

THEATRE NEWINGTON-*OnStage*

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JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Mary-Ann LeRoy 07/28 - Ina Neiman 07/30 - Cosette Gresh 08/04 - Ev Weaver 08/08
Carol Basile 09/02 - Scott Barnard 09/06 - Jennifer Gresh 09/11 - Peter Weidt 09/15



DRINKING HABITS ABOUT TO HIT THE BOARDS!



TNOS is deep into rehearsal for our next production, *DRINKING HABITS*. A two-act farce by Tom Smith, "DH" or Nonsense-lite, as we like to refer to it, is directed by Scott J. Barnard. A TNOS veteran both onstage and backstage, Scott has assembled a notable cast composed of some familiar, as well as several "newbies" to our stage.

Serving as Producer for her eighty-bajillionth show, is the indomitable and ever-creative Mimi DePasquale, assisted by TNOS first-time Stage Manager Michael Veilleux. Assistant Stage Manager Jennifer Gresh (our right-hand gal) infuses each rehearsal with the sparks she gives off. We could not be led by a better production team!

In order of appearance, our cast members and their roles:

Kenneth Semeraro ~ *George* (the groundskeeper)
Danielle Plourde ~ *Sister Philamena* (the "flustered" nun)
Marilyn Rotondo ~ *Sister Augusta* (the "fast-talking" nun)
Bonnie L. Keizer ~ *Mother Superior* (heads the convent, runs a tight ship, or so she thinks)
Brian Ballou ~ *Paul* (a newspaper reporter, once engaged to Sally)
Christy Donahue ~ *Sally* (his colleague and former fiancée of Paul)
Al Mulvey ~ *Father Chenille* (the local parish priest/amateur magician)
Priscilla Arcamone ~ *Sister Mary Catherine* (a novice sent from Rome)

SYNOPSIS:

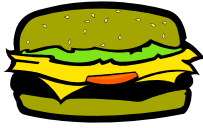
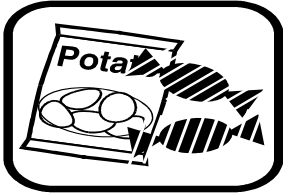
DRINKING HABITS is a farce in two acts. Sister Augusta and Sister Philamena, aided by handyman/caretaker George, have been secretly making and selling wine for years to keep the doors of their small convent open. But when their wine suddenly wins a sizable monetary award, newspaper reporters (and former fiancés) Paul and Sally arrive to begin searching for the vintners. As Sally and Paul spy on the convent, Mother Superior catches them. Sally poses as the new nun Mother Superior was expecting, and Paul claims to be a visiting priest. But when local priest Father Chenille sees Paul, he suspects Rome has dispatched a new priest to replace him. And when the actual new nun, Sister Mary Catherine, does arrive, Mother Superior believes her to be a spy from Rome, sent to investigate the convent. Chaos ensues as Augusta and Philamena try to secretly press more wine; Paul and Sally try to find the winemakers, Mother Superior and Father Chenille spy on the suspected spies and Mary Catherine and George wrestle with their pasts. Is "all well that ends well?" We're not spilling any wine...or secrets. You'll just have to attend a performance to find out!

SHOWTIMES:

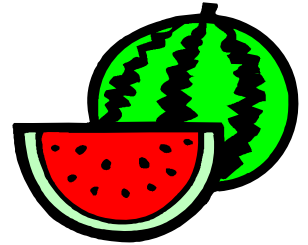
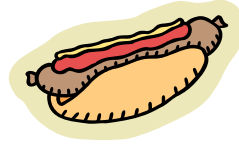
Friday & Saturday evenings: July 30th & 31st @ 8:00 pm
Sunday matinée: August 1st @ 2:00 pm
Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

LOCATION:

Scottish Rite Auditorium
207 Deming Street
Newington, CT



SUMMER PICNIC



We've got the date, we've got the place, and all we need is food, fun and YOU! This year's summer picnic will take place on Saturday, August 14th between the hours of high noon and 4:00 pm at the Rocky Hill home of Peter Weidt & Larch Purinton. Menu details and requests will follow in a flyer. We can promise you that dessert will be provided by those two intrepid TNOS "treat creators," Mimi and Bonnie. What will they dream up this year? You won't want to miss any of it, but you'll have to be there to find out!

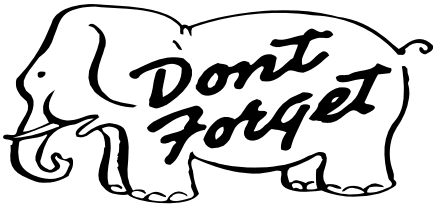


WHAT'S IN STORE FOR TNOS ???



In July, the Board of Directors voted to sacrifice production of a winter show in late January of 2011. Coming hard on the heels of *DRINKING HABITS*, it was felt that all parties involved needed some recovery time during the fall months and into the holiday season. Rather, the choice was made to concentrate efforts on a summer show later in 2011. Gazing into the crystal ball even further into the future, there was lively discussion about acknowledging TNOS' 50th Anniversary in 2012 with the production of a musical. Let's all celebrate the miracle that is **THEATRE NEWINGTON-*OnStage!*** There'll be more to follow in the months ahead . . . stay tuned.

HOLD THESE DATES!



- DRINKING HABITS:** Friday, July 30th @ Scottish Rite - 8:00 pm *
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- Monthly Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 12th @ Newington Town Hall - 7:30 pm
- TNOS Summer Picnic:** Saturday August 14th from 12 noon-4:00 pm @ Peter Weidt & Larch Purinton's home
- Monthly Board Meeting:** Thursday, September 9th @ Newington Town Hall - 7:30 pm
- 5th Ann. Waterfall Festival:** Saturday, September 25th (Rain Date: Saturday October 2nd)

* (Doors open ½ hour prior to curtain for all performances)