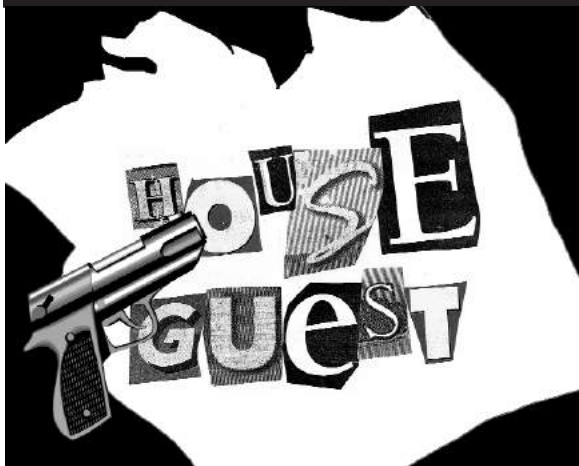


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“House Guest” by Francis Durbridge

A Twisting, Tantalizing Thriller This Spring
... from Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler & Carol Bense

The Village Players’ spring production, **House Guest**, by Francis Durbridge, debuts April 6th at 8pm. This edge-of-your-seat thriller will keep even the most astute audience members guessing until the very end.

We are offering a special promotion for this show . Bring someone who has NEVER BEEN to a Village Players show. This person will be given a free ticket at the door for any one of the 5 performances. Anyone who has never been to a Village Players show may come to the ticket booth, indicate that this is the first time he or she has attended a Village Players production, and a free ticket will be provided for that evening.

“We are hoping to increase our audience, and we think that once a person sees the quality of the shows we produce, that person will come back again and again,” states Carol Bense of the publicity committee. This special offer is open only for this show. Anyone taking advantage of the offer need only declare that he or she is a first-timer and a ticket will be provided with pleasure.

“Getting some new folks into our theater has been our goal for many years, and we hope this will do the trick,” says Russ Ellis, President of the organization.

Robert and Stella Drury (John Savage and Jenna VanValen) have it all: a happy family, fame, money and a lovely home. Suddenly, their lives are upended when their 9-year-old son, Mike, is abducted. The kidnapers aren’t interested in ransom, though. To have Mike returned unharmed, Robert and Stella must allow the kidnapers accommodations in their home for 48 hours. Just as the situation seems to resolve happily... someone winds up dead.

In addition to Savage and Van Valen, Director Jay Sydow has assembled a cast of skillfully developed characters played by Carol Bense, Helen Rautenberg, Corky Mork, Bob Rautenberg, Joel Dail and Mandy Ferriman. This ensemble adds even more depth to this intense and mind bending story. Where’s Mike? Who can be trusted? And maybe most importantly, who’ll be dead next? Audiences will ask themselves these questions again and again before the true reason for the kidnapping is revealed.

House Guest is sponsored by DeVylder’s Community Market and runs **April 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8pm** and **April 15 at 2pm**. Tickets are available at Black’s Paper and Gifts and at www.village-players.com.

(photo by Michael Wilfert)



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Go to:

www.village-players.com

Click on the link:



Kingswood Regional High School
... announces...



FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

(Visit the Website for more details:
www.kingswooddrama.com)

... by Jeannette D'Onofrio

What a fantastic day! Excited theater students scurried around the Kingswood High School building on Saturday, March 24th from 6:00am till 10:00pm – phew! Seven regional high schools, nearly 200 teens, participated in the first regional drama festival held here in Wolfeboro. The event was hosted by our own local KRHS drama group under the supervision of Scott Giessler, drama teacher and Village Players member, aided by co-chairs Patti Pardy and Jeannette D'Onofrio. Village Players; Jay Sydow, Russ Ellis, Jerome Holden and Marge Wilson along with parent volunteers took charge of set load ins, registration and awards writing.

Planning for the event began back in September with structural meetings, long emails between the three co-chairs and hours of rehearsal time for the show that the KRHS students performed as part of the competition. "Now Playing The Part Of..." written by Scott Giessler which the students were proud to show off to a captive audience.

Forty KRHS drama students participated either on the stage, back stage or hosting the event. Although our group did not win the coveted prize to continue on to the State competition, some students won individual recognition; Clay Skinner for his outstanding role as "The Frog Prince" and Kate Lizotte as the "Narrator" and collectively the group won for outstanding ensemble cast.

A very tired group of adults and a family of drama students produced one of the largest arts events held at the high school to date. There is talk of repeating the efforts again in a year or two, just long enough to forget how exhausting the event was, but how thrilling for the students to be involved.

COMEDY SERIES back again

....Jeannette D'Onofrio



Last year, our building fundraiser Comedy series at the theater became so popular we filled the house at nearly every show. We are hoping for the same response once again to this very relaxed, PG-13, stand-up event.

