

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - July 2015



From the President - Jeff Lee

Welcome to the 2015/16 season. We have an exciting year ahead filled with interesting shows, some of which are a departure from our typical fair. We start with Drama Club: Romeo and Juliet a play within a play adapted by Mark Piper; next is The People Vs. Mona a play I'm told is a hilarious musical comedy directed by Brian McManus who brought us Noises Off! and The Fox on the Fairway; the Winter children's show is Beauty and the Beast directed by Kate Cooney and we round it out with the classic Peter Pan directed by Laurel Tye. Personally I am looking forward to helping out with these productions and watching them develop into uniquely Mudds shows that will wow our audiences.

Thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting to participate in the discussions and the election of the new board of directors. Special thanks to the nomination committee of Trish Smith, Joanne Samler and Kate Martin for contacting each and every member to give them an opportunity to run for the board.

Your new Board of directors is as follows:

Mary Alexander as Directory Without Portfolio will be taking care of Mudds social activities. Mary is a local business owner and a practising nurse, she has generously allowed us to use her facility, Riverview Seniors Residence, for our monthly board meetings.

Karen "Kaz" Lapointe as Directory Without Portfolio will be taking care of membership and communications and records management.

Kaz brings 30 years of theatre experience to the board with the Mudds and other groups. Karen's experience includes on stage performance, backstage management and troupe management.

Kate Cooney as Director Without Portfolio is in charge of advertising and sponsorship, she is also the board's youth liaison. Kate has a background in early childcare and has directed numerous successful plays with the Mudds Kids.

Barb Dickson as Director Without Portfolio is in charge of properties. Barb has been a mainstay with the Mudds backstage and balcony for some time. Barb also works with The Valley Players of Almonte and has worked with The Savoy Society and Goya Productions in Ottawa.

Mark Piper as Show Development Director. Mark will be responsible for organizing show proposals for the future as well and development activities to encourage ideas from the membership. Mark has been with the Mudds for over 25 years and is an accomplished writer, actor and director.

Lesley Moll as Secretary. Lesley is responsible for keeping the records of the board. Lesley works with The Valley Players of Almonte and has sat on several other theatre company boards. Lesley has experience in virtually every aspect of the theatre.

Jan "Mother Mudd" Ferguson as Treasurer. Jan has stepped up again on the board and will be responsible for the Mudds financials.

Jan is a founding member of this group and Citizen of the Year for Carleton Place. While Jan will report financials the board the accounting will be taken care of by Louise Link who has generously volunteered her time for this challenging task.

Lastly yours truly as President for a second year. I have been with the Mudds for approximately 8 years. My contributions have been mainly in set design and construction, stage management and technical. This will be my seventh year on the board and my colleagues and I will do our very best to lead this troupe to a 45th successful season.

As President I am open to any questions, concerns, comments and suggestions. You can find me at any set build I'm certain and my email address is jeff37801@yahoo.ca. Some may note a change to our season, the approved winter play was Sound of Music however a bureaucratic snafu with the rights holder made that impossible so the new board's first resolution was to approve Beauty and the Beast in its place.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of your in the coming season. Please stay tuned for social activities in coming weeks and months. On a final note I would like to thank Karen Lapointe for hosting the second annual Mudds BBQ again this year, a great time was had by all and we're hopeful to repeat next year.

News from the Secretary - Lesley Moll

Hello all from the new Secretary of the Mississippi Mudds. I have served as Secretary on many Boards over the years for theatre groups, non-profits and parent councils. I am excited about my upcoming term and the challenges that it presents.

Part of my "job" entails fundraising, including Nevada scheduling and organization. If there is anyone interested in assisting, I'd love to hear from you (Lesley@karmarealty.com).

If there is something specific (props, equipment, instruments, programs etc.) that you believe the Mudds should be raising money for please let me know.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for August 10th @ 7pm at Riverside Seniors Residence in the dining room. All are welcome!

The last Board meeting on July 6th was attended by all Board members. As it was the first meeting, we covered a great deal of ground, thanks to Jeff's expert leadership. All of the key responsibilities were foisted, or should I say, taken up by excited volunteers. We discussed spending of funds and a wish list that has been submitted to the township and the move to the new storage facility (that happened on July 18th, many thanks to all that attended!).

The winter production for the Mudds Youth has been changed to Beauty and the Beast Jr. due to a rights issue. The Mudds season brochure is in development, the cast has been chosen for The People vs. Mona and rehearsals for Romeo and Juliet, or if you prefer Ramat, or Jumbo, are well underway. The Mudds are adding to the munitions with the purchase of 6 professional fencing foils and hopefully no lost eyeballs. Insurance was discussed. All of the department heads are now deep in thought developing their budgets for the coming year.

