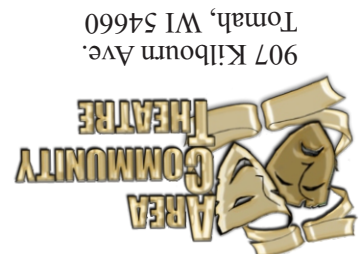


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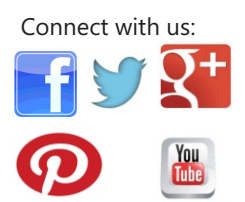
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A Presidential Address.. Steve Jones

Greetings everyone:
I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year will bring great joy!
ACT's board of directors want to give a HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation to our matching funds drive. We were able to reach our goal of \$50,000. We have such wonderful people in our community that believe in our small theatre. Again our thanks go out to every one of you.

ACT is looking forward to our 3rd Bingo Palooza on January 21st from 7-10 pm. Bridget Owens, the event coordinator, has again out done herself in getting sponsors to donate some wonderful baskets. We would like to encourage anyone who has attended in the past to spread the word and bring friends!

Our next show, Steel Magnolias, is sure to be a crowd pleaser. ACT has done this popular show in the past and due to many requests Rocky Shutter, the director, has decided to bring it back to the stage. Rocky has an amazing cast that will surely make you laugh and cry. The show dates are February 9-12 and February 16-19. Tickets go on sale January 30th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

We would like to welcome Sharon Larkin back. Sharon has decided to direct our spring show, Sex Please We're Sixty. Because Sharon will be gone for two months this winter, she held early auditions and has picked her cast. Performance dates for Sex Please, We're Sixty will be held May 4-7 and May 11-14.

I encourage you to renew your membership if you have not already done so this year. If you are not currently a member stop in and talk with one of us during box office hours or give us a call and we'll give you the details. We have a spectacular season coming up and I look forward to seeing you all. Without your continued support we would not be able to put on these great shows!

I would like to thank our Board Members for their continued support and volunteer hours. I'd also like to encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a part of ACT to contact any of our board members and we'll find you something you will enjoy doing. Thanks and take care!

Steve Jones, President

ROOM RENTALS

Area Community Theatre is the perfect venue for a wide variety of events. Whether it is a workshop, seminar, business meeting or a family gathering for holidays, reunions, and graduations we have an affordable space available. The cost of rental for our 1st and 2nd floor meeting rooms is \$85.00. The smaller area is \$60.00. Call Colleen for availability at 608-343-0430.

From the Director...Rocky Shutter

A Note from the Director's Corner
It's hard to believe that this is the third time that the Area Community Theatre has presented "Steel Magnolias" to our patrons. I recall our first effort in the 1990's when we were housed in Building 1255 at Fort McCoy. My co-director, Patricia Hutchinson, and I had over fifty actresses attend auditions. Selecting a cast of six females seemed next to impossible with so much talent available to us. I look back a this experience as one of the most rewarding opportunities that I was involved with during the thirty years that I have spent being part of the ACT family.

Much time has passed. People have come and gone from our group at ACT yet I felt it was time to direct a third staging of "Steel Magnolias" with all new people in the cast. We have many tremendously talented females who are involved with ACT and I knew that I would have many individuals to choose from while casting the show. I was once again pleasantly surprised to find over thirty women of all ages attend the three nights of auditions in November 2016. I was so happy to see new faces as well as ACT veterans who showed up for auditions. Once again, selecting only six of these women to be in the final cast proved to be a very challenging experience for me. Somehow I was able to choose six tremendously talented actresses who have more than met the challenge of breathing new life into the roles of these six southern ladies.

The entire play takes place in Truvy's Beauty Shop which is located in Chinquipin County in Louisiana. Truvy (Samantha Komay) has just hired Annelle (Chris Urmanski) to help fill a position at the shop. The day Annelle is hired is a very busy day as one of the town's lovely young ladies, Shelby Eatenton (Allison Jacob) is about to be married to Jackson Latcherie, Jr. Shelby's mother, M'Lynn Eatenton (Andrea Ducklow) is beside herself since her husband Drum is trying to scare the birds out of a magnolia tree which may or may not belong to crotchety Ouiser Boudreaux (Dr. Bridget Owens). All of the blossoms are falling off the tree and Ouiser's dog, Rhett, is so traumatized by the sounds of the gunshots that he is losing what little hair he has left. Town socialite Clairee Belcher (Emily Wall) rounds out the cast as Ouiser's life long friend who is owner of a radio station and the former mayor's wife.

