

# Save the Date!

## JULY 2016

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## EVENTS 2016

<b>Summer Celebration</b>	Monday, July 25, 4:30 - 7 pm
 <b>Wonderland Faire</b>	Monday, August 1 12 - 5 pm
<b>Set Changeover</b> <i>Sweeney (2 pm) to Alice (8 pm)</i>	Wednesday, September 7
<b>Cricket</b>	Monday, September 12
<b>Members' Day</b>	Monday, October 24
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Sunday, November 20

For more information, check out our events page:  
[www.shawguild.ca/events](http://www.shawguild.ca/events)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# A summer of theatre

The openings of *Engaged*, *The Adventures of the Black Girl in Her Search for God*, and *A Woman of No Importance* mean a busier time for all of us volunteers greeting, hosting and leading tours. In addition, the hot, dry weather has kept our gardeners extra busy.

Here we are mid-season and by the time you get this newsletter, the last of the 2016 productions will be onstage. I am looking forward to the opening nights of *"Master Harold" ...and the Boys* and *Dance of Death*, and of course *Sweeney Todd*, one of my favourites.

We have three exciting events coming up:

- The *Alice* themed **Summer Celebration on Monday July 25th** promises to be a great evening to socialize with fellow Guild members and say a formal farewell to Jackie Maxwell. We will also be saying a goodbye and thank you to Bill Schmuck for all the time he has so generously spent enriching Guild events. Tim Jennings and Tim Carroll will also be our guests at this event.
- On August 1st, come out and support the **Wonderland Faire** fundraising event for local children's charities. It will be an opportunity to mingle with members of the acting ensemble and enjoy a great afternoon of fun activities.
- On September 12th the annual **Shaw vs Stratford Cricket Match** will be held. Keith Mills and Sheila Hill are busy with plans to make this year's match a day to remember.

Thank you to all who worked in support of our annual Garden Tour. We enjoyed a beautiful day with perfect weather and shared some of our town's special gardens with visitors from near and far. Alan Walker, Franca Moss, and the fantastic team of garden captains and volunteers worked very hard to make the day a great success.

The **Alice Tour** is now a reality and a great hit with the patrons. It has been a delight to introduce visitors to the wonders of backstage as we follow the White Rabbit. If you haven't had a chance to participate, there are still 4 dates in August to catch the fun. Enjoy the summer and the great theatre and events in the months to come!

**ARLENE CARSON, PRESIDENT**

# Shaw Festival Wonderland Faire

On Monday, August 1 (Civic Holiday) volunteer members of the Shaw Festival Company and staff will band together to host a one-day fundraising event, patterned after an old-fashioned country fair in an *Alice in Wonderland* theme. All net proceeds are donated to charity.

Previous versions of the fair have contributed a total of \$250,000 to various charitable organizations. This year, children's charities with a local connection will be the beneficiaries:

- The RAFT
- Family and Children's Services Niagara
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind
- Niagara Elementary Instrumental Music
- Red Roof Retreat
- Pathstone Mental Health



## WANT TO HELP?

There are several ways Guild members can support this fun day:

### Do your talents lie in the kitchen?

Donations of cookies, squares, tarts, jellies and jams are welcomed for the Tea Tent and the Bake Table. Contact **Laurie Harley** at [activities@shawguild.ca](mailto:activities@shawguild.ca) or 905-468-5600.

### Do you have items for the Trinkets and Treasures sale?

Keep in mind the day is all about raising money for children's charities. We are looking for quality items that will sell rather than items you want disposed. Starting July 18, items can be dropped off at Reception at the Stage Door entrance, Festival Theatre. Stage door drop off is available 24 hours a day.

### Do you have items for a Silent Auction?

We'd welcome donations of items that will entice visitors to place their bids. You can contact **Paddy Parr** at [gardens@shawguild.ca](mailto:gardens@shawguild.ca) after July 18 to discuss your donation.

The Shaw will also be accepting books/games/dvds/cds for the Book Table, Clothes for the Clothing Booth, and Dress-up trunk items for the kids who want to dress up to come to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. These items can also be dropped off at the Stage Door entrance.

**And of course, you can plan to visit the Wonderland Faire on the Civic Holiday and enjoy the fun and festivities with your family and friends!**

## GREETER PROGRAM

# Have fun - be a Greeter!

If you like meeting people and being an ambassador for Shaw, why not be a Greeter for the Festival Theatre?

Our group of Greeters have done such an outstanding job that Shaw has asked us to expand our program to evening performances! We will launch the expanded program as a Pilot Project in October.

