

# Back Stage

November 2016



COMMUNITY  
**PLAYERS**  
*of Salisbury*



Wow! We've just turned around and the Holidays are here again! No matter what you do to celebrate, this is a busy time of year for everyone.

Our second production of the season, *Something's Afoot*, has been cast and is in rehearsal. If you receive a call asking for help, please volunteer as much time as you can.

If you have something to go in the newsletter, please submit it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month at [popirusty@comcast.net](mailto:popirusty@comcast.net) or you can give it to me at the monthly meeting and it will go in that month's newsletter.



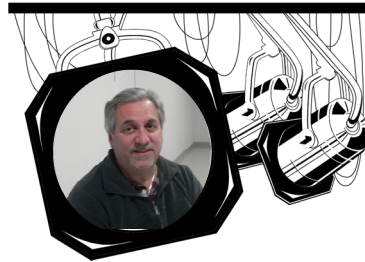
## Sherri's last Beauty note

A huge **thank you** to everyone involved in making *Beauty and the Beast* a success – especially Susan, Ken, Tom, Kenny, Megan, Melissa, Joe, David, Lynne, Jenny, there are **so** many people to thank, and we, the production team, could not have done it without the help of everyone ... whether you gave us an hour or a month, it was greatly appreciated!!

Didn't get to see it? Check Community Players website at [www.SBYplayers.com](http://www.SBYplayers.com) and look at the Gallery of Photos.

I have magnets for the cast and crew, so if you did not receive yours, let me know. My new number is 443-669-5599. Now it's time for a reunion party!!!

Thank you again!!!



## Community Players' Director Spotlight on Ted Demetriou

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

**TED:** *My life revolves around being husband to Maria (whom I met while playing Sky Masterson to her Sarah Brown in a production of Guys and Dolls), father to Stephanie, Stacey, Samantha and Tommy, and grandfather to Madison. By day, I am an insurance executive with almost 37 years experience, doing business in almost 40 states.*

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

**TED:** *I joined Players in 2012, having recently relocated from Cecil County.*

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

**TED:** *My wife, son and I were all cast in Oliver. I was chosen to play the evil Bill Sykes.*

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

**TED:** *Fiddler on the Roof is my favorite show. I made my theater debut at the age of 36 playing the role of Perchik.*

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

**TED:** *I had the chance to play one of my dream roles when I was cast as Prof. Henry Higgins in a production of My Fair Lady. I have three other roles I would like to play, although I have unfortunately aged out of Curly in Oklahoma and Finch in How to Succeed in Business. I hope to have the opportunity to one day play Tevye in Fiddler.*

CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

**TED:** *Down the road, I hope Players can expand our facility to ultimately be able to rehearse and perform our shows on site.*

## December Meeting

Community Players would like to invite everyone to the monthly meeting on December 7 at 7 PM. We will be recapping the start of the season, discussing the New Year, and introducing some very exciting new things.

After the meeting there will be refreshments, music, and mingling to usher in the Holiday Season. We hope to see both new and familiar faces!



## The Show Is Cast!

According to Directors Ted and Maria Demetriou, ***Something's Afoot*** has a wonderful cast. Community Players' veterans Matt Bogdan, Bobbie Calloway, Stephanie Davis, Steve Culver, Matt Hatfield, Brooke Bennish, and Maria Demetriou are joined by relative newcomers Crista Kirkendahl, Andrew Widger, and Andy Nyland. Rounding out the crew are Tom Davis (Music Director), Megan Davis (Producer), Cass Dasher (Stage Manager), and Gary Finley (Lights). The show is very funny with some wonderful music and MANY plot twists revolving around the solving of the mystery.

## Cast of Characters

The cast is a set of British stock characters typically found in the works of Agatha Christie. They are as follows:

Lettie – Crista Kirkendahl  
Flint – Matt Bogdan  
Claire – Bobbie Calloway  
Hope Langdon – Brooke Bennish  
Dr. Grayburn – Steve Culver  
Nigel Rancour – Matt Hatfield  
Lady Grace Manley-Prowe – Stephanie Davis  
Colonel Gillweather – Andy Nyland  
Miss Tweed – Maria Demetriou  
Geoffrey – Andrew Widger

## Set Work

Set work has begun and help is needed. Work will continue on Saturday mornings, beginning at 9 AM and on some weekday evenings, as scheduled by the set builders. If you have some time to help, please stop by Players on Saturday morning to check the schedule for construction.

