



# Shaw Guild Newsletter

## March 2015

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## Save the Date! Events 2015

### April 13th

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

### September 9th

Set Changeover

### October 18th

Member's Day

### November 22nd

Annual General Meeting



## Message from the President

### March President's Message- Signs of Spring



There may still be snow on the ground and frosty temperatures, but a sure sign of spring in Niagara-on-the-Lake is the level of activity at the Shaw Festival. Sets for the first plays to open this month have been loaded into the theatres. Peter and The Starcatcher goes into preview at the Royal George Theatre on April 8th, followed by You Never Can Tell on April 26th. Sweet Charity previews on April 17th at the Festival Theatre and The Lady From The Sea previews on April 30th in the Court House Theatre. Those of you who visited the Scene Shop in March can attest to the high level of activity as scenery for the next group of plays opening in May and June nears completion. Be sure to check out the article and photos about that great evening. Another sign of spring would normally be ensemble members riding about the town on their bicycles, headed to rehearsal. Not many are braving the weather by that mode of transportation, but the rehearsal halls are alive with song, dance and rehearsal by company members old and new.

The Presidents Luncheon on April 13th is an opportunity to meet new members, renew acquaintances and of course honour the past presidents of the Guild. I am looking forward to seeing you there and I am excited for Bill Schmuck to "show and tell" us about the 2015 season. So here's hoping that the sun will soon light up the sky, that the snow will melt and that we can do some star catching at the theatre.



## Scene Shop Visit

It was standing room only on March 10 when close to 90 members took advantage of a mild spring-like evening to attend the first Guild event of the 2015 season. Many in the audience were new members who were getting their first glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes.



The evening started with Bill Schmuck's descriptions of set designs for *Light Up the Sky* and the *Twelve-Pound Look*, followed by Lesslie Tunmer's stories of the challenges that go into building and transporting sets, and topped off by Gwyneth Stark's amazing scenic art creations. As one new member put it, "I was blown away by the care and attention that went into each design."



Thanks to everyone who attended, and a special thanks to Janet Hanna for organizing another informative and fun evening.



Laurie Harley  
Activities Chair





# Scene Shop Visit



Thanks to Rene Bertschi for  
the photographs.



# Shaw Guild Dress Rehearsal: Light Up the Sky

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, June 24th will be our opportunity to attend a dress rehearsal of Light Up the Sky at Festival Theatre, 7:30 pm!

## About the show

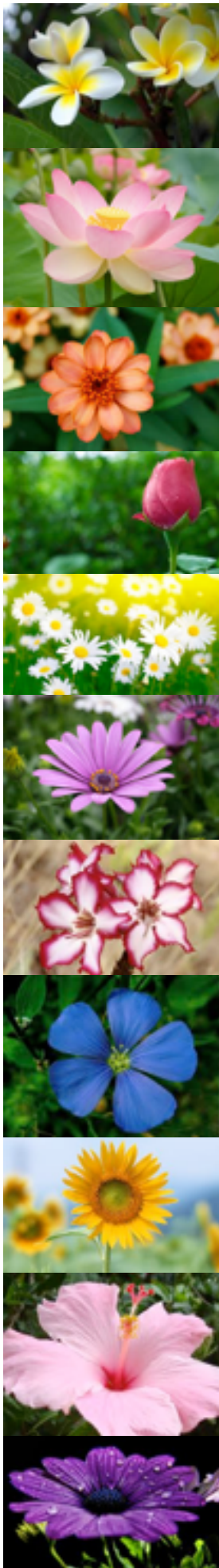
**“These people are good in heart – they have the wonderful courage of dreamers and fools. And there’s not too much of that around.”**

Playwright Moss Hart was one of Broadway’s biggest stars who co-wrote the hit comedies You Can’t Take It With You and The Man Who Came to Dinner. This play is his comic love letter to the theatre world. A new play is about to have its first out-of-town tryout and assembled in a suite at the Ritz-Carlton are the leading lady, the naive playwright, the emotional director, the vulgar producer and his ice-skater wife. Everything is love and kisses and toasts to the “magic time” of theatre. But when they return to the hotel after the show, things aren’t quite as rosy.



## The Event

The doors and bar open at 7:00 pm. Tickets are distributed just prior to the show to Guild members. Bring your badge in order to get a seat! Not all seats will be available as some will be used by the technical staff in evaluating the performance. Seating is distributed randomly, but if you require an aisle seat, let us know and we'll try our best to accommodate. Please call Laurie Harley at 905-468-5600 if you need an aisle seat.



## Garden Tour 2015

This annual fundraiser, organized by the Guild, showcases magnificent secret gardens around Niagara-on-the-Lake. 2015 is a special year for the garden tour; it is our 10th year! To celebrate this we have picked 8 beautiful gardens to showcase. It is a not to be missed year. You can have the chance to look round these fabulous gardens and as always their will be Master Gardeners on hand to answer any questions you have about the flora you see.

The exciting gardens included this year are the following:

The Turner Residence, 158 Prideaux Street

The Sanger Residence, 115 Front Street

The Babcock Residence, 85 Johnson Street

The Tremblay Residence, 280 Johnson Street

The McLeod and Bell Residence, 180 Johnson Street

The Appel Residence, 165 Johnson Street

The Dow Residence, 245-247 Butler Street

The Nixon Residence, 318 Niagara Boulevard

See the Shaw Guild website for more details on the gardens and information on where to get tickets: <http://shawguild.ca/gardentour.html>.



# The Hosting Handbook



We now have a new resource available to help with all your hosting questions and queries. The purpose of this document is to provide Shaw Guild members with a handy reference guide to assist them to understand their role and responsibilities as Hosts for Shaw Festival theatre performances.

This handbook includes information on hosting qualifications, requirements, and responsibilities and as well particulars on each theatre venue. It is designed to ensure that Shaw Guild Hosts have all the information required to effectively fulfill their role and carry out their responsibilities.



It is a great resource for members new to hosting or anyone who needs a few extra details regarding their hosting duty. It will be sent out via an eblast soon and will also be available on the Shaw Guild website by the beginning of the theatre season.

Any further questions you may have about this can be directed to Penny Augustine, Hosting Chair.





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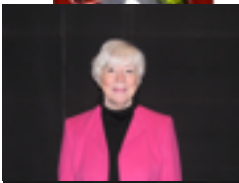


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