

The PROMPTER



The Herbal Bed

The Herbal Bed opened to enthusiastic reviews last Saturday evening. The cast was pumped and ready and the audience was warm and responsive. The myriad of last minute touches were (mostly) complete – a dab of paint here, a little burlap there, a few more old bottles for the shelves, and a tuck here and there on a costume.

Director Kim MacMillan reports being delighted with both the cast and crew. “Everyone has worked incredibly well together. They’ve had fun and at the same time have been totally dedicated to the most excellent performance they can manage. This has been the most exhausting yet rewarding production I have worked on.”



Photo by Kristin McCallum

If you haven't seen it yet, you won't want to miss this complex historical drama. The wonderful Elizabethan costumes, magical revolving set and the myriad of ancient artifacts and drying herbs give a feeling of being right there in Stratford upon Avon in 1613. *The Herbal Bed* runs until Saturday, May 4th at 7:30 each evening. Tickets are available at Wearabouts on Alexander (except 2 for 1 Tuesday when tickets are purchased only at the door). You can also catch our O-Zone Festival performance at the Powerhouse Theatre in Vernon on May 16th (also 7:30). See page 3 for more details.

Thank You

A huge thank you to the City of Salmon Arm for a grant to Shuswap Theatre in the amount of \$2500. This money will be used to buy some new “blacks” for the Theatre.



A Message from the Board of Shuswap Theatre

The Board has initiated a series of member and audience focus groups and surveys and wants you to know we're listening. If you would like to provide any comments, feedback or suggestions in a confidential (no-name) manner, feel free to use this [on-line link](#) at any time. Or you can drop off a written comment to the wooden mailbox in the upper office to the right of the photocopier. We thank those of you that have shared with us so far and, with the assistance of Michelle Ambrose Consulting, the Board will be using the data she has been collecting from members and Theatre goers at our full-day Visioning Retreat at the end of May.

The purpose of the Board is to govern the society in such a way that its mission is fulfilled so that it is effective, efficient and financially sustainable. Our mission is described on our website this way:

Our passion is to provide our audiences with excellent dramatic entertainment ranging from pure fun to thought-provoking drama. We choose plays appealing to our audience while developing the capacities of our company. Our goal is to entice ever greater numbers of people into the joy of live theatre, whether as cast, crew or audience.

Over the past few years the Board has been working toward being less of a “managing” Board and more of a “visionary” one. In other words we have been developing policy that empowers and guides various groups and individuals to carry on the day-to-day business of running the Theatre, while the Board spends more time considering where we are going and how we can get there. We are looking for ways to spend our time more effectively on the things that really matter, to be forward thinking.

Laughing Gas Improv presents **GET MOONED!**

Come celebrate the full moon and laugh until there's no more beer. 'Get Mooned' features improvised comedy, games, challenges, and questionable audience participation. Cost is only \$7 per person (at the door), includes our trademark 'Munchies', and cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Monica at 250-833-6100.



Theatre Around the Valley

Asparagus Theatre (Armstrong)

All About The People - A Musical History of Armstrong
(written by Peter Blacklock) June 26-July 6

Caravan Farm Theatre

Head Over Heels July 23 - August 25

Kelowna Actors Studio

9 to 5 - the musical May 22 - June 8
Spamalot July 17- August 3

Many Hats Theatre Co. (Penticton)

Fortune's Fools July 4 - 27

SAS Sullivan

Gruffalo May 3 -4

Sicamous Amateur Drama Club

Camp How 2 May 9 - 12

LOOKING AHEAD

Our year end is fast approaching (June 30) and at the Society AGM in September, we elect a new Board. If you are interested in standing for election to the Board, please let Monica know. In particular, we are looking for someone to take on the Treasurer role and would like to start orientation as soon as possible. Email pr@shuswaptheatre.com or call [250-833-6100](tel:250-833-6100)

IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!



Theatre lovers are urged to take in this year's Okanagan Zone Festival, hosted by Powerhouse Theatre in Vernon. Running from May 13 to 19, *Let's Celebrate* features **five plays in five days**. Theatre companies presenting are The Hub Collective, Vernon; Fred Skeleton Theatre Company, Kelowna; Theatre Kelowna Society; Shuswap Theatre and Kamloops Players. Our production of *The Herbal Bed* will be performed Thursday, May 16.

One play is chosen to represent each of the ten zones in the province to go to the provincial festival, *Mainstage*, which will take place in Kamloops from July 5 - 13. What a wonderful opportunity we have to enjoy many high calibre productions so close to home. As soon as the zone festivals are over, you can check out the Mainstage lineup [here](#).

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

till May 4	<i>The Herbal Bed</i> Nightly at 7:30 pm
May 13 - 18	<i>O-Zone Drama Festival</i> at Powerhouse Theatre in Vernon (see website for details)
May 15	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)
May 25	Board Retreat
June 15	Get Mooned Laughing Gas Improv Night 7:30 pm
June 19	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)

Your Help Needed ... please consider letting your name stand for one of the executive positions on the O-Zone Board: Chair; Vice Chair; Secretary; Treasurer. Nominations can be sent to current O-Zone secretary: rampone@silk.net

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