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FESTIVAL **Guild**

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Save the Date!

EVENTS 2016

Members' Day

Monday, October 24

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, November 20

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

**Hosts
needed for
October**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's not over yet!

It's hard to believe the season is winding down. The productions in the Court House Theatre have closed and the theatre space has turned back into an assembly hall, the Studio production has finished its run, and the Directors Project has come and gone. However, there is still the opportunity to host or greet and to see plays at the Festival Theatre and the Royal George Theatre.

I have spoken to numerous members who are making good use of season passes and seeing productions several times. It is a worthwhile experience to see how a play develops over the course of its run. Hosting the Members Terrace at the Festival also gives us the opportunity to chat with Shaw lovers from all over.

After the intensely dry and hot summer, the gardens are still going strong and the roses are looking as beautiful as ever. We were able to showcase the gardens at the Festival Theatre at the Wonderland Faire when the Guild rallied to help the Shaw employees put on this community event and raise money for local children's charities. Many thanks to those of you who gave up a day of a long weekend to help make this event a success.

It seems like we have been treated to one great event after another this summer. The Summer Celebration was a wonderful gathering and in spite of the humidity, a great time was had by all. Those attending the Set Changeover were treated to an inside look at the *Sweeney Todd* set changing over to *Alice*. Finally, the Shaw vs Stratford Cricket Match had a record crowd of 75 in attendance to cheer on our team. Thanks to the efforts of Keith Mills, Sheila Hill and Kent Chisholm for making this the best year yet, even though we didn't win.

Still to come is **Members' Day** on October 24 and the **2016 Annual General Meeting** on November 20. You will have the opportunity to hear more about the 2017 playbill from **Tim Carroll and Tim Jennings** who will be joining us on Members' Day. Details about both these events are in the newsletter. My term as President is winding down and I look forward to these two occasions to get together with you and talk about the season.

ARLENE CARSON, PRESIDENT

Corporate Fundraising Partnership

The Shaw Guild has embarked on a 2 year pilot Initiative, partnering with the Shaw on corporate fundraising initiatives.

Both recognize that the Guild membership has a wealth of experience and connections that could be leveraged for this purpose, reaching out to corporate entities.

As a result of the first efforts of this new partnership, Shaw has been awarded a cash grant of \$2,000 from the IBM Community Grants Program. This grant is in recognition of the continuing volunteerism of past IBM employees, who are members of the Shaw Guild, and who, with the Shaw, worked with IBM to apply for and secure the grant.

The application was to expand the "Continue the Conversation" program in 2017. The funds will enable hiring a consultant to develop a model and training materials for facilitating successful conversations with audience members after select performances. The grant is to cover the consultant fees, with administrative support and workshop venue provided by the Shaw.

Although the Corporate Fundraising Partnership is in its infancy, this early success will provide the impetus to jointly develop other opportunities. Watch out for further updates.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Hard to believe, but it is time to renew our memberships for the 2017 Season!

The membership form is online at shawguild.ca/resources/Membership2017.pdf

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Organizing Committees for Guild Events
- Fundraising
- Garden Tour
- Gardening
- Hosting / Hosting Captain
- "Playing This Week"
- Docent Program
- Greeters

Membership renewal can be done in person at Members' Day, October 24 or at the Annual General Meeting, November 20. Please print and fill in the registration form and bring it with you. The information is important for keeping our files up to date and to know how you want to volunteer.

If you are unable to make it to either of these events, follow the registration instructions on the form.

Jane Calver, Membership Chair

What a Summer!



The **Summer of 2016** will be remembered as a very busy one for Guild Activities.

Photography by René Bertschi, Bea Campbell & Terry Babij



SUMMER CELEBRATION

On July 25, members gathered on a very hot summer evening to enjoy the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. With the extreme humidity, activities were moved from the Members' Terrace inside to the Festival Lobby. But that didn't dampen the fun! Members came wearing their "mad hats", played the Mystery Playbill Game, and enjoyed light fare catered by Niagara Gourmet. Congratulations to Susan Nyitrai whose "chapeau" was judged to be the maddest in the crowd.



ABOVE: Susan Nyitrai, winner of the "maddest hat"





WONDERLAND FAIRE

Next up was the “Wonderland Faire” on August 1. Volunteer members of the Shaw Festival Company, staff and the Guild banded together to host a one-day fundraising event patterned after an old-fashioned country fair in an *Alice in Wonderland* theme. Guild volunteers staffed the Information Booth and Tea Tent, sold tickets, organized and staffed Trinkets and Treasures and contributed sweets for the tea tent and bake table. The community turned out in large numbers to enjoy a fun-filled day and raised \$10,500 to be distributed to local children’s charities.



SET CHANGEOVER

Things didn't slow down in September. On September 7, Guild members had a unique opportunity to sit in on a set changeover at the Festival Theatre. They watched the transformation of the stage from the dark world of the *Demon Barber of Fleet Street* to the fantasy world of *Alice in Wonderland*. Jeff Bingley, Head Stage Carpenter, joined us to explain the process and share his experiences with set changeovers.



ABOVE: Keith Mills dressed as Mr. Reginald Hargreaves



CRICKET MATCH

And finally, Cricket came to Memorial Park on September 12 with the annual Stratford versus Shaw Cricket match. Over 70 Guild members, along with guests from Friends of the Festival in Stratford, enjoyed a traditional glass of Pimms, a delicious boxed lunch accompanied by a glass of wine. It was a perfect day to cheer on our team! The only thing that could have made it better was if Shaw had won the game. But there is always next year in Stratford to regain the title!



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**The Rotary Club of
Niagara on the Lake presents**

Tim... and Tim!

Please join us for a special presentation from the Shaw Festival's new Executive Director, Tim Jennings and new Artistic Director, Tim Carroll.

This is a unique opportunity to meet Tim and TC and to learn about the future direction of the Shaw Festival.

TIME

12:00 noon • October 18, 2016

LOCATION

NOTL Community Centre,
14 Anderson Lane

TICKET

\$25 • includes buffet lunch & glass of wine

Tickets can be purchased at the NOTL Library or by phone 289-969-1581

Tickets are limited, get your ticket ASAP!

Rotary 
Club of Niagara on the Lake

All proceeds will be donated to the NOTL Library renovation project



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