

3rd Annual BBQ 'THE CUE' a huge hit! WOW. Those who attended our season opening social, 'THE CUE' were very impressed indeed. The weather was gorgeous, the food was plentiful and absolutely sizzled to perfection! Kudos to those manning the BBQ! It was a great afternoon of live music and fellowship, horseshoe tournaments and fun galore. After dinner we were treated to first class entertainment with improv and theatre games, monologues, etc. All agreed the quality of those performances was 'as good as it gets'. The laughter was non stop. Many thanks to those who donated those wonderful door prizes!

Most of all, a huge thank you to Christine Fournier, Doris Sloan, Doug Ironside, Nathan Berriault and their dedicated crew who worked like trojans to produce this fantastic event. Everyone who attended felt the day was a huge success and we all know that can only happen with incredible teamwork! Well done everyone!



**Tag Day Success!**  
Nancy Durst and the fundraising committee would like to thank all those who volunteered for tag days on Sept 4 and 5. A tidy sum of \$1,260 was raised for our Building Fund. Well done everyone!

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**The Curious Savage**  
According to her step-children, Mrs. Savage is squandering the family fortune with outrageous gifts to foolish causes and is planning to start a crazy 'Happiness Fund' in memory of their late father. Their solution is to have her committed to the Cloisters. There, we meet the other 'guests' as they welcome her to their home and help Mrs. Savage fight back against her family. Director Alan MacMenemey was also at the helm of this production in 1967.

**Director's Night**  
This first Friday of each production is Director's Night. After the show the Director will highlight the production's unique or challenging elements, with cast and crew on hand to answer questions and provide insight. A special reception hosted by Glenn and Nancy Gourlie of Don Wright Motors will follow. Please note that special pricing applies for this event.



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12 performances  
NOVEMBER 5 TO 21, 2009  
**The Curious Savage**

Box Office at NSSRC:  
**526-9395**  
[www.huronianplayers.ca](http://www.huronianplayers.ca)

a comedy by **John Patrick**  
directed by Alan MacMenemey  
produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service

October 2009

**The Studio**  
theatre

427 William Street, Midland, Ontario L4R 4L3 (705) 526-6987  
Tickets available at the North Simcoe Rec.Centre (705) 526-9395  
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### Light Donation

MCLights in Barrie kindly donated six new theatrical lights which will be used to brighten the Studio entrance on performance nights. Steve Killing, director of planning for Huronia Players, is seen here adjusting the focus and looks forward to using these lights to help him look into the future. The new entrance and painting of the building is all part of enhancing the audience's experience for the next two years – after that we will have a major change in our performance space either in this or a new location.



### Painting Party

You may have missed the painting party, but it is hard not to miss the results. The newly painted very blue building looks great, if a bit unusual at the moment. This is the first step in the revamping of the front face of the building. Yet to come - a very large "Huronia Players" logo and the entrance structure. Thanks to the 17 enthusiastic members who made it happen.

### Inventory

As with any community theatre group that I know of we, in the Players, tend to accumulate "stuff" used in plays and deemed valuable enough to keep for future productions. Over the course of time this "stuff" tends to get spread around various storage spaces and members volunteer to guard some of the more valuable "stuff" in their houses. Sooner or later a valuable piece is needed for a production and no one can remember where it is. We are about to try to remedy this situation. While we have an inventory of the "stuff" which is in our two storage locations we have no record of who is guarding what and where. If you are looking after something on behalf of the Players please contact Ray Holt by calling 526-2410 or by emailing him at ray.holt@sympatico.ca. Your co-operation will help to increase the efficiency of the group. Thanks.

### Broadway singers wanted

This is the last call for singers for our Little Touch of Broadway Songs to be presented on our Christmas Party night, Friday, December 4, 2009. You don't have to be great, gaudy, goddess, or glamorous ... but you've got to have a show tune or two and be enthusiastic. Paul Sloan has generously said that he will accompany (or try to) us. So we have to have a meeting in the near future to co-ordinate, delegate, celebrate, and get this thing rolling. COME ON! GET INVOLVED FOR A FUN NIGHT OF SONGS. Reply ASAP to: rronald009@sympatico .ca

### Enjoy our refreshments?

Just a reminder our Front of House volunteers will gratefully receive your donation of freshly baked cookies and squares for our production night audiences. So on those cool days, why not warm the kitchen and the hearts of others with some home baking? Thank you. Your continuing generosity is most appreciated.

### Youth Theatre Arts Academy

We are very excited to have Riona Sutherland to take over and develop the Theatre Arts Academy started in 2008 by Betony Main. Riona is new to our area and brings seven years of experience teaching youth drama. She has performed just about every theatre-related task there is: from director to choreographer, stage management to set design, props master to lighting and sound technician, as well as appearing onstage in drama club and high school productions. Riona feels that arts education is a major asset in the development of social and academic skills for young people. "This program will enable Huronia Players to enhance their image in the community as educators while attracting local youth talent to the theatre group."

Here are the details of the first sessions to begin in the New Year:

Is your child a star waiting to shine? The Huronia Players Theatre Arts Academy is pleased to offer two introductory courses in theatre arts to be held at The Studio. No prior experience? No problem.

Each eight-week course will provide students with a solid background in the essentials of performance including movement, voice, characterization and improvisation.

Introduction to Theatre Arts (Ages 8-12)

Monday evenings 6:45-8:00 PM

(8 weeks, Jan. 18-Mar. 8) \$110

Theatre Arts Academy (Ages 13-16)

Monday evenings 8:15-9:45 PM

(8 weeks, Jan. 18-Mar. 8) \$120

Registration will be Mon., Dec. 7th 6:30-8:30p.m.

at The Studio, 427 William Street, Midland.

Class sizes are limited. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Following these courses, each class will have the opportunity to return for a 10-week spring session with the focus on a production. Spring session details will be provided in class.

For further information contact Riona Sutherland beanecojoe@rogers.com



### Attention potential playwrights

Calling all (potential) playwrights! Please contact Riona Sutherland at beanecojoe@gmail.com if you would like to participate in writing scripts for the Theatre Arts Academy. Small time commitment required.

Audition dates for Dancock's Dance Auditions for the second play of the season Dancock's Dance will be held the week of Nov. 16. Due to the content of the play, I strongly suggest that you obtain a copy and read it at least twice. This play is out of the norm for this group and I want to ensure that we do the best production possible. It will be a challenge, but I am convinced that we have the actors to carry it off. Perhaps also, you could express your interest in reading by contacting me at rronald009@sympatico.ca beforehand (not to pre cast, rather to see the interest level in the group). I shall also require a dedicated group of backstage people for the 'company'. I look forward to the challenge. I trust you do too. Emily Harris has the scripts. Contact her at 526-4915 or at emily.harris@rogers.com to arrange to borrow one.