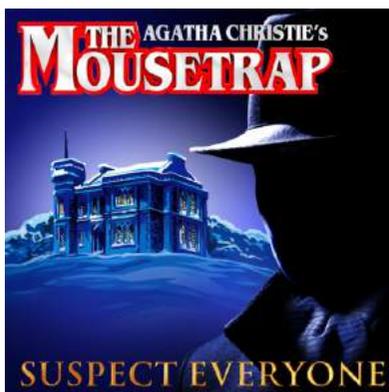




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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT DECEMBER 2014



AUDITIONS December 7 and 8 7 to 8 PM at the theater on Glendon St.

You will want to be a part of this production of the longest running play in history, celebrating its 62nd year of continuous production. It is a great show with a great history. And, of course, the playwright, Agatha Christie, is one of the great mystery writers of all time.

This production will be directed by Cate Poole and take to the stage on April 10, 11, 17, 18 and 19 of 2015. Also working on The Mousetrap are Jay Sydow as Assitant Director; Joshua Spaulding, who is the producer; Corky Mork, set design and construction; and Kathleen Whitehead, set design and decoration.

Three actresses and five actors are required for this show.
Mollie Ralston- late 20s early 30's, innocent, unsuspecting, married to Giles, co-owns the Monkswell Manor guesthouse

Giles Ralston- late 20s early 30's, somewhat arrogant, terse, married to Mollie, co-owns the Monkswell Manor guesthouse

Christopher Wren- mid-20's, flamboyant, wild-looking, childish

Mrs. Boyle- late 40s-60s, critical older woman who is pleased by nothing

Major Metcalf- 40s-60s, former military, formal, polite, witty

Miss Casewell- late 20s early 30's, aloof, masculine, cool, intelligent

Mr. Paravincini- 40s-60s, jester, tease, touch of sinister, Italian aire

Detective Sergeant Trotter- late 20s early 30's, darting, probing, relentless

Please note, you don't have to BE the character's age, but you have to be able to appear in that age range.

It is late January in 1949. Monkswell Manor, recently converted to a guesthouse, is run by a young couple, Mollie and Giles Ralston. The inexperienced Ralstons are nervous to be hosting their first guests in the midst of a paralyzing

snow storm, but they are determined to make a go of things. However, murder's afoot as the owners and their guests are trapped by an insane murderer. Suspense and secrecy propel the action towards its surprise ending. There's a reason it has been the longest running play in history.

Of course, we also need lots of people who do not want to be on-stage to make this mystery a success. If you have any interest in helping with this show, please contact the producer, Joshua Spaulding, at trumpet138@gmail.com. Remember, you don't need experience, we will help you learn. All you need is interest.

Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday and Sunday from 7-9 pm beginning January 4th. There will be full run-throughs every night from April 6-9th. A full tech rehearsal will occur on April 4th. (Easter is April 5th this year)

Questions? Please contact the Director, Cate Poole at: poolec1@me.com or text 603-937-0302



by James Adams

Please join us as we end our 2014 movie season with the Christmas classic THE POLAR EXPRESS! We hope you will bring the whole family to enjoy this holiday film, and there will be a surprise after the movie for



all the children who attend! Show times are Saturday, December 20th at 8:00 and Sunday, December 21st at 2:00. Tickets are \$5.00 each (Popcorn \$2 and Bottled Water \$1), so it's affordable to take a family to the movies! !! Tickets can be purchased with a credit card or PayPal only on our website at www.village-players.com (tickets are posted after the first of the month for each show), or tickets can be purchased with cash or check at the door starting one hour before the movie. We hope to see you there!

Annual Fund Raising Campaign

You should have received a letter from us by now asking for your help in raising funds to keep our theater going. Please help with whatever you can. We all want to see our theater maintained and our programs improved. Every donation helps. You can send a check, or you can donate on line with a credit card at our website

www.village-players.com

**CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION FOR ALL VILLAGE PLAYERS
MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS**

by Jay Sydow and Christian Boudman

You are cordially invited to our second annual Christmas Party at the Village Players Theater on Saturday, December 13th at 7:00pm. Here is a chance for the grown-ups to get together, visit and share in a little holiday joy. The evening will kick off with some yummy treats from our friends at Stellaloon, both savory and sweet. Lydia's Café will supply us with Coffee and Tea. Feel free to bring whatever adult beverage you'd like to kick off the holiday season.

After our bellies are full and we have caught up with all the holiday gossip, we will move into the auditorium for a screening of Frank Capra's classic, "It's A Wonderful Life" on our massive 16' movie screen with crisp state-of-the-art sound system.

We hope you will take a little time out of your hectic holiday schedule to join in the fun. When was the last time you spent the holiday with Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore on the big screen?

We look forward to sharing this evening with you and taking the opportunity to personally say thank all of you for your generous support and contributions throughout the year.

Please join us!



