

# *Back Stage*

July 2021

COMMUNITY  
**PLAYERS**  
*of Salisbury*



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**meeting**  
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**Next meeting is July 7, 2021**

Players' next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 2 at 7:00 PM**. This meeting will be an **IN PERSON** meeting! Since Maryland and Delaware COVID restrictions are lifted as of July 1st, there will be no mask or social distance seating requirements.

Please join us for the installation of our new officers and Board members. To celebrate the new Board and our return to live stage performances, we will have light refreshments and soda following the meeting. This is a great to make new friends and rejoice in the old ones.





Articles, photos, etc. for publication in Back Stage should be emailed to me (popirusty@comcast.net) by the 15th of each month. Also, if you have ideas for the improvement of our newsletter, please let me know!

*Rusty Mumford*  
Corresponding Secretary

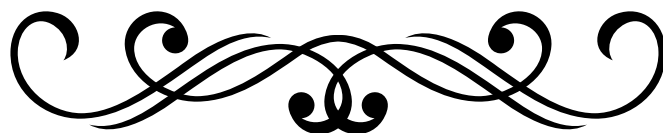


## **Lifetime Membership Award**

Chairman Pete Cuesta is seeking committee members who are willing to work on this year's selection of the CPOS Lifetime Membership Award recipients. If you are interested in working with him on this committee, please contact him at [pjcuesta@comcast.net](mailto:pjcuesta@comcast.net).

Nominations for the Lifetime Membership Award are open. According to our By-Laws, Number 3, Section A-4, under the definition of membership,

*"A Lifetime Membership may be granted by the Board of Directors and all rights of individual Membership will be given with dues payment waived. To be eligible for Lifetime Membership, a person must be at least 60 years old and have been a member for at least 20 years. A letter of recommendation from a member must be submitted to the Board of Directors by the August meeting. A nomination must be made by a Board of Directors member based on that letter of recommendation. Voting will take place based upon these recommendations. No more than two Lifetime Memberships shall be awarded in any year."*



## DID YOU KNOW....?

You may not realize or even thought about the expenses and costs associated with “putting on a show”, so as Laurens sings in Hamilton, I’m going to “drop some knowledge”.

### Building:

Electricity \$1,809.24  
Heating Expense \$1,872.51  
Maintenance \$1,978.75  
Security \$1,607.56  
Insurance \$7,300.00

### Each Musical:

License \$4,800  
Facility Rental to Board of Education \$7,376.00  
Orchestra \$3,350.00  
Set Construction \$2,028.74  
Costumes \$1,825.00

### Each Play:

License \$600.00  
Set Construction \$1,025.00  
Costumes \$900.00

Due to these expenses and our mission to bring quality entertainment to the people of Delmarva, we have to raise our ticket prices for the first time in several years. But, we will strive to keep them as low as possible to ensure that everyone is able to attend live theatre.

*Sharon Benchoff*

President



### Sharon’s THEATRE TRIVIA – SUMMER

Name the show. Answers are on page 6, don’t cheat

1. “Summertime and the living is easy”
2. “And look the sun is in the sky, a breeze is blowing by”
3. Song of Purple Summer
4. “If ever I would leave you, it wouldn’t be in summer”
5. Too Darn Hot
6. Summer Nights
7. A Summer in Ohio
8. “Gonna be another hot day”
9. “sweet summer evenings, hot wine and bread”
10. “June is bustin out all over”

**Community Players of Salisbury**  
**presents**  
**the Ruth Burnett Memorial Scholarship**  
**Winners 2021**



I just wanted to say how thankful I am for this scholarship! Community Players introduced me to theater in 6th grade when I watched my friend perform in Addams Family, and drama has been an increasingly important element of my life ever since. I remember you (Rusty) giving my middle school summer camp a tour of the Players workshop and how mindbogglingly expansive it was, and I remember the sheer terror of my first Players performance in Mary Poppins- and more importantly I remember the tiny moments where I shook off the stage fright and had the time of my life onstage.

To think how far I've come from that intimidating ensemble role to now entering college as a theater major is quite a concept to grasp, and Community Players has been there as a guide throughout my entire journey. I am unendingly thankful for the opportunities, the experiences, and most of all the people you all have introduced into my life.

So thank you for this scholarship and thank you for the memories.  
Best wishes,

- Ella Gammel :)



Hello! Thank you so much for your endless support and help throughout the years. I'll miss my favorite costume designer :) I'm planning on attending UNCG (University North Carolina Greensboro) with a major in musical theatre and intend to double minor in Spanish and American Sign Language.

- Erin Lambertson

**Congratulations to these two young ladies and  
Best Wishes as they pursue their dreams for the  
future!**

***"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that  
is yours to lead."* —Nora Ephron**

**Thanks to everyone who  
helped make the show a success!**

2021  
**COMMUNITY  
PLAYERS**  
*of Salisbury*  
presents  
**Tennessee Williams'**  
**A Streetcar  
Named Desire**  
Directed by Rusty Mumford  
James M. Bennett HS Auditorium  
Friday, June 25, 7:30 PM  
Saturday, June 26, 7:30 PM  
Sunday, June 27, 2:00 PM  
For tickets and information:  
410-546-0099 or [www.sbyplayers.com](http://www.sbyplayers.com)  
A **Streetcar Named Desire** is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. on behalf of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee and is supported by a grant from the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council (SWAC).

ANSWERS TO  
Sharon's THEATRE TRIVIA - SUMMER :  
1. Porgy & Bess  
2. 1776  
3. Spring Awakening  
4. Camelot  
5. Kiss Me Kate  
6. Grease  
7. The Last 5 Years  
8. 110 in the Shade  
9. Pippin  
10. Carousel

**AUDITIONS**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 11TH AT 4:00**  
**MONDAY, JULY 12TH AT 6:00**



Get ready for our next fun project. Furnace Town Historic Site located in Snow Hill will be creating a Renaissance Faire in the Pocomoke Forest on August 21st and 22nd. They have invited Community Players to perform. I will be directing a thirty- minute comedic play that is part improv and part farce. Roles for ages 16 through 60. Double casting for eight actors. Volunteers in costumes are also needed. Community Players is committed to celebrating an inclusive culture of creativity by welcoming actors, technicians, designers, musicians and production team members from varied backgrounds, race, gender identity, sexual orientation and ethnicity. If you want more details, please feel free to send me an email at [fresnelop@gmail.com](mailto:fresnelop@gmail.com)

*Sharon Benchoff*



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your dues are paid for  
the current year,  
please check the  
mailing label on this  
newsletter.  
If it does not show  
2020-21, your dues  
are not up-to-date.*

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 7 at 7:00 PM.**  
**5109 Nutters Cross Road**



**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors**  
**July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

*President: Melissa Dasher - bizemomx5@comcast.net*  
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*Immediate Past-President: Sharon Benchoff - fresnelop@gmail.com*

**Board Members**

*Sammy Barnes, Matt Hatfield, Tom Robinson - Term Expires 2022*  
*David Allen, Ken Johnson, Shelbie Thompson - Term Expires 2023*  
*Kate Adkins, Bobbie Calloway, Robin Finley - Term Expires 2024*

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