If you have any questions regarding meetings or fundraising ideas or thoughts, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Yours in service

The Big Move - Barb Dickson, Properties

The day has arrived, the big move to the new Mudds Storage facility on Industrial Ave. A thank you to Kate Martin who spent many hours travelling around Carleton Place looking for a suitable place, eventually choosing this one.

A crew of over a dozen people, friends and members, came to Mill street to dismantle, move, load the truck and various cars with set pieces, wood, props, costume boxes, risers etc etc. and to dispose of over 2400 pounds of ``garbage``A huge job.

Judith Scott ,Ann Price and Cheryl Waters had already moved costumes and racks earlier in the week to the new facility, Jeff had attached rails to the upstairs gallery and Tony had attached large hooks to the walls for the costumes. All was ready for the move. A short drive to Industrial from Mill St. then unloading the trucks and cars took place ,and all was stored safely .Whew!!!!

The Storage facility is a large unit, modern and bright, with an upstairs gallery, now a costume storage area. It also has a kitchen and a bathroom. It is very accessible and should make life easier at show time to move set pieces ,props and costumes to and from the Town Hall.

Many, many thanks to Jeff, for his hard work organising the move and to his team of helpers—Don Lee, Stu West, Daryl Martin, Kate Martin, Kira and Maddy Martin, Dan McDiarmid, Mark Piper, Judith Scott, Tony Scott ,Ray Bains, Laura Bains, Clark Bains, Brian Casper, Barb Dickson, Ann Price, Cheryl Waters, Caitlin Doyle, Linda Beiglee and husband. If anyone has been forgotten, please accept apologies.

The next issue of Muddprints will be published on August 22nd. The deadline for articles is August 20th.

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***The People Vs. Mona* - Brian McManus, Director**

Mona played by Jenny Pfizter is charged with murder on her wedding day. She will be defended by Jim, Robert Horne, a nice but unsuccessful lawyer who is engaged to Mavis the unscrupulous prosecutor played by Michelle Eno. Lesley Moll plays the no nonsense judge as the trial unfolds in the frog pad, the town watering hole run by Mona. Don Lee as Eupler Pugh , Laurie Dickson as Officer Bell, Adam Pelletier as Rafsanjani Patel, Mark Piper as blind Willy and Reverend Purify, Liz Szucs as Tish the gossip columnist and Mary Alexander, Lynda O'Connor and Kelly Young as the kittens all testify in Mona's defence. Will justice and true love prevail? Come join us in December.

***From the Editor* - Sandra Dunlop, Editor**

Please - if you have a change in any of your information (address, telephone number and especially email address) please make sure that you get that information to Sandra Dunlop at 613-599-7221 or pcbear@rogers.com. This will make sure that you continue to receive the Mudds newsletter and any other pertinent information that is sent out.

Know that I welcome articles monthly, be it from members, former members and people involved in current productions. The deadline for the next edition of Muddprints is August 20th . I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.

Mudds Calendar (2015)

Aug 10 (Mon)	7pm	MUDDS Board Meeting	Riverside Sr. Res.
Sep 9 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Francis St.
Sep 13 (Sun)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Sep 16 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Francis St.
Sep 20 (Sun)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Sep 23 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	tbd
Sep 27 (Sun)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Sep 30 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Francis St.
Oct 4 (Sun)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Oct 7 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Francis St.
Oct 14 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Francis St.
Oct 18 (Sun)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Oct 21 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	tbd
Oct 25 (Sun)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Oct 28 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Francis St.
Nov 1 (Sun)	1pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	CP Arena
Nov 4 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 8 (Sun)	1pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 11 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 14 (Sat)	10am-4pm	The People Vs. Mona - Set Build	Town Hall
Nov 15 (Sun)	1pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 18 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 21 (Sat)	10am-4pm	The People Vs. Mona - Set Build	Town Hall
Nov 22 (Sun)	1pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 25 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Nov 29 (Sun)	1pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Dec 2 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Dec 4 (Fri)	8pm	The People Vs. Mona - Show	Town Hall
Dec 5 (Sat)	8pm	The People Vs. Mona - Show	Town Hall
Dec 6 (Sun)	2pm	The People Vs. Mona - Show	Town Hall
Dec 9 (Wed)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Rehearsal	Town Hall
Dec 11 (Fri)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Show	Town Hall
Dec 12 (Sat)	7pm	The People Vs. Mona - Show	Town Hall
Dec 13 (Sun)	10am-12pm	The People Vs. Mona - Tear Down	Town Hall

NOTES: Francis St. is the Child Care facility next to Arklan School
CP Arena - the Meeting Room just inside the entrance