Here is an opportunity for you to be involved and have fun at the same time interacting with our patrons. Greeters meet guests outside as they approach the theatre entrance, welcoming them, answering questions and providing directions.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you are not on our roster and would like to join us, please contact:

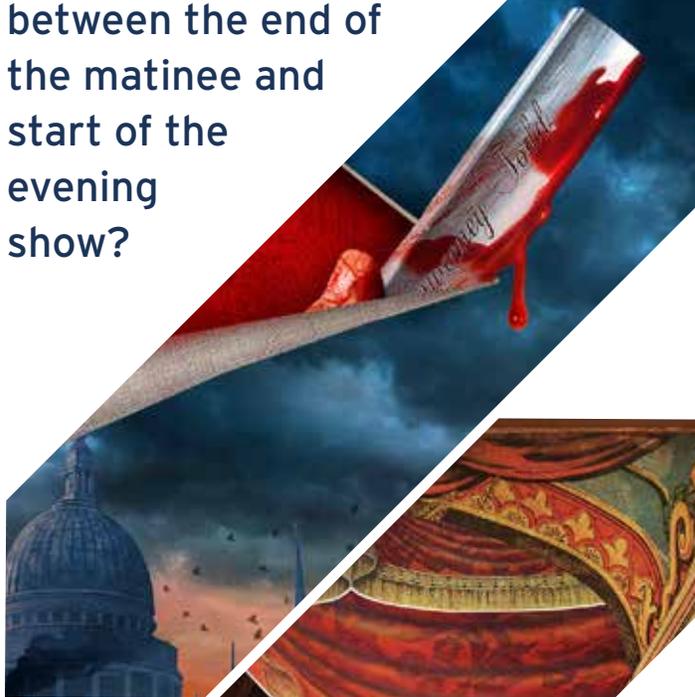
**Marg or John Mather, Greeting Convenors**  
[greeters@shawguild.ca](mailto:greeters@shawguild.ca) or 905-468-5560

We look forward to hearing from you!

# Set Changeover

Wednesday, September 7  
Festival Theatre Stage

Ever wonder how they do a complete set changeover in the short time between the end of the matinee and start of the evening show?



Join us  
September 7  
to see the stage  
transformed from  
the dark and scary set of  
*Sweeney Todd* to the magical  
world of *Alice in Wonderland*.

**This is a complimentary event.  
Watch for more details in August.**

# Audition call for new Docents

We continue to enhance the theatre experience at the Shaw Festival by providing the most informative and stimulating backstage tours that we can. As part of our commitment to maintain the level of excellence our patrons demand, we are looking to train several new Docents.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Presentation skills and enthusiasm
- Group management skills and flexibility
- Energy and stamina
- Passion for theatre
- Confidentiality and discretion
- Computer access and general proficiency
- AODA training (provided by the Shaw)

## WHAT TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED OF A DOCENT?

Be forewarned: the docent position requires a significant time commitment. A docent may be called upon to lead 2-3 tours per week between April and November, usually in the morning. Tours are usually 1 hour, but Docents are asked to be at the theatre 30 minutes before the tour's scheduled start. In addition, Docents are expected to participate in 3 training sessions in the spring of each year, and to attend other training opportunities throughout the year. Finally, Docents must commit to see all of the season's plays early in the season.

**If you are interested in applying, please send a brief resume to Michael Retzik, Docent Chair, at [docents@shawguild.ca](mailto:docents@shawguild.ca) or 905-933-0342**

SAVE THE DATE

## Annual Shaw versus Stratford Cricket Match

Monday, September 12, 12:00 pm  
Memorial Park, Niagara-on-the-Lake

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### Featuring:

- Pimm's followed by boxed lunch and choice of red or white wine
- "Cricket High Tea" in the Festival Theatre Lobby, with sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and an array of other goodies are served by members of the Shaw Festival
- 50/50 Draw to raise funds for the Shaw cricket team to help them buy more cricket equipment

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Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be ordered by contacting Keith Mills at [cricket@shawguild.ca](mailto:cricket@shawguild.ca) 905-468-8421

Order forms to select your choice for the boxed luncheon will also be available at the Mad Hatter Summer Celebration on Monday, July 25th.





# GARDEN TOUR

The 11th annual Shaw Guild Garden Tour, held on Saturday, June 4th 2016, was attended by 960 people and raised \$28,860 in gross revenue, resulting in net revenue of **\$24,830.**

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Photography by Terry Babij



The Tour is the major fundraiser for the Shaw Guild and is considered by many as the premier event of its type in the Niagara region.

The 2016 Garden Tour owed its success to a variety of factors; the beauty of the Gardens, the financial support of our Platinum Sponsor (Mori Gardens), our individual Garden Sponsors and Door Prize Donors.

The dedication and hard work of our Garden Managers and 100+ Garden Volunteers, the involvement of Master Gardeners and the support of Janet Hanna at the Shaw Festival were also essential to the Tour's success.

Finally, I would be remiss in not mentioning the significant contribution of the Steering Committee, which I had the privilege of Chairing.

Accordingly, on your behalf, I extend my gratitude to the following individuals: Terry Babij, Peggy Bell, Vicky Downes, Rona Gray, Franca Moss, and Kit Thompson.

We believe that our patrons' Garden Tour experience is of paramount importance and to gauge this, we once again organized a Post Tour Survey; 73% of Respondents rated the Tour as Excellent or Very Good, and 71% of Respondents are Extremely Likely or Very Likely to attend another Shaw Guild Garden Tour.

The planning has begun in earnest for the 2017 version of the Tour; I would encourage Guild members to advise the Steering Committee of any particular "secret gardens" as candidates for the 2017 Tour.

**Alan Walker, Fundraising Chair**

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**MONDAY AUGUST 1**  
**12PM-5PM**  
**FREE**  
**ADMISSION**

On the grounds of the Shaw Festival  
10 Queen's Parade

**FOOD & BEER**  
**GAMES**  
**FUN**  
**KID ZONE**  
**RAFFLE**  
**& MORE!**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO**  
**CHILD & YOUTH CHARITIES**