Written by Robert Harling, the play "Steel Magnolias" contains some of the wittiest one liners of any script that I have ever read. The beauty of the play is that Harling shifts the tone from one of comedy to very serious drama. It is when one of the characters experiences severe health problems that could be life threatening that the audience realizes why the play is titled "Steel Magnolias". These women who have spent hours together in Truvy's beauty shop, display a strength that is rarely seen among their male counterparts. They form a bond that cannot be severed. They are there for one another to offer support, love, and loyalty making "Steel Magnolias" one of the most powerful experiences that you will ever have as a theatregoer.

From the Director....Cont.

Life leads us on many unexpected paths. We never know from day to day what might occur especially in these uncertain times. One walks away from "Steel Magnolias" taking comfort in knowing that we do not walk alone in life. Through laughter and through tears. we seek solace from our friends and family who are like "steel" in their steadfast support. Enjoy tonight's performance. When you have the chance, contact someone who has helped you get through life when things were difficult to bear. Thank that person for the important role that he/she has played in your life. I assure you that you won't regret taking the time to reach out to that person.

Thanks for attending this performance of "Steel Magnolias". Without your support, our theatre would not be able to operate in the small community of Tomah. You ARE appreciated in so many ways!!

Rocky Shutter
Director of "Steel Magnolias"

Office Space for Rent

Looking for office space to rent? Area Community Theatre has the ideal space. Good location, one block off of Superior Avenue in Tomah, this 1,364 sq. foot space includes a private entrance, reception area, two private offices and a conference room. Available spring of 2017. For more information call Colleen at 608-343-0430 or our box office.

TAG holds Mother/Grandmother/Daughter Make and Take Art Day

Mothers, Grandmothers and Daughters got together for a day of creativity and togetherness when they attended Tomah Arts Guild's Make and Take Art Day. Area children had the opportunity to choose art projects to create with their mothers or grandmothers and take their work home the same day.

Tomah Arts Guild's seasoned artists were on hand to lead these generational partners in making creative expressions of their love for each other and for the arts. The day was well attended, and many budding artists took home wonderful works of art.

2017 Art Opportunities

TAG is planning more great opportunities to celebrate creativity in the arts for 2017. We are always looking for new members. If you are an artist or are interested in promoting the arts, come and find out more about us. Planning is currently underway for this year's events including the second annual Tomah Art Walk.

For more information or to join the Guild, contact Craig at 608-343-5867. The TAG gallery is located on the second floor of the Area Community Theatre building, 907 Kilbourn Ave., Tomah.

Thank You to Our Box Office Volunteers

The Area Community Theatre Box Office is run entirely by volunteers under the direction of Colleen Richer, Rocky Shutter, and Barb Sullivan. Typically the box office is open Monday – Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 two weeks prior to the opening of each show, and throughout the run of the show. Thank you to everyone who volunteers, especially these box office workers from Santa's Letters: Patti Boelsing, Natalie Divyak, Melanie Frei, Sharon Larkin, Terry Larkin, MaryLou Mauch, and Ruth Ann Schober. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the box office at 374-7469.

Upcoming Events at ACT

Bingo Palooza
ACT's 3rd Basket Bingo Palooza
Event Coordinator Dr. Bridget Owens
January 21, 2017, 7-10pm

Steel Magnolias
Directed by Rocky Shutter
Show dates: February 9-12, 16-19

Sex Please We're Sixty
Directed by Sharon Larkin
Show dates: May 4-7, 11-14

Sarah Uthoff presents Laura Ingalls Wilder
A Joint fundraiser with the Tomah Historical Museum
May 20th at ACT, 2:00pm and 7:30pm



Above: Del Lucka leads a project in water-color painting.

Right: Marilyn Kortbein displays a tray of Christmas ornaments made by Mothers and Daughters.