If you have any questions, contact Ted Demetriou at 410-804-6880 [ted@demetriouinsurance.com](mailto:ted@demetriouinsurance.com) or Maria Demetriou 410-804-1628 [weddingdressdoctor@gmail.com](mailto:weddingdressdoctor@gmail.com).

## Production Committee is looking for Directors for the 2017-18 season

Are you interested in directing a play? Are you not sure of all that is required to be a Director?

A potential Director is responsible for taking a script, a group of actors, an empty theatre, and a band of backstage people, bringing them all together and producing a fully-functional theatrical performance. The Director has the artistic vision for a play.

The Director will determine the approximate cost to produce the show (we have a template and people that can help you determine a budget), the dates they would like to do the show, and the availability of the show. The Director will need to have all of that information available for the Community Players Production Committee.

Once a show is selected by the Community Players Board of Directors, the Director will hold auditions to select the acting cast members. They will also select the stage manager and the technical crew (lighting, sound, set designer, and costume designer).

First and foremost, the Director is a leader. They direct the actors, offering guidance on character interpretation and dictating the flow and subtlety of their performance. Furthermore, they work with lighting technicians, sound technicians, costume designers, prop designers, and set designers.

Directors determine the final pacing of the play as it comes to life on the stage.

If you are interested in directing a show for the 2017-18 season please contact Tom Robinson at [tomchicken@aol.com](mailto:tomchicken@aol.com) or at 410-422-0635.

**A Note From  
Michaela Miller**  
(*Beauty and the Beast*  
cast member)

As I sit here crying happy tears knowing that *Beauty and the Beast* will probably be my last Community Players show (I will be attending college next September).

I am so thankful that I have had the honor of being with such a talented and wonderful cast and theater company.

Musical theater has always provided such a great outlet for me and I wouldn't be who I am without it.

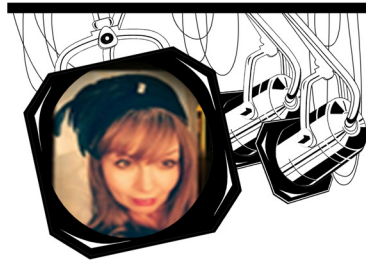
Community Players has welcomed me with open arms since I was a shy high school sophomore. Now that I'm a high school senior, Community Players makes it so difficult for me to leave.

Never have I enjoyed being in a cast so much and *Beauty and the Beast* has solidified my belief that music and theater will always be part of my life.

Thank you to all my directors, cast mates, light crew, sound crew, set crew, producers, and stage managers. You have all shaped me into who I am and brought so much joy into my life. I have grown confident and strong with your positivity and encouragement.

Thank you Community Players for always being there for me and providing an escape from rough times and making me laugh, cry, and be happy.

Thank you.



**Community Players'  
Board Member Spotlight  
on  
Judy Hearn**

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

**JUDY: *Who am I not? I might be found teaching studio art, film, and art history at Delmar HS...painting (sets and other work) ... doing radio pieces and local commercials ... jumping out of planes ... traveling the world ... or, most likely ... playing Nana to my five grandbabies.***

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

**JUDY: *I have been in Players since 2010.***

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

**JUDY: *I was lucky enough to be cast by Sharon Benchoff as Mrs. Potter in "Tom, Dick, and Harry". Wow, that was fun!***

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

**JUDY: *Les Misérables***

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

**JUDY: *If I could sing, Eponine in Les Miz. Since I cannot, Eleanor of Aquitaine in The Lion in Winter.***

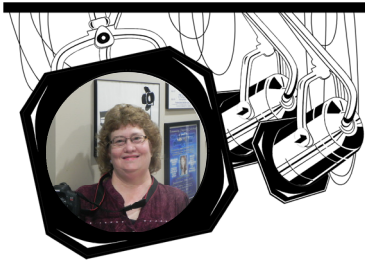
CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

**JUDY: *Producing and performing continually fantastic shows at our own facility!***

**Dues! Dues! Dues!**

Members are reminded that annual dues are due on September 1.