Professional, Boston area comedians take turns once a month from June through September on a Friday night with mike in hand to stand before you, just to make you laugh. Our dates are tentative at the moment, but will be solid by the next Prompter newsletter. We will be selling advance tickets on-line from our web site: www.village-players.com and downtown at Black's Paper & Gifts, \$40 for the entire series **if purchased before June 8th**. (Tickets will be available for sale by May) The sales were brisk last year, so my advice is the get your tickets early.

Thanks to our early sponsor appeal, we have all four exclusive sponsor seats filled: Lydia's Cafe, Miller's Auto, Maxfield Real Estate, and The Barn Door.

We will have a few repeat performers back on stage, our own Carolyn Plummer and Bob Siebel among them, but we will also introduce some new faces to our Wolfeboro audiences. Please watch your local papers and the next Prompter for more details.



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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. If you have a topic to present to the Board, please contact a member listed above.

Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter. Contact Marge Wilson 569-6533 if you have changes to your mailing address.

ANNUAL Village Players TALENT SHOW

...by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

We know that you have a secret talent. We know that deep down you are a budding unicyclist, an inspired performer of ancient Klingon text, a talented plate spinner, or a world champion underwater oboist. And we know that on **Sunday, June 10 at 3pm**, you'll stop denying the world these special gifts.

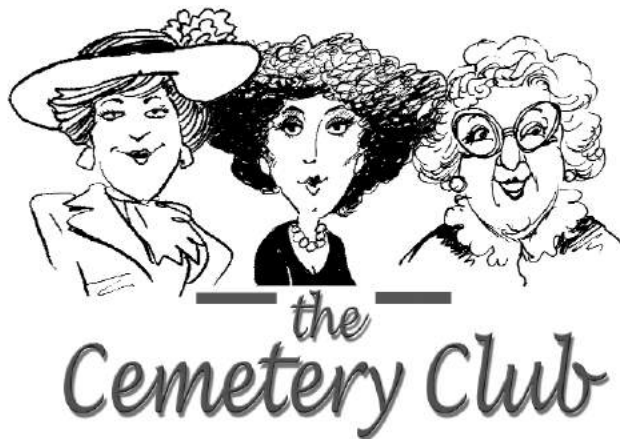
That's right! It's your time to step into the spotlight at **THE VILLAGE PLAYERS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING and 4TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW**. Performers of any ilk need to contact Russ Ellis (ram2sak@aol.com or 569-9218) by **June 1** for an application and to let him know what you'll be doing. (We wouldn't want more than 3 or 4 kabuki performances, now would we?) In addition, there will be a brief tech rehearsal the Saturday or Sunday before (depending on participants' schedules) to work out order of performances, lighting, sound and any other bugs. You won't find a friendlier audience or a more encouraging group of performers, so if you've ever thought about showcasing your stuff, this is the place to do it!

Of course, we kindly request the presence of any of you who feel you're not quite ready for primetime. If this year's crop of performers are anything like those in past years, you will be in for quite a treat. The doors are open to only Village Players members. Following the show, you'll get an update on all the VP happenings at the semi-annual meeting. When the business of the evening is complete, share your culinary talent at the potluck supper. Please bring a main dish, salad or casserole to share with a crowd and your choice of drink.

So, remember the Village Players talent show motto:
"No talent – in good taste – will be turned away."
Come on. You know you want to!



CALL FOR AUDITIONS... summer show



Carol Light, director, announces that auditions for our Summer Show, the hysterical comedy, "the Cemetery Club" will be held upstairs at the theater at **7pm on Sunday, April 22 and Monday, April 23**. Carol has directed several shows for Village Players including "Annie", "The Odd Couple", and "The Night is My Enemy."

"Cemetery Club" is the story of three widows who have recently lost their husbands and now band together to get on with life. "Girls just wanna have fun," but complications arise when a new man enters the picture. Someone gets the man, someone gets jealous, and someone just thinks the whole thing is not appropriate. Then the fun begins. Show dates are; July 27 & 28, Aug. 3, 4 & 5.

Everyone is welcome to audition for this show. There are three major parts for older women and one smaller part. There is one role for the older man. Of course we will need lots of help backstage as well, and anyone interested should come to auditions and fill out a form. See you there!

RENT THE THEATER

Do you know of art organization or art event which could benefit by presenting themselves at the Village Players Theater?

The Village Players Theater is available when shows are not in rehearsal and much of the winter months. We can accommodate up to 200 people comfortably in our auditorium. For more details, call or e-mail President Russ Ellis, ram2sak@aol.com (or) 569-9218.



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