years and has reached the end of his rope. Meanwhile as rival students are forced to work together, their pre-conceived notions will begin to fall apart.

The first draft, written by Scott Giessler, was heavily revised by the students of the Kingswood Theater Class. The class planned out all the blocking, designed and constructed the sets, props and costumes, and created all sound and lighting design

A new addition to the theatrical arsenal is the rhythmic team in the play, which draws its inspiration from groups like STOMP and Recycled Percussion. The end result is a dazzling yet moving storyline that will take audiences on an emotional rollercoaster.

If you are unable to attend the festival this brand new play, never before seen, will also be presented to the general public on Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm at Kingswood High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

New Board - New Committees

by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

The Village Players board is always hard at work ensuring that the building is maintained and assets are preserved. To that end, at the February meeting President Diane Sullivan presented some new committees to the board. Below is a list of the committees along with a chair/contact person.

Building: Russ Ellis

This committee will deal with all aspects of the building structure, both inside and out. In addition this committee will insure all life, safety and building codes are checked and up to date for annual inspections.

Maintenance/Janitorial:

This committee would be in charge of general maintenance and repair of the theater, auditorium, lavatories, front lobby, lighting, general damage, trash removal etc.

Housekeeping: Willie Mork

Responsible for the supplies needed for the upkeep and cleaning of the theater.

Theater Management: Betty Sherwood

The theater manager will be responsible for overseeing the assigned House managers for each event or production held at the theater.

Lighting: Hunter Emory

Sound & Stage: Corky Mork and Michael Wilkes
Will manage, maintain, repair, and submit to the board any necessary repairs needed to update the systems.

Planning & Renovations: Dick Cary

This committee will work with the finance committee to deal with major projects for the building.

As with all Village Players undertakings, volunteers are needed to make sure the necessary work gets completed. Please contact any board member or the committee member if you would like to lend a hand.



Stage Combat!

by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

On Sunday, January 11, several Village Players members joined the cast and crew of Kingswood Regional High School's theater program for a stage combat workshop. The event was run by professional stage combat artist and choreographer Chris Cardoni. He led the group in warm up exercises, basic fighting skills and sword play. This was a great opportunity for VP actors and producers to learn a little about how to make physical fighting on stage realistic and, most importantly, safe.

Russ Ellis, Athena Ellis, Mandy Ferriman, Jan Croteau and Scott Giessler braved the wintery weather to take part in "fight club" and all learned a great deal and enjoyed it thoroughly. Jan, in fact, was so pleased with what she learned that she has asked Chris to return in March for a session with Perform It!

GWAC Using the Reception Room

by Carol Bense

The Governor Wentworth Arts Council will be using the reception room at the theater for their meetings on the following dates April 15th, May 13th, June 10th, 2009, all Wednesday, evenings from 7 to 9pm. We are pleased to share our facility with other non-profit arts groups whenever possible.

Final reminder - renew your membership if you have not done so.

Lydia's Cafe
569-3991



33 N. Main Street, Wolfeboro

**Serving Breakfast & Lunch,
Gourmet Coffee, Tea & Espresso**

Put an ad in The Prompter!

(see the article on page 2)

CONTACT US...

snail-mail: P.O. Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Voice-mail: 603-569-9656

web site: www.village-players.com

2008 - 2009 Village Players Board

President - Diane Sullivan539-4425
Vice President - Mandy Ferriman651-6068
Secretary - Kathleen Whitehead539-4973
Treasurer - Joyce Wood 539-3259

Newsletter Committee

Carol Bense Dick Cary
Willie Mork Pheobe VanScoy-Giessler

Art Production

Richie OBrien richie@mirrorlakemedia.com

Members-at-Large

Kathleen Hill520-1372
Russ Ellis569-9218
Richie OBrien569-3485
Betty Sherwood569-5459
Jim Pittman539-7694

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 Patty Pardi - pardys4@aol.com - if you have changes in your mailing address.



P.O. Box 770 Wolfeboro, NH 03894

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
COMPUPRINT
03867

Don't Forget - You can't vote at the annual meeting if you are not a current member.

Membership 2009 Individual \$10 / Family \$18 (Circle one)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I would love to work on a play or special event. Contact me about:

Set Design/Construction Stage Crew Props Makeup/Hair Costumes
 Lights/Sound Accompanist Vocals Choreography Box Office
 Usher House Manager Stage Manager Director Producer

I/We would like to contribute to the Building Renovation Fund. Please accept my/our donation of \$_____

Please send your dues and contributions with this form to Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

