

MUDD PRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - July 2022

The Mississippi Mudds Mission Statement: *To provide a safe, accepting and inclusive environment for all people to explore and participate in theatrical endeavours while providing quality entertainment within our community.*

From the Desk of the President - *Meredith Millman*

Introducing the current Board of Directors and their responsibilities:

Public Relations - Meredith Millman
External Liaison - Chery Swackhammer
Social Activities - Stefan Kaleb
Membership - Colleen Robillard
Publicity and all Social Media - Stefan Kaleb
Fundraising - Nancy Keech and Laura Bennett-Ferland
Properties - Colleen Robillard
Records Mgmt Chair - Sandra Dunlop
Member Communication - Sandra Dunlop
Show Development - Nancy Keech
Secretary - Laura Bennett-Ferland
Treasurer - Daniel MacDonald

Also of note is that fees have increased to \$40 this year.

Mudds 50th Year Report - *Judith Scott*

On **July 30th** and **August 6th** Mudds members have a display table at the CP Farmers Market. Your 50th Season Publicity committee has put together Mudds in a box: selected memorabilia to highlight who we are, where we have come from and what we hope to do as Theatre life opens up again. The Market people have designated the 30th as Christmas In July! A great time to promote Elf The Musical too. We have some costumes and activities to tie into the theme.

We need more volunteers so that we can work

shorter shifts to cover the 4-hour stint. Crib notes provided so you don't have to be a long-time member to be able to answer questions and engage in conversations with market goers.

Anyone willing to volunteer an hour or two on either July 30th or August 6th please contact Judith. Please! We need you.
gjudithscott@gmail.com

Don't forget to take your friends and family to see our exhibits on display until the beginning of September. A comprehensive display at the Museum and a sweet theatre corner at the Library.

In Memoriam

Bob was a intricate part of the Mississippi Mudds and more recently with the Town Singers.

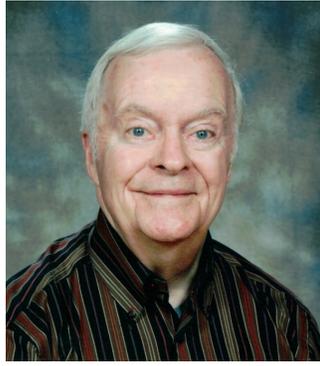
Robert (Bob) John Stacey

October 10, 1933 ~ July 20, 2022

Suddenly, at Waterside Retirement Residence in Carleton Place, Ontario. Predeceased by his parents Jack (1970) and Elizabeth Stacey (1990) and siblings Roy Stacey and Lillian MacPherson. Bob leaves to mourn several nieces, nephews and cousins including Eleanor and Tom Wright of Appleton and Lorna McRae of Carleton Place. He will be truly missed by many (special friends) Dorothy Howard and Ronette Vines of Carleton Place, Angie and

Tom Hall and Ange Dupuis of Ottawa.

Bob loved his church and was a faithful member of St. James Anglican Church, Carleton Place. Bob was one of the melodious choristers up to the time of his passing. As an avid fan of theater and music Bob shared his talents with Carleton Places' Mississippi Mudds and the Town Singers. He was in his glory sharing a song or telling a story at any social gathering. England and Europe were favorite travelling spots for Bob over the years and he made numerous trips before and after retiring from the Patent Office Hull/Ottawa.



RIP "Our Bob"

Friends may call at the Alan R. Barker Funeral Home, 19 McArthur Avenue, Carleton Place on **Wednesday, July 27th from 2-5 p.m.** Funeral service will be held on **Thursday, July 28th at 1 p.m.** in St. James Anglican Church in Carleton Place. Inurnment will follow at St. James Cemetery.

In memoriam donations to St. James Anglican Church, 225 Edmund Street, Carleton Place, Ontario K7C 3E7 and CHEO.

Meet The Board

Hello! My name is **Laura Bennett-Ferland** and I am excited to learn the role of secretary for the MUDDS board this year.

In recent years, my daughter Abby eagerly participated in 5 MUDDS musicals and I was a proud parent in the audience. I did have an ensemble part in Mamma Mia, before the world took a topsy unexpected turn.

I am a kindergarten teacher with the OCDSB who has a passion for outdoor learning. I love to hike and travel too.

Great moments await in this 50th anniversary year!

Stefan Kaleb - Hello Mudds Family, I'm very excited to be back on the board for the upcoming season. Like most of you I am very excited to start seeing the stage filled again. This year on the board I will be Handling our Website, Social Media, Publicity and chairing the Social committee.

For those who don't know me, I've been involved with the Mudds since Anne of Green Gables as a hair designer. Outside the Mudds I own a hair salon, a vintage clothing company and work as a costume and hair manager at Saunders during the spooky seasons.

