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Save the Date!

Presidents' Luncheon and Show & Tell	Monday, April 10, 12-3 pm
Dress Rehearsal <i>Saint Joan</i>	Tuesday, May 2
Garden Tour	Saturday, June 10
Summer Celebration	Monday, July 17, 5-7 pm
Cricket	August / September TBA
Prop / Costume Warehouse Visit	September TBA
Members' Day	Monday, October 23
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, November 26

Don't forget
to renew your
membership!

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An exciting new season begins

The 2017 Shaw Festival Season is about to start! On April 5th *Me and My Girl* opens in preview and *The Madness of George III* opens in preview on April 11th.

Guild Activities got off to a great start with the annual Scene Shop visit on March 6th with more than eighty Guild members attending. Many thanks to all Guild members, Shaw staff and Ensemble members who made it such a success. Our next Guild event is the **Presidents' Luncheon and Show and Tell on Monday, April 10th**. This is always a sold out event so be sure to sign up for it.

Your Activities team has a great programme for us this year so be sure to check the Guild website for information. The Guild dress rehearsal for *St. Joan* is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, May 2nd. This promises to be wonderful production.

Guild volunteers are getting ready for a busy season:

- The Gardeners will be doing their spring cleanup prior to planting
- Docents are in training and Back Stage Tours have already started
- Planning for the **Annual Guild Garden Tour on June 10th** has been in the works for months now and this year promises to be one of the best ever
- New Hosts and Greeters are in training and will be ready for the opening of the season.

This promises to be an exciting year for us with an exciting season of plays and a great series of Guild activities.

JULIAN RANCE, PRESIDENT

Greeter Program is Expanding!

Welcome back everyone! Due to the success of our Pilot Project last October, the Greeter Program at the Festival Theatre has added evening performances for all Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and a few other selected evenings.

As well, we will continue to greet at all Festival Theatre Matinees, Tuesdays to Sundays inclusive.

In order to greet, you must be **AODA certified** and be a **paid-up member for 2017**. If you are confused about the difference between Greeting and Hosting, please see the following table.

We have scheduled "Start-up" meetings for April 3rd and have contacted all members who have indicated an interest in greeting.

If you would like to join us, please contact:
John or Marg Mather
greeters@shawguild.ca
905-468-5560

COMPARISON OF ROLES

	Greeters	Hosts
Theatre	Festival Theatre <i>only</i>	<i>All theatres</i>
Location	<i>Outside</i> main entrance	<i>Inside</i> at theatre doors
Performances	Matinee Tuesday - Sunday & some Evenings	Matinee Tuesday - Friday & Evenings Tuesday - Thursday Members' Terrace (Festival Theatre), Tuesday - Sunday
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greet patrons as they <i>approach</i> the theatre• Confirm <i>name</i> of performance• Ask patrons to have tickets <i>ready for scanning</i>• Assist in flow of patrons into building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome patrons as they <i>enter</i> the theatre• <i>Scan tickets</i> ("ticket taking")• Direct patrons to correct aisle

NOTE: the Hosting roster for 2017 is now full, but Guild members are welcome to join the Greeting Program anytime during the year.

New Shaw Policies

SCENT-FREE

Shaw Festival theatres are “no scent” areas. Never wear any scented products (e.g. perfume, cologne or aftershave, etc.).

SMOKE-FREE

Effective Monday, February 6, 2017, Smoke-Free areas at the Festival Theatre have been expanded to include:

- The entire patio area outside of the Festival Green Room, to the top of the stairway
- The entire patio area outside of the Macdonald-Heaslip Lounge
- The entire patio area outside the Festival Lobby
- The Flag Deck and the Veranda - outside of the upper Festival Lobby
- The entire patio area outside the Crew room at the Festival Theatre

Please refrain from smoking at all employee or public entrances, exits and air intake vents.

In the news...

WNED's 30-minute Shaw Festival Special

WNED is airing a 30-minute special on the Shaw Festival, premiering Friday, March 31 at 9:00 pm.

