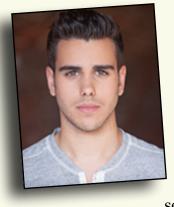


Tudor Guild Scene

The mission of Tudor Guild, a volunteer organization, is to support the Oregon Shakespeare Festival through significant financial contributions derived from the operation of the Gift Shop and satellites and to provide services to the Festival Company and patrons.



Jonathan Luke Stevens to Be Guest Speaker at the March General Meeting

Carole Florian

We're excited to welcome Jonathan Luke Stevens as the guest speaker for our March meeting!

A Louisiana native, Jonathan earned his BFA in Theatre from the Boston Conservatory. This multi-talented actor/singer/dancer is in his sixth season at OSF and this year his focus is on The Bard. He plays Lysander in

Joe Haj's production of *Midsummer Night's Dream* and on the Elizabethan stage this summer, he'll play Mariner and a member of the ensemble in *The Tempest*. In previous seasons at OSF, he was Link Larkin in *Hairspray*; Rynaldo and Ensemble in *All's Well That Ends Well*; Dance Captain, *All's Well That Ends Well*; Ado Andy in *Oklahoma!*; Marcus, Boy Hamlet, Crier, and Horatio in *The Book of Will*; Valentine, Adam, Peter, Ensemble in *Shakespeare in Love*; Terror #7, Soldier, Ensemble in *UniSon*; Valentine, Ensemble in *Twelfth Night*; Ensemble 3 in *The Wiz*; Society Max, Gambler, Ensemble in *Guys and Dolls*; Ensemble in *Head Over Heels*. If you saw any or all of these productions, you know what a rock star he is!

Jonathan's other theater work includes Pepper in *Mamma Mia*, Ensemble in *Holiday Inn* (5th Avenue Theater); Harry the Horse in *Guys and Dolls* (Ocean State Theater Company); Ensemble/ Sid Phillips in *Singin' in the Rain* (New Bedford Festival Theater); Cobwebb (understudy) in *The Donkey Show* (American Repertory Theater); Reynaldo and First Sailor in *Hamlet* (Bay Colony Shakespeare); *A Matter of Life and Death* (Northwestern University National High School Institute).



From the President



It's almost SHOWTIME! As I write this note, we are one week away from the opening of our shop and the opening of previews at the festival. The shop is clean and ready for customers. A special thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard last week to get things ready for business. Eileen, Melissa, and Michelle have returned from the Las Vegas Trade Show with a plethora of exciting new products with a ton of customer appeal. Eileen has assured me that it was all work and no play while our team was

in Vegas! The new products are now arriving and being placed on our display shelves.

You will love the exciting new designs OSF has provided for our t-shirts, posters, and coffee cups. We will soon have t-shirts and caps for each OSF show.

After a couple of difficult years financially, OSF is looking forward to a banner year with no smoke. Our hopes are the same. There will be no shows at the Mountain Avenue Theater this season. With more shows and patrons on campus, our sales should soar. Let's all work on our sales and customer relations skills, and always remember to be good will ambassadors for the Festival.

It's almost showtime for another reason as well. Our fundraiser at Camelot Theatre will be on May 13, 2020. The show will be *You Can't Take It With You* directed by our own Kenneth Benton. Ticket sales are going well. Please remember to buy tickets and bring your friends. We are hoping for a sell out.

Thank you for all that you do for Tudor Guild. We are going to have a super successful year.

Allan Anderson

Camelot Fundraiser May 13

Get your tickets for *You Can't Take It With You*, this year's Tudor Guild Camelot Fundraiser. Tickets are available from Staff in the Gift Shop. The cost per ticket is \$32.00 and cash and checks are accepted.



COMPANY CALL

Ashland Springs Hotel February 3, 2020



President Allan Anderson inspects the award plaques and the milestone cups.



Melissa previewed these crossbody bags repurposed from military tents.



Michelle displayed mermaid dolls, part of the merchandise for *Peter and the Starcatcher*.



Treasurer Joe Male discussed the 2020 gift to OSF.

2020 Gina (Darie Romeo Award



A.J. Titus received the Jean Collonge Enthusiasm Award.