Special thanks to Bruce and Kris Gurall who were sponsors for this production.

Did you miss it? Here are some photos just in case.



2014 Report

by Megan Rohrbacher

Veeps stay active all year long.

2014 has been yet another amazing year at the theater. We kicked off the year with "The Village Players Presents: The Movies", showing movies once a month from all different genres and time periods. It's been a great experience so far, especially with the inclusion of Mr. Movie who provides the back stories and tidbits from each film that gets screened. Truly a delightful evening every time. Jim and Priscilla Adams have done a great job heading up this endeavor and the devoted movie committee members: Christian Boudman, Jay Sydow, and Cate Poole bring a wealth of fun to it as well.

Indeed, it has been a year of laughs from our Spring show, "Death and Taxes," to this summer's slapstick hilarity, "Caught In The Net" and closing out the season with the colorful "Suessical." The Village Players truly know how to make this town laugh.

With each year comes a "honey do" list for the building, and this year with the help of numerous volunteers we were able to accomplish a lot of tasks. Next time you're in the theater be sure to check out the newly painted walls in the auditorium. Lots of little repairs were tended to, including but not limited to, the handicap access door, the ceiling in the auditorium, just to name a few.

Christian Boudman created the Wilkes Booth Gang this year to help teach and understand all of our new lighting and sound gear. It's a collaborative effort and everyone involved is having a great time.

Next year looks to be even better than the last, with a whole new list of movies, slate of shows for the season, and hopefully another year full of laughter, volunteerism, and creativity!

And what you have been waiting to find out, our slate of productions for 2015:

Spring - *The Mousetrap*, directed by Cate Poole

Summer - *Boeing, Boeing*, directed by Russ Ellis

Fall - *Spamalot*, directed by Jay Sydow

Upcoming movies are January - "My Fair Lady", February - "The Shawshank Redemption", and March - "Rio Bravo". For more information on the movies, check out our website www.village-players.com/movies

MICHAEL WILFERT OUR INDEFATIGABLE PHOTOGRAPHER

You may not be aware of it, but Michael Wilfert donates his time, equipment and expertise to take still photographs of every one of our shows. He doesn't get a lot of credit, and sometimes we even forget to list him in the program, but he is always there to do the job. If you go on our website and look at photos from previous shows, you will be looking at his work. He also makes these photos available to everyone in the show so that they can print them out for themselves if they want. If you need a photographer for any reason, you might want to hire him. You can reach him at wilfert.michael@gmail.com.

VP BITS

news about members etc.

Judy Breuninger celebrated her 80th birthday on Sunday, September 28th with family and relatives at her home, Broadacres Farm, in Wolfeboro. Her "real" birthday was September 21st. She remembers her birthday on the eve of the Big Hurricane of 1938 in the Carr home in North Wolfeboro. A large Elm tree came through the roof.

Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler has qualified to run in the Boston Marathon of 2015. Go Phoebe!

Paul Stewart has a new job with a long title. He is now Vendor Advocate Associate at Bottomline Technologies Greater Boston Area

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to cwbense@roadrunner.com.



Tablescapes - A creative opportunity

The Governor Wentworth Arts Council is pleased to announce the spring arts fun'raiser - TABLESCAPES "Creative Settings", a community-wide event. TABLESCAPES is a chance for local community members to create a table-top setting that is imaginative, playful, out-of-the-box, wonderful and fun. The goal is to raise funds to bring the arts programming to schools and libraries and promote & support the arts in the community. We are looking for creative folks who wish to participate...no cost to create a TABLESCAPE... go to the website: www.wolfeboroarts.org for more details and to download an event application. (DEADLINE IS FLEXIBLE)



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here is the first time we learned to tap dance for *Anything Goes* in 1983.

This photo shows Judy Breuninger, Jill Pralle, Laurie Burnette, Jodi Lavarello and Carol Bense on the great set designed by Corky Mork and Peter Ferber

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and special membership deals.

Contact Carol Bense - cwbense@roadrunner.com or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

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ELECTION OF THE BOARD FOR 2015

First we want to thank our 2014 Board for all their hard work and dedication to The Village Players. Thanks to our President, Megan Rohrbacher; our Vice-President, Christian Boudman; our Secretary, Cate Poole; our Treasurer, Joshua Spaulding; and our Board Members, Jay Sydow, Tracy Lionetta, Deb Jones and Priscilla Adams.

Our new board which was elected at the annual meeting in November is: President, Jim Adams; Vice-President, Christian Boudman; Secretary, Priscilla Adams; Treasurer, Joshua Spaulding; and Board Members, Jay Sydow, Tracy Lionetta, Michael Welch and Laura Cooper.

The board members will take office as of January 1, 2015. Please take the time to thank everyone who serves on the board as it does require time and effort and the board is asked to make some difficult decisions. If you have an interest in serving on the board in future years, please contact the President.