Tim Carroll chats with Anthony Chase about the season and his vision for the Shaw Festival.

If you prefer to watch it online, it is available at www.wned.org/bluesbash/item/1861-2017-shaw-festival-season-preview.

Carroll's Carol

The Shaw Festival announces 2017 production of Dickens's classic *A Christmas Carol* directed by Tim Carroll.

Carroll, a Charles Dickens expert, directed *A Christmas Carol* in Norway last year to great acclaim and will breathe life into the new production at the Shaw Festival. Dickens's masterpiece will feature 10 Shaw Festival ensemble members, along with whimsical puppetry and some exciting stage magic. Set and costumes by Christine Lohre, lighting by Kevin Lamotte, music direction by Paul Sportelli, and movement and puppetry by Alexis Milligan complete the beloved Christmas tale.

"I've adored *A Christmas Carol* all my life and staged it twice, but I've never had the chance to make it happen in such a Dickensian town and theatre," says Carroll. "It will be my Christmas treat to myself."

A Christmas Carol previews November 15, opens November 25 and runs through December 23 at the Royal George Theatre. Tickets range from \$25-\$75 and are available through the Shaw Festival Box Office.



SAVE THE DATE

Garden Tour Volunteers

The Shaw Guild Garden Tour Committee is preparing for our Annual Fundraiser and we need your help!

This year's garden tour is **Saturday, June 10, 2017**, from 10 am to 4 pm. Greeters and cashiers are required for the eight homes on the tour.

If you are able to help with a shift (9:30 am to 1:00 pm or 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm) please email Mary Anne Seppala with the following:

- name
- phone number
- email address
- preferred shift (AM, PM, or both)
- if you are a new or returning Garden Volunteer

Gardening experience is not required and we welcome both returning and new volunteers to this fun event. Your involvement will ensure success!

**If you have any questions please contact:
Mary Anne Seppala, Volunteer Coordinator
seppala@vaxxine.com
905-356-3289**

Corporate Fundraising Survey

As you may recall, the Guild is partnering with the Shaw on a 2-year pilot program for Corporate/External Organization fundraising Initiatives, having both recognized that the Guild membership has a wealth of experience, knowledge and connections that could be leveraged for this purpose.

We recently ran a member survey, to provide us with background information in support of this initiative, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation:

**TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED
AROUND 100 RESPONSES**

We intend to run the survey again for those who may have not had the opportunity to participate. I thank you all for your support on future fundraising Initiatives.

**Should you have any questions,
do not hesitate to contact me.**

**Alan Walker
Corporate Fundraising
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SCENE SHOP VISIT

The first Guild event of the 2017 season got off to a great start on Monday, March 6 with a visit to the Scene Shop.

More than 80 members came to hear director Eda Holmes outline the creative process behind this year's production of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* in a stunning version adapted by Liz Lochhead. Eda and projections designer Cameron Davis quickly transported us into a dark place with images of blown up textures, fog, flowers and leaves, seemingly alive and always changing. And a shape shifter Dracula, with a mist he creates from itself.

Following the presentation, members had an opportunity to browse through the sets and scenic art area with comments by Lesslie Tunmer and Gwyneth Stark.

On behalf of all those who attended, let me thank Janet Hanna for organizing the event.

Ann Holcomb, Activities Chair

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Presidents' Luncheon and Show & Tell

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

LUNCHEON

Noon - 1:15 pm, Rehearsal Hall #1
\$25 per person with a cash bar

English style buffet including
individual chicken or vegetarian pies,
salads, rolls, dessert & beverage

SHOW & TELL

1:30 - 2:30 pm, Rehearsal Hall #1
No charge

For more information and to register,
visit [www.shawguild.ca/events/
presidents-luncheon-rsvp](http://www.shawguild.ca/events/presidents-luncheon-rsvp)

C.A.V.O.R.T.

*The Conference About
Volunteers of Regional
Theatre* is being held in 2018
at the Old Globe Theatre in
San Diego, California

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