Two very worthy members received the award this year. Pam Parker was nominated by Kenneth Benton, and the late John Hunt was nominated by Annette Lewis. Mary Hunt accepted the award.

Member Milestones



5 years: From left, Dickie Wilson, Kenneth Benton, Faye Garland, Joe Male, Margaret Mallette, and Ellen Fowler. Not pictured: Soozie Bauer, Lori Bloom, Denise Clements, Pam Dehnke, and Laura Kramer.

10 Years

10 years: Carole Florian and Larraine Anderson. Not pictured: Cydne Jensen, Karen Leng, and Wendy Purslow.



Pam Parker



20 years: From left, Molly Thibedeau, Susan Rust, Jeannie Green, and Terry Holden. Not pictured: Geri Anderson, Don Provence, and Carol Rugg.



25 years: Elaine Morgan and Jill Henderson (not pictured).



30 years: Joyce Seebart (with Melissa's dog, Button).



Bonnie Schraub



Sue Sager

Photos by David Florian.

Gina Marie Romeo Award Recipients Named Larraine Anderson

The Tudor Guild Gina-Marie Romeo Memorial Award was initiated in November, 2001 to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding service to Tudor Guild and/or have furthered its mission through their endeavors.

Two past presidents with long-time service to Tudor Guild were named recipients of the 2020 Gina Marie Romeo Award. Pam Parker, who served as President in 2012, and the late John Hunt, who served as President in 2016, were honored at this year's Company Call on February 3 at the Ashland Springs Hotel.

Pam Parker, a native of Chicago, moved to Ashland with her husband, Ron, in 2004 and joined Tudor Guild in 2005. Before moving here, she worked as a bank auditor.

As a member of Tudor Guild, she served as a board member, President-elect, President, and Past President. After her term as President, she was elected Treasurer. In addition, she served as chair for a number of committees including Finance, Social, Public Relations, Nominating, and Personnel Advisory. She was also a member of the Membership Committee and the Prospective Members Committee, and she was chair of a major fundraiser, The Italian Night Dinner, and contributed several recipes to the TG cookbook, *Much Ado About Noshing*. She can often be seen in the shop cashiering, and she works a number of shifts in the theatres.

Probably not many people know that John Hunt was a surfer in the 1960s. He began skimming over the waves in his Native Santa Barbara, California when he was in high school, and according to Mary Hunt, he was pretty good at it. Like many of us, John and Mary attended plays at OSF for many years before moving to Ashland in 2011. Mary says that it took her 15 years to talk John into visiting Ashland to see plays, but once he did, he was hooked. John and Mary both joined Tudor Guild in 2012.

Although we lost him much too soon, in his seven years in Tudor Guild, John did a great deal. In fact, in those seven years, he worked the equivalent of seventeen years-worth of focus hours.

John was elected to the Tudor Guild Board of Directors and then was elected President elect in 2014, serving in that capacity for two years. John served as President in his own right in 2016 and then served as Past President in 2017. His thirty-eight years in the banking industry made him a valuable member of the finance committee. He was elected Treasurer for the 2019 season, but his illness prevented him from completing his term. As mentioned above, he worked many shifts as a cashier in the shop.



The Roving REPORTER

Lenora Clark

I have been on the newsletter committee for several years, but my contributions have been limited to book reviews and an occasional verse. I wanted to do more.

Many newspapers used to carry a 'roving reporter' or 'man on the street' column, in which a staff person solicited comments on a given subject from random individuals met in informal situations. So I began to think about various questions or ideas relating to Tudor Guild and OSF. This first attempt contains suggestions from several people, all enthusiastic theatergoers.

ROVING REPORTER: If you could select one play for an OSF season, what would it be?

There were numerous suggestions, and some titles came up several times. Generally people wanted either musicals or Broadway shows, especially of the 30s through the 50s, with a nudge toward 'traditional' Shakespeare stagings.

Kiss Me, Kate

The Women

West Side Story

Harvey

Cats

PRESS

Visit to a Small Planet

A Little Night Music

The Curious Incident of the Dog

in the Night-Time

Rent

Tall Story

The Fantasticks

Blithe Spirit

Brigadoon

Your reporter will be at the next meeting with a new question: What slogan would you suggest for a t-shirt for the shop?

