



Shaw Guild Newsletter

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Save the Date! Events 2015

March 10th

Scene Shop Visit

April 13th (To Be Confirmed)

President's Luncheon and Show & Tell

June 6th

Shaw Garden Tour

June 24th

Guild Dress Rehearsal: Light Up The Sky

July 20th

Volunteer Summer Celebration

August

Shaw vs. Stratford Cricket Match at Stratford

September 9th

Prop Warehouse Visit

October 18th

Member's Day

November 22rd

Annual General Meeting



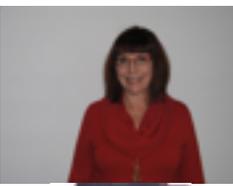
Message from the President

Moving into February, we are working on some exciting plans for the year's activities. First up is our annual Scene Shop visit on Tuesday March 10th. This is always a great way to start the year with a "behind the scenes" look at the sets being built for the new season. The Presidents Luncheon will be on Monday April 13th at the Festival Theatre along with the fabulous "Show and Tell" of the 2015 playbill presented by Bill Schmuck. Read more about the year's activities elsewhere in the newsletter.

Welcome to new executive members Donna Bertram (Treasurer), Mike Retzik (Docent Chair), Alan Walker (Fundraising Chair), and Julian Rance in his new role as Vice President. As mentioned in my previous letter, the executive met in December to begin planning for the coming year. I am excited to be working with this wonderful, creative group of volunteers. Susan Kelly Kister is busy keeping track of everything we do on the executive. Laurie Harley has already been working on plans for the season's activities and she will no doubt be reaching out for volunteers. Alan Walker and his committee are well into the organization of the 2015 Garden Tour which will involve many of you in June. Mike Retzik is busy planning the training sessions for the Docent team to prepare for the new season of plays. Peter Gill welcomed new members at several orientation sessions in December and January. Penny Augustine will be getting her hosting teams in place. Peggy Bell will be reaching out to the Gardeners in preparation for the spring clean-up. Christine Lancaster, as coordinator of the Greeters, will be getting her team up and running for the beginning of April. Jane Calver, always busy with the membership, is keeping track of the many hours you spend as volunteers for the Shaw. Pippa Barwell keeps us all up to the minute on our beautiful website, so please remember to check there regularly for news and information.

We have a fantastic year ahead of us with many opportunities to support the Shaw Festival and I am looking forward to working with you. It is a winter wonderland outside as I write this. Stay warm wherever you are!

Meet the 2014 Executive



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Hosting 2015

Another Shaw season is almost upon us. We will be supplying hosts for approximately 1,000 performances in 2015 - The first is April 8th and the final hosting will be October 30th.



Hosting Captains will begin calling members in early March, and will start with members whose surname begins with the letter “A”. As in the past, the names on the hosting list for 2015 will be those who have joined or renewed their memberships before January 31st. New hosts or those who have been absent for a period of time will be required to attend an orientation session prior to hosting. As per Ontario Legislation, only those who have completed AODA training (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act), will be allowed to host.



Hosting Procedure reminder:

Hosts are required to arrive 15 minutes before the start of their shift. For example, if you are scheduled for the 1:00 time, you should be there by 12:45. You must enter the theatre and contact the front of house manager. The reason for this is clear and simple. According to Shaw rules, the manager cannot open the doors to the public unless and until all doors are manned. So check your shift times carefully, and be sure to be prompt. Also, please note that if you are hosting at the Royal George Theatre, you must knock on the front door when you arrive.



Hosts are required to stay at their posts consistently. Of course there are moments when you may have to excuse yourself (as briefly as possible!), but do not fall into the temptation in periods of low traffic, to send one of your pair to the bar for a relaxing drink, or a bite of lunch. You may be idle much of your shift, but at any time your

presence may be needed to solve a problem. Believe it or not, it does happen.



Hosts should be pleasant, friendly and appropriately dressed. Shaw Theatres are “no scent” areas. Hosts must not wear perfume, cologne or aftershave while on duty. Remember that Shaw Guild Hosts are often the first contact the public has with the Shaw Theatre and it should be a positive connection.



A final remark: It often happens that people who have been appointed to host a certain date must change their plans. If that happens to you, **tell your Hosting captain as soon as possible**. Let the Guild handle it, and never attempt to find your own replacement.



Our hosting program is of vital assistance to the day to day workings of the Shaw Festival. Our Hosts are often the first faces the public sees when they enter the theatres. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making our program the success it has become. I hope you enjoy the 2015 season. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.



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The Shaw 2015 Season

Sweet Charity

Festival Theatre: April 17th-October 31st

Pygmalion

Festival Theatre: May 31st- October 24th

Light Up the Sky

Festival Theatre: June 25th- October 11th

The Lady from the Sea

Court House Theatre: April 30th- September 13th

Top Girls

Court House Theatre: May 23rd- September 12th

The Twelve-Pound Look

Court House Theatre: June 11th- October 12th

Peter and the Starcatcher

Royal George Theatre: April 8th- November 1st

You Never Can Tell

Royal George Theatre: April 26th- October 25th

The Divine: A Play for Sarah Bernhardt

Royal George Theatre: July 5th- October 11th

The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures

Studio Theatre: July 11th- October 10th

The Next Whiskey Bar

Studio Underground: August 21, 22, 28, 29, September 4, 5
- 9pm



How do we help?

Each year the guild gathers to watch a fun game of cricket between the actors of the Shaw Festival and Stratford Festival. It is a fun day involving a picnic, drinks and socializing. We also raise money each year that goes towards the cricket team here at Shaw. This does not go unnoticed and here are a couple of letters to show the appreciation we get for participating in this fun event:



Hello Peter,

I would like to thank you, Sheila and the rest of the Guild Members on behalf of the entire Shaw cricket team for the very generous donation of \$500.

This gift is gratefully appreciated as it will contribute to the costs of purchasing new equipment and team transportation next season.

Please pass on our thanks.

All the best,

Martin Happer.



Dear Peter

I've just been given a \$500 cheque from the Shaw Guild to put in the pot for next year's Cricket expenses.

Thank you, Guild members! Do let the membership know how grateful we all are.

Elaine Calder

Executive Director

