

# Back Stage

February 2020



## The Cast for *Senior Follies* is announced

Mildred Rice - Stephanie Davis  
Bernice Thompson - Robin Finley  
Howard Phelps - Ted Demetriou  
Sarah Jane - Bobbie Calloway  
Mrs. Rivers - Heather Oland  
Rivers Intern - Nichole Martin  
Lowell Thackery - Mike Murphy  
Sybil Thackery - Judy Hearn  
Douglas Thompson - Lewis Kadushin  
Iris Cunningham - Robin Burns  
Ida - Sharon Benchhoff  
**Back Stage**  
Director - Jerry Gietka  
Producer - Sharon Benchhoff  
Set Design - Mary Ellen Chilcoat

## Don't miss *Senior Follies*

Pleasant Valley Retirement Home doesn't offer much in the way of amenities but the rocking is not done just in chairs, especially since Howard discovered Viagra!

There is a hot tub, which some of the residents use for more than soaking old bones. And there's a sense of community among its occupants, even if the widows wish Howard would keep his suggestive comments — and his hands — to himself. Howard is a busy and a feisty divorcee and a lovely widow are constantly scurrying out of his reach.

The normal routine at Pleasant Valley gets shaken up by the arrival of Lowell and Sybil, a wealthy brother and sister. Sybil is more receptive to the advances of Howard than the other women there, while Lowell quickly connects with Iris, at least when she isn't dashing to the bathroom after accidentally taking a double dose of her diuretic.

There's no mystery here. The audience quickly learns that Lowell and Sybil are con artists looking for elderly rubes to swindle.

With a script heavy on jokes about Viagra, incontinence, and creaky joints, there may not be a single original idea in this show's two acts, but "Senior Follies" delivers pure escapist frivolity and nothing more.

## We are looking for back stage help for *Senior Follies*

By Sharon Benchhoff

Hard to believe that our season has reached the half way mark. We closed *Cuckoo's Nest* on Saturday and Sunday we had our final auditions for *Senior Follies*.

If you have wanted to become involved with one of our productions, now is your chance. I am working as the Producer for *Senior Follies* and we are seeking people for costumes, props, stage manager, and sound.

Along with those important jobs, Jerry Gieka, the director is looking for someone to be his Assistant Director. If you have thought you might want to direct in the future, this is a wonderful opportunity. You will work beside Jerry, learn from him and be his "right hand (wo)man". Also, Players is interested in using virtual backdrops via projections/videos. We need someone with this skill set.

If you are interested in filling any of these positions, if you have any questions, please contact me at [fresnelop@gmail.com](mailto:fresnelop@gmail.com). The production promises to be fun experience. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Are you good at "organizing"

By Lynne Bratten

Looking for help sorting, storing and reorganizing costumes for Community Players. Plan is every Thursday morning from 9-12 in February and more if needed. Call me at 443-880-3543 me know if you can help!

## Get your Tickets

*Senior Follies* will be at Wor-Wic Community College on April 24, 25, 30, May 1, 2.

Call 410-546-0099 or on the web at [www.SBYplayers.com](http://www.SBYplayers.com)

**You don't want to miss the next two shows**



April 24, 25, 30, May 1, 2  
at WorWic Community College



June 19, 20, 21  
at Wicomico High School

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## **It's time to renew your Membership**

By Sharon Benchoff & Melissa Dasher, Membership Co-Chairpersons

Yes, it is that time of year. Our membership year runs from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

In this newsletter you will find a membership form to complete. Our membership form will also be available on our website under "About Us", "Membership".

Every dollar helps us present the best season possible. Please become a member today, or consider becoming a Patron.



## **Production Committee Update**

By Shelbie Thompson, Chairperson

The committee will meet on February 23 to hear potential directors discuss why the shows they are submitting would be good for our next season. The committee will then develop a recommendation for the 2020-2021 season that they will present to the Board of Directors.

## **Consider running for office**

By Sharon Benchoff

Have you thought about being a part of the decision making team for Community Players? We will be accepting nominations for Board members and Officers in the next months, so it is time to consider running or nominating someone whom you feel would be an asset to our organization. To see the responsibilities of the Board, please check out the Constitution and By-laws on our web site.



# Community Players of Salisbury

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Community Players  
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Membership Tier: Select One (Valid September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020)**

<u>Mezzanine</u>	<u>Orchestra</u>	<u>Center Stage</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Family*
Membership Card	Membership Card	Membership Card
Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter
Email Blast	Email Blast	Email Blast
	Gift	Gift
	Players Night – Fall Musical Only**	Players Night – All Shows**
		Free Admission to workshops/classes
		10% off Players Merchandise

\*Family memberships are good for 2 adults and all children under the age of 18 living in the same home. All family members, including children, must be registered and will receive a membership card

\*\*Members must present membership card at Players Night to be admitted

### **Membership Information: Fill out (Address where Membership Card will be sent)**

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Family Member Names (Family Memberships ONLY):			

### **Interests (Circle All That Apply):**

Performance	Lighting	Props	Advertising/Publicity	Stage Crew	Box Office
Hair	Make-Up	Set Construction	Painting	Costumes	Marketing
Design	Directing	Membership	Sound	Ushering	Maintenance
Other (Specify):					

**I am paying for 2 Years (September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2021)**

**Questions? Email us at: [membership@cposmd.com](mailto:membership@cposmd.com)**

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Please consider becoming a member of Community Players. If you are not sure if your dues are paid for the current year, please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If it does not show 2019-20, your dues are not up-to-date.

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM**  
**at 5109 Nutters Cross Road**



**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors**  
**July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020**

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