My own favorite is "Lord, what fools these mortals be!" G-rated, please!

Kenneth Benton on Directing You Can't Take It With You



The play *You Can't Take It With You* was the highlight of the season on Broadway back in 1936 and was the well deserved winner of the 1937 Pulitzer Prize. The original production had a total of 838 performances and the show has been revived on Broadway a total of five times in 1945, 1965, 1967, 1983, and most recently in 2014. This play is clearly one of the most popular comedies ever to be presented on stage in America. It does two things quite beautifully: it tickles the funny bone and it touches the heart. This play has been called the

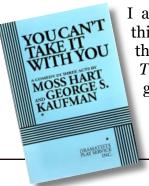
perfect escapist comedy for tough times.

It has been a real joy to work on this production here at the Camelot Theatre. I had the good fortune to direct a production of this wonderful play thirty years ago and it has been an utter delight to have the opportunity to revisit it with this particularly lovely cast, crew, and production team. This is the story of a group of zany characters who share their lives with us and lift us all up by reminding us that we all really do need to actively choose to live each and every day to the fullest.

For the years from 1930 to 1940, Moss Hart and George S. Kauffman created many

wonderful classics of the American theatre such as *Once in a Lifetime, Merrily We Roll Along, The Paperhanger, I'd Rather Be Right, The Fabulous Invalid, The American Way, The Man Who Came To Dinner,* and *George Washington Slept Here.* But it seems to me that for more than eighty years, the story of the play *You Can't Take It With You* has probably brought more smiles and laughs to audiences than virtually any other great American classic comedy.





I appreciate the timelessness of these characters in this story and invite you to now sit back and revisit (or perhaps have fun for the very first time ever with) the charming folks that you meet in *You Can't Take It With You*. We're glad that you are here to share this zippy and giddy timeless story with us. Enjoy!

Social Committee NEWS

Results of the Luncheon Survey

Carolyn Hunsaker

In October/November of 2019 the Social Committee surveyed Tudor Guild members in an effort to best meet the interests of the members in 2020. Thirty-two members completed the survey, and some of the results are presented here.

- 53% of the respondents attended two or more lunches in 2019.
- 88% of the respondents are happy with the selection of restaurants and the current price of \$18.00 per lunch; however, 81% said they would still attend if the price was increased to \$20.00 per lunch.
- 50% of the respondents felt that having one or two fewer lunches each year and sometimes having a lunch outside of downtown Ashland would be acceptable.
- 72% felt that having a catered lunch at the OSF "New Place" room would be acceptable.

The 2020 Social Committee met in February and decided to keep lunches in the downtown area but raise the price to \$19.00 to cover salary and food increases during the past two years. However, we are going to try some new food venues. We hope many of you join us for the March 16 lunch, which will be at the new restaurant "Eleven on the Creek." Owner, Kevin Broadie is opening the restaurant that Monday especially for us. Come experience "pan Latin flavors primarily based on the cuisine of Northern Spain and the Basque region but incorporating influences and dishes from Argentina, Central America and Portugal."



Coffee Urns Donated to OHRA

Carolyn Hunsaker

In 2019 members of the Social Committee cleaned and organized the Tudor Guild storage closet that is downstairs from the Shop. Three large (30-40 cup) coffee urns were determined to not be needed for the type of events the Tudor Guild currently hosts; we kept two of the nicest large coffee urns. The three urns were donated to the new Ashland effort for homeless people, Options for Helping Residents of Ashland (OHRA). They were delighted to get these.

Lend Me a Plate

Nancy Kramarenko

Last November, the Social Committee tried an experiment, and borrowed stainless, hammered cups for our beverage service at the Tudor Guild Annual Meeting. The committee has been discussing ways of

decreasing our plastic and paper waste for a couple of years now, and this was an opportunity to see how this new program works. We received lots of positive feedback and lots of inquiries about the program. We also successfully borrowed appetizer plates for the Holiday Open House. The amazing thing about this program is that it's free (though donations are gladly accepted), and the only requirement is that the items be returned clean and dry.