If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues, check your newsletter address label. If 2016-2017 or later does not appear on your label, your dues are not current. Dues can be paid at the monthly meetings or can be sent to the Players' address on the newsletter.



## Community Players' Member Spotlight on Bonnie Bosies

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

**BONNIE:** *I have just started my 29<sup>th</sup> year working as a Clerk III for Sussex County Government in Georgetown, Delaware. I currently work in the Paramedic Department.*

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

**BONNIE:** *I do not remember the exact year that I became a member, but the first show that started the experience was the fall of 1994 which was Rogers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella". My then boyfriend/future husband became involved and I decided if I was ever going to see him again I had to also get involved.*

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

**BONNIE:** *I took pictures and video unofficially starting in 1994. However the first show I had an official capacity was the special show of "Oliver" that we did in the spring of 1996 at the Delmar Convention Center. I worked backstage.*

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

**BONNIE:** *It would have to be "Brigadoon" which is the show that my father advised me is where my name "Bonnie Jean" came from.*

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

**BONNIE:** *Since my talents do not include acting, singing or dancing; then a dream role would not fit. It would have to be a dream job traveling around the world doing nothing but taking pictures.*

CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

**BONNIE:** *As historian, I definitely would love for Players to repeat history and be able to perform shows in our own facility again.*



## One Warm Coat Drive

This winter season Community Players will be holding a coat drive in cooperation with One Warm Coat. The drive started November 28 and will continue through December 18.

You may drop off a new coat or a gently worn coat at Community Players anytime Sunday through Thursday, as well as Saturday mornings. It is our hope that we are able to provide 30 coats this winter season!

Questions?

Email us at:

[communityplayers@cposmd.com](mailto:communityplayers@cposmd.com)

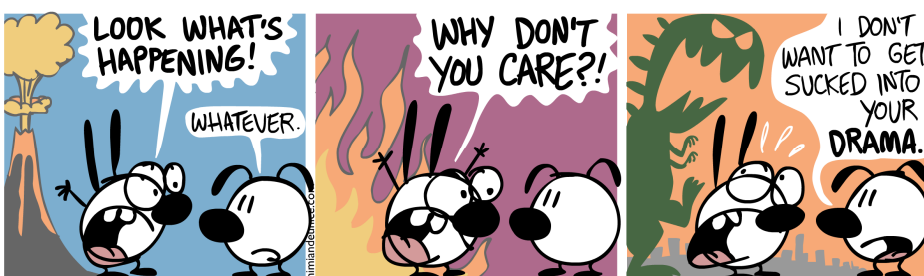
## Children's Theatre Workshop Planning

Planning for our next Children's Theatre Workshop has begun.

A small committee met on Monday, November 14 and discussed some very basic ideas for the format of the week-long workshop.

A second meeting will be scheduled shortly after the holidays to make more specific plans and iron out details.

All are welcomed to join the fun! Meeting date will be announced in the newsletter.



## Save our Oral History Night

On November 19, several veteran members of Community Players sat down to talk about things we remember (or sort of) that are not part of the written archives. We spent a great couple of hours reminiscing. We shared funny things that have happened, the way things used to be done, people we've known and lost, shows that we should do, shows we shouldn't have done, etc.

Notes were taken and lots of things were taken from that evening which will become part of Players official history (and some that won't). Each of us also learned something that night that changed our perception of Players.

But our remembrances were limited to those sitting around the table. So, another Oral History Night will be scheduled after the Holiday season.

It is hoped that more people will attend, both veterans and newer members, since we all have something to share, questions to ask, etc.

Let's make a party of this activity ... a night to see old friends again and to make new ones! See you after the Holidays!!



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Individual - \$10    
  \*Family - \$20    
  Student - \$5

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\_\_\_ I am also paying my dues for 2017-18 (paying double the amount shown above)

\_\_\_ Please send me information on how I can become a Community Players Patron.

\_\_\_ Please send me information about purchasing Season Tickets.

Areas of interest (check all that apply)

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| ___ Acting/Dancing/Singing | ___ Lighting    | ___ Props            |
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| ___ Directing              | ___ Membership  | ___ Stage Crew       |
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on the previous page.

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



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