



Carson Valley Community Theatre October-December 2011 Newsletter

"ON GOLDEN POND" FINAL WEEKEND

CVCT's fall production, "On Golden Pond", performs its final weekend shows on October 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Friday and Saturday night performances will begin at 7:30 pm, and Sunday's matinee will begin at 2:00 pm. Tickets for all performances are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the CVCT box office (775/292-0939) or through our website, carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org.

CVCT SPRING SHOW

CVCT announces its spring show "Snow White Goes West," a musical comedy directed by Norris Edson.

Everyone catches gold-rush fever in this rambunctious tongue-in-cheek retelling of the timeless classic fairytale. Set during the California Gold Rush, it's Snow White with a Stetson! The show pits the hapless heroine against a raucous, ill-tempered saloon hall owner named Queenie and her assistant Sneaky Sam. In true fairy tale fashion, all ends well, thanks to handsome Marshall Joe Prince and the seven prospecting Dwarf Brothers, miners in "them thar hills" above Sacramento. You will be thrilled with the hilarious antics of the cast, and be thoroughly entertained by the wonderful original music.

Show dates are March 23-25 and March 30-April 1. That's right! The show closes on April Fool's Day! How fitting is that?

The cast of 14 is made up of 3 males, 2 females, and 9 "either." Ages are from teenagers to 70+. Auditions will be held December 14 and 17. Rehearsals will begin the first week in January. Singers of all levels are desired. A piano player for rehearsals and the show is needed. Staff positions are open for all the usual off-stage jobs.

Email Norris Edson at cvctmargaret@aol.com or call him at 782-3670 for more information.

SEEKING ADULT ACTORS FOR INDEPENDENT FILM

The producers for the community based independent film "Secrets of the Desert Nymph" are seeking a few adult characters between the ages of 21-35 for minor roles who could be filmed on a weekend in October or November. Interested persons should email or call at (949) 306-3465. Details about the production are on the Carson Valley Arts Council website.

THIS AND THAT . . .

- Victoria Grathwohl former Board Member has moved to San Diego. We will miss you, Victoria!
- We had a nice turn out for the annual membership meeting with roughly 25 in attendance. Dianna Borges performed her Chautauqua act of Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins, Ted Nagel sang, we voted in three new directors, and we voted on changes to the bylaws. For copies of the bylaws please contact any board member.
- Pat Cardinal is home, feeling well, and looking great!
- CVCT is looking for volunteers to help with puppet shows to be performed at the elementary schools. Contact Linda Diego for details @ CVCTDiego@aol.com.
- CVCT has received two grants from the NAC.
- We are looking for directors and show suggestions for the fall of 2012.
- The Town of Minden is looking for suggestions from CVCT to perform something at the CVIC hall for the 100 year anniversary; ideas and suggestions are welcome.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED; VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN

Three new board members, Norris Edson, Dave Erickson, and Carol Schirlls, were elected at the membership meeting. The current board positions are:

Lucille Rao, President
Justin Clouser, Vice-President
Pat Cardinal, Secretary
Ann Delahay, Treasurer
Norris Edson, Director
Dave Erickson, Director
Carol Schirlls, Director

CVCT is looking to fill the following volunteer positions: Membership Chairperson, Publicity Manager, Fundraising Chairperson, Information Technology Manager, and Artistic Director.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions or would like to help in any capacity please call Lucille Rao at 775-843-3493.

2010/2011 YEAR IN REVIEW, BY LUCILLE RAO, CVCT PRESIDENT

Three shows performed:

During the 2010/2011 year CVCT performed three shows: one comedy, "A Perfect Wedding" by Robin Hawdon; an old time radio show written and directed by Justin Clouser and Marcia Kaster called Radio Memories, performed at the Carson Valley Inn and then again at the Mark Twain Cultural Center at Incline Village, Lake Tahoe; and our third show for the season, "Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean Jimmy Dean" by Ed Graczyk.

CVCT volunteers more involved with the community this year

In January Norris Edson taught a set building workshop to the drama students at Douglas High School. He also helped build their set for "A Midsummer's Night Dream" by William Shakespeare.

In March CVCT was invited to perform a live reading of "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer at the Carson Valley Arts Council. The book was part of a community read hosted by the Douglas County Library. Margaret and Norris Edson, Justin Clouser, and Lucille Rao read excerpts of the book.

In April CVCT was part of the Business Showcase organized by the Chamber of Commerce at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This yearly event gives the volunteers of CVCT an opportunity to share with the community our upcoming shows, increase our membership and volunteer base, and to create awareness that a local community theatre exists in Douglas County.

In August Norris Edson organized a group of singers who performed at the Hot August Nights Poker Run at the Minden Park.

There's no business like show business . . .

In June Norris Edson organized a Strategic Plan Workshop that was attended by 20 volunteers within the CVCT membership. This eclectic group of thespians spent a successful 8 hour day working on a plan for the future of the Carson Valley Community Theatre. One week after the meeting was conducted Norris had assembled all the goals and organized a Strategic Plan Steering Committee. This committee has been instrumental in forming some of the proposed changes to the bylaws; they will also be drafting policies, creating job descriptions and organizing the structure within the group.

Thanks to Teresa Chipp and the grant writing committee we received two grants from the Nevada Arts Council totaling \$2324.00.

Due to the economic downturn we have seen a decline in ticket sales, therefore creating a negative cash flow. We are thankful for the many fruitful years that we had since 2004 and have managed to keep our books in the black. As a non-profit corporation we were able to purchase a few computer programs (at an incredible discount) that will keep us moving forward as we look to manage our theatre group as a business. With the creation of the Strategic Planning Committee I believe we will be able to accomplish many of the tasks, policies, and ideas that we have been talking about for many years but have not been implemented.

Our next season is shaping up nicely. Our spring show will be a musical called "Snow White Goes West" and Justin Clouser is in the planning stages of writing a sequel to Radio Memories. During the next year we will be forming committees to handle specific tasks and appointing volunteers to fill positions to help run the business of CVCT. Some of these positions are IT Manager, Artistic Director, Membership Director, and Fundraising Chairperson. These positions may include committees to help with the many duties involved.

This year we increased our volunteer base and we are proud to say that many new faces performed in our shows and helped in all areas of our productions. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who put in countless hours helping to make the Carson Valley Community Theatre a success!

CVCT MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Interested persons are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the CVCT Board of Directors. Meetings are held the **third Tuesday of each month** at 6:30 pm TBD. Call Lucille Rao for location 775-843-3493.

NEWSLETTER INPUTS

If you have inputs for this newsletter, comments, or anything you would like to see covered, please e-mail Dave Thomas, CVCT newsletter editor, at dave@antennadave.com.

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You can also send your comments and recommendations through our website at www.carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org.