Please check out the website for more details on how to utilize this amazing service for parties, fund-raisers and other events that you may be involved with.

https://somra.org/lend-me-a-plate/about-lend-me-a-plate/

END ME A PL

Southern Oregon Master Recyclers In Action

MARCH/APRIL 2020 CALENDAR				
March 2 March 4 March 9 March 16	10:00 AM 5:30 - 6:30 PM 10:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:45 AM	Prospective Member Orientation Informed Volunteer Program Board Meeting Coffee/General Meeting Lunch	TBD SOU Recital Hall Camps Conf Rm Carpenter Hall Eleven on the Creek	
April 13 April 15	10:00 AM 5:30 - 6:30 PM	Board Meeting Informed Volunteer Program	Camps Conf Rm SOU Recital Hall	

QUICK LINKS

Tudor Guild Members Website www.tgmembers.org **Tudor Guild Shop Website** www.tudorquild.org **OSF Offstage Events** www.osfashland.org Tudor Guild Scene newsletter email tgnltr@gmail.com



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REMINDER

Lunch at Eleven on the Creek - Monday, March 16, 2020 Mail in your lunch reservation form by Monday, March 9, 2020



THE TUDOR GUILD GIFT SHOP

15 S. Pioneer Street Ashland, OR 97520



Tudor Guild Luncheon

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Eleven on the Creek in Ashland

Address: 18 Calle Guanajuato Way, 2nd floor, at the former Loft location. To reach 2nd floor there is an elevator off of the alley and a stairway (inside the glass door at the end of the alley on the creek side).

Price: \$19.00 (includes tip and taxes). There are no refunds after the deadline of March 9.

Menu-pick one of these 3 items

- 1. Pomegranate chicken roulade with paella rice and a green salad (baked chicken stuffed with a mix of pomegranates, pistachios and herbed orange mascarpone)
- 2. New York steak sandwich with potato bravas
 (a steak topped with pepita lime butter and thyme Dijon with smokey sweet spiced potatoes)
- 3. Corn manchego risotto served with a melon/mozzarella/basil side (this is vegetarian)

Make checks payable to Tudor Guild. <u>Please DO NOT</u> drop off payment at the shop. <u>Please DO</u> mail to or drop off at the address below. Reservations must be received by Monday, March 9.

Name:
Entrée Choice:
Number attending × \$19.00 Total amount enclosed
I would like a no sugar or low sugar sweet/dessert item.
Return this form and money by Monday, March 9, to: Teannie Green, 125 Oak Meadows Place, Ashland, OR 97520

Phone: 541-552-0419 email: roguegreens@charter.net

Tudor Guild Company Call February 3, 2020 Ashland Springs Hotel

Tudor Guild President Allan Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:07AM.

The minutes from the Tudor Guild Annual Meeting on November 18, 2019 were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Announcements:

February 4, 2020: Signups for Tudor Guild shifts beginning at 11AM

February 10th – 13th, 2020: Shop cleaning February 28, 2020: OSF Season opens

February 28, 2020: Tudor Guild Shop opens

March 4, 2020: First Informed Volunteer Program

General Manager's Report by Eileen Polk (in Eileen's words):

"We open in 26 days!!

We're getting ready - carpets are clean, new computers will be installed at both registers to make things run more smoothly for our cashiers as well as serve as workstations for our floor staff. Melissa, Michelle and I have just returned from the Gift Mart in Las Vegas, and Matt will be going to work updating our website. We have a meeting this week with the Marketing & Communications Department and OSF's designer to get the images solidified for the Season merchandise. We'll clean the shop next week and new merchandise is being processed right now to be ready to go onto the floor. We can't run the store without all of you, and signups for shifts begin today. We're all going to have a lot of excitement in the next 26 days.

Last year's season ran 34 weeks, and in 2020, it'll be 35 weeks long, which includes an extra week of plays in the Allen Elizabethan Theatre. This extended outdoor time is mostly at the back end of the season, which should help us with kiosk sales of warm clothing.

