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Save the Date!

EVENTS 2016

Scene Shop Visit	Monday, March 7, 7-9 pm
Presidents' Luncheon Show & Tell	Monday, April 11, Noon - 2 pm
Dress Rehearsal 2 <i>A Woman of No Importance</i>	Saturday, May 28
Garden Tour	Saturday, June 4
Summer Celebration	Monday, July 25, 5-7 pm
Cricket	August
Set Changeover <i>Sweeney</i> (2 pm) to <i>Alice</i> (8 pm)	Wednesday, September 7
Members' Day	Monday, October 24
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, November 27

For more information, check out our events page:
www.shawguild.ca/events



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2016 season!

I would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are brand new members of the Guild. I know you will find it a rewarding experience to volunteer your time in support of the Shaw Festival. There are a variety of volunteering opportunities, so make sure you contact the person responsible for the activities in which you are interested. You will find contact information both in the newsletter and on the website.

I would also like to welcome our two new executive members: Jen Clark, our new Information and Communications Chair and Paddy Parr, our new Shaw Gardens Chair.

I hope you will mark your calendars with the first events of the Guild season:

- The annual **Scene Shop visit on Monday, March 7th** gives us a closer look at the new sets being built for the upcoming productions.
- The **Presidents' Luncheon on Monday, April 11th** is an opportunity to socialize and also to honour past presidents of the Guild. Once again it will be followed by Bill Schmuck's fabulous "show and tell" of the 2016 season's designs.

In December, I had the opportunity to get a sneak peek of *Alice* as Peter Hinton and his creative team walked through a scene-by-scene synopsis of the play. We are in for a wonderful trip down the rabbit hole when the Festival premieres this stunning production. I can hardly wait!

Please enjoy this first newsletter of the year and remember to explore our newly revamped website often for information about events, volunteer opportunities at the Shaw, and contact information. Happy reading!

ARLENE CARSON, PRESIDENT

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WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!

We've been working hard to make the Shaw Guild website clearer and easier to use. A new "Members" section has been added so we can post updates more easily and more often. Check it out to view the 2015 "Year in Review" video shown at the AGM.

Additionally, we'll be posting updates to Facebook at www.facebook.com/shawguild. "Like" our page to stay in the loop!

www.shawguild.ca



MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of our members who have renewed to date!

You should have received your new name badges in the mail or at the AGM.

If you have not renewed, please fill in the membership form, available on our website. Include your cheque and send it to:

**Shaw Guild Membership
PO Box 83
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
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If you have questions or concerns or are not planning to renew this year, please contact me.

**Jane Calver,
Membership Chair
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Hosting Update

We will be recruiting some new Hosting Captains for the 2016 season. If you are interested in volunteering as a Hosting Captain, please let me know.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING CAPTAINS

- Must be proficient with Excel spread sheets and have Excel version 2010 or later installed on their computer.
- Must have excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Should have served as a host for at least one year before becoming a Captain.
- Are required to spend approximately 15 - 20 hours to perform their duties.

DUTIES FOR HOSTING CAPTAINS

- Hosting Captains are given theatre schedules and a list of prospective hosts. Each Captain has approximately 60 hosting spaces to fill. They must complete this in a specified time, and send the completed list to the Hosting Chair.
- Two to three days before the hosts are scheduled, the Captain must phone them to ensure that they know the dates, times and theatres where they are scheduled to host.

**Penny Augustine, Hosting Chair
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Garden Tour Update

A reminder that the Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Eight homes in Old Town Niagara-on-the-Lake have been selected, showcasing a variety of gardens. Meander through gardens and discover many varieties of lush plants, beautiful trees, and stunning perennials nestled around historic homes.

Enjoy a look over the Niagara River along with the courtyard and balcony gardens of a condominium complex. Some gardens are more formal, with trimmed hedges and walking paths throughout, while others ramble over large estate acreage. Master gardeners will be available on-site to answer questions.