Please reach out to me if you have any question, comments or can offer assistance in any of the areas I take care of on the board or in general. Email- stefank.mmudds@hotmail.com

Take care ,

Daniel MacDonald I am beyond excited to have the opportunity to help the Mudds as part of the board this year. I am relatively new to the world of community theatre. I have been a member for roughly 3 years now but I would be a new face to most people in the Mudds community. I have always had a strong interest in theatre and musicals but had never acted on those interests until I saw the auditions for Mamma Mia a few years ago. I decided at that moment that it was time to take a chance and see if this was something that I really was interested in. Turns out I have a passion for this that was bigger than I could have imagined.

Although I have never been on stage before I was fortunate enough to be cast in the role of Eddie for that show. Unfortunately, covid prevented me from completing my first live show. More recently, I auditioned for Elf and have been cast as Walter. I am thoroughly looking forward to the show and getting my first experience on stage.

I have been a teacher with the OCDSB in Ottawa for almost 20 years. I have taught grade 8 for the past 7 years and I absolutely love working with this age group. I have spent time teaching all elementary grades as well as spending 3 years working as a Learning

Support Teacher. I moved to Carleton Place almost 10 years ago and love the close-knit feel of the community.

Hi my name is **Colleen Robillard** and I am pleased to be a member of the board. I am chair to Membership and also Properties. I have been with the Mudds since Waiting for the Parade. I have been both backstage, as Stage Manager, Assistant stage manager and props and more recently onstage in We Will Rock You. I am looking forward to working with the board and meeting all of you as well.

I'm **Cheri (Cheryl) Swackhammer Martin**. This is my second year on the board as a director without portfolio. I'm really excited to participate as a member of the board as we begin to get back to performances. The Mississippi Mudds has become a family affair for us. I originally became involved with the Mudds because my children were interested, Bobby with performing and Kenny with Lighting. Professionally I am an elementary teacher who teaches in a program for students experiencing mental health needs.

Rounding of the Board is **Sandra Dunlop, Nancy Keech** and **Meredith Millman**.

The Lone Rider (The Studio Theatre)

Our own **Helen Gillis and Claire Campbell** are in this production.

Matinees:

Evenings are Thurs July 28,29,30 and Thurs Aug 4,5,6 at 7:30 pm

Matinees are Sunday July 31 and August 7 at 2 p.m.

Opening night special \$5 off

Tickets are \$24 (adult) \$10 for Children or Students with ID and can be purchased online at ticketsplease.ca or by phone at 613-485-6434. Tickets also available at the door on the night of the show. with payment by cash, debit or credit accepted.

Opportunity for Teens

Wondering how to better prepare yourself for that next big musical theatre audition? Michael Gareau and John McGovern will be conducting a workshop at the Kanata Acting Studio on the 21st of August. This workshop is primarily aimed at teens. For further information and to register, go to kanataactingstudio.ca and check out their summer workshop series. Spots are filling up quickly!

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 20, I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.



MUDDS *in Your Eye*

We are looking for someone to take over Mudds In You Eye. If you would like to volunteer please contact me at pcbear@rogers.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go to members past and present who are celebrating their birthdays between July 23 and August 22.

Alexandra Levstek	Jul-24
Meagan Brodie	Jul-24
Mary Alexander	Jul-26
Cheline Collier	Jul-27
Gillian Whitlock	Jul-28
Jenny Pfitzer	Jul-29
Catherine Clark	Jul-30
Fiona McCready	Jul-30
Keely Welin	Jul-30
Sharon Stelzner	Jul-31
Mary Marten	Aug-02
Vivien Bolger	Aug-02
Madison Sonnenburg	Aug-03
Ayden Baldwin	Aug-04
Yolande Hardy	Aug-04
Kate Martin	Aug-05
Adrian Osborne	Aug-05
Jaime Birrell	Aug-05
Ben Bourne	Aug-06
Jenna Wicks	Aug-08
Stephanie Scott	Aug-08
Erica Danells	Aug-09
Judith Scott	Aug-10
Kiera Uriarte	Aug-12
Tracy Julian	Aug-13
Toni Moffa	Aug-13
Sydney Osborne	Aug-14
Ainsley Mohns	Aug-14
Brady Mackay	Aug-14
Kaleigh Irvin	Aug-15
Heidi Nephin	Aug-15
Janis Nutty	Aug-15

Hanna Pringle	Aug-16
Callum Leroy	Aug-17
Aiden Letemplier	Aug-18
Stefan Kaleb	Aug-18
Aurora Hardy	Aug-19
Christine Dever	Aug-19
Olivia Grummish	Aug-20
Heather McDermid	Aug-20
Kevin MacMillan	Aug-21
Stephanie Stephens	Aug-22

Watch this space for more birthday celebrations next month

Calendar - 2022/2023

July 30	Christmas in July - Market Square
August 6	Market Square

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

If you wish to be removed from the Muddprints mailing list please send an email to pcbear@rogers.com - please make sure you give me your full name in the email.