Tudor Guild is remarkable for the longevity of its volunteers, and we're excited to welcome new members each season. Most of you have worked with our staff for years, but for the sake of our new volunteers and as a general refresher, I want to sing the praises of the people who work alongside you all to raise money for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

I'm thrilled to have our entire wonderful team back with us. Our three Customer Service/Floor Staff members work most closely with you. They are your first stop for information and help. **Dale Gates**, in her second year as staff, will be starting at the top of the season, **Carolyn Starmer**, also in her second year will be joining us in a few weeks, and **Marilyn Borkin** will be coming in as we get close to the busy summer months. This is her 5th season on staff. They are all former Tudor Guild volunteers.

In addition to their floor responsibilities, they will all be learning inventory control and web order processing to take some of the load off the buyers and Matt. This will enable us to concentrate on our buying and building sales. The second register will be their workstation, so they'll still be on the floor and accessible to all of you.

Matt Langhorne, our Web Master and Satellite Manager has a lot of seniority on our staff. Starting in 2004, he is now beginning his 16th season with us! As his titles say, he runs the Tudor Guild web site, stocking it with product and processing orders (soon with the help of our floor staff). He's also responsible for managing the satellite locations in each theatre—a huge job that contributes a great deal to our annual sales, particularly from the outdoor kiosk.

Melissa Markell will be entering her 11th season and is one of a trio of buyers for the store. Her clothing department contributes the largest percentage of annual sales, and jewelry is also a strong performer. She also buys food, costumes, hats and masks, and kitchen products. In addition to buying, Melissa schedules staffing and does our merchandising. She's responsible for anything that looks great on the floor.

Michelle Cleaver, in her 8th season on the staff, wears two hats. As our Volunteer Coordinator, she has perfected the art of juggling volunteer shifts and people. I thank you all for saying, "yes," when she asks for extra help—we rely on her ability to pop all of you out of a hat for special projects and

events. Her buying skills bring our patrons souvenirs, posters, audio and video product, and wonderful toys.

My wonderful predecessor as General Manager, **Raj Kumaran**, remains our IT wizard, rescuing us from electronic disasters, installing new equipment, and generally remaining indispensable to Tudor Guild.

This will be my 21st year with Tudor Guild—one year as a volunteer and beginning my 20th year on staff. Adding confusion to all the sales reps who call on us, I buy books, home décor and stationery in addition to my job as General Manager.

We continue to reap the benefits of partnership with the Festival through the advocacy of the Paula Muncaster Walker, and her great staff from the Marketing and Communications Department. We're so grateful for that help and inclusion.

We're fortunate to have this wonderful group of people who work hard and so cooperatively to further the mission of Tudor Guild, but it is all of you who provide the day to day labor to make us a success. Our goal this season is to increase sales. No matter who comes in, let's try to make sure that they leave with just one more treasure than they had anticipated buying. Let's give OSF all the help that we can!"

Melissa, Michelle, and Eileen gave members a brief look at some of the new merchandise that will be available in the Shop. Melissa had looked for goods at the Gift Mart that used repurposed materials. She showed crossbody purses made from military tents that had pictures and sayings on the front. Michelle held up little fairies and mermaid dolls that she had purchased and Eileen showed a lovely decorative glass filled with sparkling copper pieces.

Volunteer Coordinator Report by Michelle Cleaver:

Michelle reminded members that signups for shifts begin at 11AM on Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

She also related that, unbeknownst to Tudor Guild and OSF personnel, OSF had hired a marketing company to evaluate the customer experience at OSF.

A "customer" approached a Tudor Guild volunteer expressing concern about seeing the play "Oklahoma" that featured gay couples in the leading roles. The volunteer mentioned in a non-judgmental way, that most people have enjoyed the show and was able to allay the "customer's" concerns. Michelle passed on the kudos from OSF to all Tudor Guild volunteers.

Treasurer's Report by Joe Male:

Joe reported that sales started slowly in 2019 and in the summer, because of the Elizabethan plays being moved to the Mountain Theater for the month of August, finished below the previous two years. However, Tudor Guild's cash reserve is good. The finance committee, therefore, has recommended adding money from the reserve account to the year's net profit from the Shop along with the unused Camelot fundraising money from 2018 and 2019 and unpaid property taxes that had been set aside from 2017and 2018. The total gift to OSF would then be \$70,000.