For more information and to view the brochure, visit www.shawfest.com/gardentour

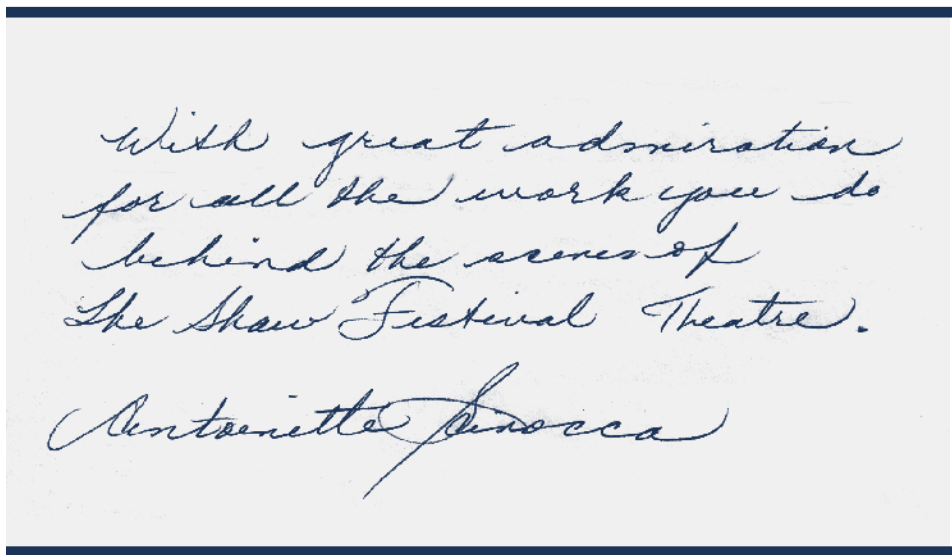
Tickets are \$25 and are available to purchase online at www.shawfest.com/offers-events, or by calling the Shaw Festival Box Office at 1-800-511-7429.

To volunteer at the Garden Tour, contact Fundraising Chair Alan Walker at 905-468-0638 or alanjwalk@gmail.com

SHAW GUILD GARDEN TOUR
*The Secret Gardens of
 Niagara-on-the-Lake*
June 4, 2016
 10am to 4pm



For ticket information call the Shaw Festival Box Office
1-800-511-7429 / 905-468-2172
 Order online at www.shawfest.com
 Garden Tour tickets \$25.00 each
 Info at www.shawfest.com/gardentour



IN MEMORIAM

Thank you to the Scinocca family from Winnipeg, Manitoba for their donation in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Magnacca.

Betty joined the Guild in 1981 and was a valued Host volunteer, greeting Shaw Theatre patrons for many years as well as engaging in other volunteer activities. She will be missed.



Shaw Festival 2016

FESTIVAL THEATRE

Alice in Wonderland

The most magical journey of the year... is down a rabbit hole. This astonishing musical experience will stay with you forever.

APRIL 27 - OCTOBER 16

A Woman of No Importance

Sex. Secrets. Scandal. Oscar Wilde's explosive tale of high society.

MAY 29 - OCTOBER 15

Sweeney Todd

Madness ... Murder ... Meat pies? The bloody brilliant musical by Broadway legend Stephen Sondheim.

JULY 17 - OCTOBER 16

Photo illustrations by Emily Cooper

COURT HOUSE THEATRE

Uncle Vanya

A fresh new take on Chekhov's celebrated masterpiece.

MAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 11

"Master Harold" ...and the Boys

Athol Fugard's brilliant coming of age tale set in apartheid South Africa.

JUNE 30 - SEPTEMBER 10

The Adventures of the Black Girl in Her Search for God

A modern twist on Shaw's roller-coaster comedy about a young woman looking for God in all the wrong places.

JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 11



Shaw Festival 2016 CONTINUED

ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE

Our Town

Thornton Wilder's inspiring and intimate tale of small-town life. One of America's most beloved plays.

APRIL 9 - OCTOBER 15

Mrs Warren's Profession

What if you learned your mother's profession was the "oldest profession" in the world?

APRIL 21 - OCTOBER 16

Engaged

How many highland flings can one man have?! Summer's must-see romantic comedy.

JUNE 15 - OCTOBER 16

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STUDIO THEATRE

The Dance of Death

Strindberg's black comedy about the ultimate duel: husband vs wife. Directed by Martha Henry.

JULY 13 - SEPTEMBER 10

"I welcome you to a season that proudly showcases the great diversity of work we have built into our programming over my fourteen-year tenure ... not to mention some of my absolute favourite plays!"

- JACKIE MAXWELL

SHAW 20
FESTIVAL 16

**DON'T BE
LATE TO SAVE
ON YOUR
2016 SHAW
TICKETS!**

Prices go up Feb. 1



March 18-20

The Conference About Volunteers of Regional Theatre is being held this year in Louisville, Kentucky.

**For more information
and to register, visit
www.cavortinc.com**



Mark Your Calendar

Shaw Guild launches
2016 Calendar of Events
with a Scene Shop visit

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016
7 - 9 pm**

Watch for more details
coming in February



VISIT US ONLINE AT www.shawguild.ca