

ENCORE!

NEWSLETTER

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!ORIGINAL ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL!

It's time for the VPW Original One Act Play Festival!
There's oodles of information here.

The Plays:

"Welkin's Welcome" by CHARLES PETERSON

Directed by PAT ACERRA

A comedy-mystery with 6 male and 4 female characters.

"Quitting Time" by KAREN HEIL

Directed by MARY HUBBARD-NUGENT

A comedy with 1 male and 1 female characters.

"Bag of Bones" by JUDY BRIDGES

Directed by DAVID BLANK

A comedy with 1 male and 5 female characters

"The Black Rose" by FRANK R. PEOT

Directed by DAVID STAMSTA

A drama with 2 male and 1 female characters

We have selected some bright new faces to blend with several veterans of the VPW trenches- all loaded with enthusiasm and talent. The VPW Original Play Festival offers a great opportunity to playwrights, directors, actors, and techies. Sound interesting? Well, I have more info for you!

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the VPW Play Festival are scheduled for

FEB. 6,7

7PM

at the Plank Road School Theatre, 9508 W Watertown Plankroad
10 male and 11 female roles are available. There is always a need for technical support and if you're interested in working backstage stop in at the Theatre and tell us. The production staff for the Play Festival is:

Producer- JUDY LEE TARBOX

Stage Manager- LLOYD DREGER

Publicity- ROSIE PETERSON

The production dates for the Play Festival are

MARCH 23, 24,30,31- 8PM

APRIL 1- 2:30 PM

Mark these dates today!

Join in the excitement of this unique and entertaining event!

SEE YOU AT AUDITIONS AND THE SHOW!

!QUILTERS!

A VPW ENCORE to Dr. LEO JONES, the cast and crew for creating a delightful musical production of "Quilters". A special ENCORE goes those who worked to make the magnificent quilt which completed the show. Many many more of us should have seen the show!

"I Remember Mama"

Our season will conclude with a Mothers Day production of "I Remember Mama" Auditions are set for March 27,28 and production dates of May 11,12,18,19,20. Mark those dates!

The VPW One Act Play Festival did not select "Uncle Punky Teaches Class". Lest you be concerned, Uncle Punky took the news well, and is working on next years submission, "Uncle Punky Is Rejected Again".

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COMMENTARY

By Tom Zuehlke, ENCORE Newsletter Editor.

Welcome to 1990! Since I first worked with the VPW in 1984, I have made many great friendships and met many many more wonderful people. This for me is the pure joy of community theatre- people creating an entertaining evening of Theatre- for people- and in the process enriching your own life with friendships. Yes, it can be hard work. Yes, it is always great fun! I always remind myself that the Latin root of the word, "amateur" is love- I, we, create theatre out of our love for the community we serve and the people we meet. I say that is a great privilege and source of greater personal satisfaction.

Recently, I have heard reliable rumblings of several community theatres in danger of closing. (One did!) This is not because of a lack of attendance, rather because of the lack of people willing to serve- on executive boards, backstage, and just about every needed position except acting and directing. While the VPW is no such danger, I do feel, the infusion of new blood today will prevent any future threat.

As much as I love working with the ever present VPW friends I now have, I want to work with you! (Whether you want to work with me is ?)

How about it! We're planning next season and if you've ever had the thought you might like to serve in some capacity with the VPW stop in at auditions for the Play Festival and talk with me, another board member, or write us.

Thanks for listening to me.

!90-91 Season!

Here are several of the plays being considered for next season. The final committee reports are due at the Feb. board meeting.

Musicals- "Girl Crazy", "Sugar"

Comedy- "40 Carats", "George Washington Slept Here"

Drama- "The Uninvited", "You, The Jury"

If you have any thoughts on these possibilities, or others, please let us know.

!General Stuff!

The Wisconsin Theatre Association convention is in La Crosse is April 6,7,8. The VPW may submit a show from our Play Festival for the WTA showcase productions.

If you would like to work on "I Remember Mama" call Tom Zuehlke at 744-5212.

!We'll Miss You!

ANNE MARIE CHENEY is leaving- (sob, sob) taking her super self to grace Northern California. Anne Marie has been an active VPWer for many years- backstage, as well as her many award winning performances on the boards. As much as we will miss you, Anne Marie, we wish you more of the best health and happiness always!

"Stage Dust"

By Afra Bean the Gossip Queen

The baby boom has hit the VPW. MARY CARROLL became a mother again- AILEEN LOUISE born Jan.2, ROSIE PETERSON became the grandmother, (don't call John Gramps!) of twin baby boys Dec 30, and VICTOR became a five-time grandfather Jan 4, KAITLYN ELIZABETH, a.k.a "The Peanut". We haven't the latest status of JANET.

The VPW wedding of the decade is almost scheduled for Aug 11

"Happy Hallow" is the home of which VPW director?

How many VPWers can fit in a hot tub? Ask TOM, BOB, ROSIE, JUDY, MARY, PETE, DIANE, DAVE, LYNN, JOE, ALICE, TED or AMC.

EEVIE, JUDY and DONNA are planning a trip to Nauvoo.