The gift of \$70,000 to OSF was approved by the membership.

Fund Raising Report by Joyce Steinbock:

Camelot Tickets are now on sale. Each year Tudor Guild buys out the house for a show at Camelot that is a benefit performance and raises funds for Tudor Guild. The play this year is "You Can't Take it with You" which is directed by our own past president, Kenneth Benton. Kenneth spoke briefly about his many past directing experiences and explained that the Camelot show is a romantic comedy and has a great cast.

The performance is on Wednesday, May 13th. Tickets are \$32.00 each and can be paid by cash or check. Tickets were available at the Company Call and will be available in the Tudor Guild Gift Shop when the Shop opens February 28th.

Membership Committee Report by Larraine Anderson:

Membership numbers currently stand as follows:		
(M) Active members	98	
(A) Associate members		
(E) Emeritus members		
(HL) Honored Life members		
(F) Friends		
On leave	3	
Total	176	

Prospective New Members by Maren Breazeale:

Maren reported that February 17, 2020 will be the first meeting of the Prospective New Members committee. The first orientation is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

Social Committee Report by Carolyn Hunsaker:

Carolyn stated that the first meeting of the Social Committee for 2020 will be held next week. The results of the luncheon survey will be discussed at the meeting. Carolyn shared a few of the results: 88% of the respondents were happy with the choice of restaurants and 50% would be fine with fewer lunches.

Jean Collonge Enthusiasm Award:

A.J. Titus is the recipient of the Jean Collonge Enthusiasm Award for 2019. Allan Anderson presented her with the plaque with her name engraved on it that will be on display in the Tudor Guild Shop.

Gina-Marie Romeo Award:

Two recipients were chosen for the Gina-Marie Romeo Award.

Annette Lewis spoke about the first recipient, John Hunt. He had served on the Finance committee and on the Board as a Treasurer, President-elect, President, and Past President. She stressed his kindness and willingness to help anyone and serve anywhere he was needed. One member spoke of his "kind, gentle efficiency." John died this past summer and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Kenneth Benton introduced the second recipient, Pam Parker. Since joining Tudor Guild in 2005 Pam has held an impressive number of positions and offices. She has been the chair of the following committees: Finance Committee, Social Committee, Public Relations Committee, Nominating Committee, and the Personal Advisory Committee. When not chairing, she has been a member of the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Prospective New Members Committee. She has been a member of the Board multiple times and has served as Treasurer, President Elect, President and Past President.

Her contributions to Fund Raising included submitting seven recipes to the "Much Ado About Noshing" cookbook, hosting the Tudor Guild Underwriter's Luncheon fundraiser, and being a co-chair for the "An Evening in Padua" Italian dinner fundraiser. These were special events to benefit the Education Department at OSF.

Both John Hunt's and Pam Parker's names have been engraved on the Gina-Marie Romeo plaque that will be hanging in the Tudor Guild Gift Shop.

Presentation of Honored Volunteer Longevity Cups

Larraine and Bryce Anderson read the names of the recipients and provided engraved cups to each person in the following categories:

5 Year Mugs: 15 Year Mugs: Pam Parker Soozie Bauer

Kenneth Benton

Lori Bloom 20 Year Mugs: **Denise Clements** Geri Anderson Pam Dehnke Jeannie Green Ellen Fowler Terry Holden Faye Garland Don Provence Laura Kramer Carol Rugg Joe Male Susan Rust Margaret Mallette Molly Thibedeau

Dickie Wilson

25 Year Mugs: 10 Year Mugs: Jill Henderson

Larraine Anderson Elaine Morgan

Carole Florian Cydne Jensen 30 Year Mugs: Joyce Seebart Karen Leng

Wendy Purslow

35 Year Mugs: Bonnie Schraub

45 Year Mugs: Sue Sager

Presentation of President's Cup to Kenneth Benton:

Allan presented a special cup to Kenneth engraved with his name and the years of his presidency: 2018 and 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.

OSF guests that were present at the luncheon that followed the meeting included Acting Executive Director Paul Christy, Acting Director of Marketing & Communications Paula Muncaster Walker, and Executive Assistant to the Artistic Director Susan Whitmore.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Reppert, Secretary