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## President's Message

The weather has moderated and "Wiarthon Willie" didn't see his shadow. Can Spring be far behind? The answer is probably not, but I'm a born optimist!

I was optimistic about our foray into Irish theatre and my optimism certainly has paid off. Our current production, "*Dancing at Lughnasa*", portrays lives characteristic of many Irish women in the 1930's. Although these characters do not live in the desperate poverty of "*Angela's Ashes*", their lives are circumscribed by their home life, as well as religious expectations. The play celebrates the womens' indomitable Irish spirit as the influences of the outside world enter their sphere. Kudos to Tom, his cast and all those involved in the production. If you missed it on Preview night, make sure you see it before it ends. The Box Office still has a good selection of tickets at \$15.00.

Now, on to something different. Rosie is well into rehearsals for "Caught in the Net" and Jim has now cast "*You'll Get Used To It: The War Show*". Farce, comedy, music and nostalgia as well as drama ...we certainly do cover a wide spectrum of theatrical styles and tastes!

Next year's season will also have something for everyone. Talk it up and get your friends interested. Suggest they come out to a play this season and purchase a subscription to next. Jenny and her pub team will treat them royally with a glass of bubbly if they come on opening night!

~ Gwen

## EODL Festival 2005

KT members will remember the Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival of Spring 2004: the variety of plays, the terrific talent of each production cast & crew, and the excitement of the competition.

This year's travelling festival promises no less, and even though KT is not competing this year, it's important to support our fellow community theatre groups across Eastern Ontario through our interest and attendance.

Detailed information about EODL 2005 can be found on the Web at:

<http://members.aol.com/yodler1/>

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## Coming Events

**Feb. 1-5 & 8-12: *Dancing at Lughnasa*** by Brian Friel, directed by Tom Kobolak. 8 p.m. @ RMP. Volunteer for Front of House: Susan Monaghan, 271-1777 or [monagsue@sympatico.ca](mailto:monagsue@sympatico.ca)

**Friday, Mar. 4, 3:00 p.m.: Deadline for submissions to the March issue of Greasepaint** - Email to Amy Adams, editor, at [dc.adams@sympatico.ca](mailto:dc.adams@sympatico.ca)

**Mar. 29 - Apr. 9: *Caught in the Net***, a farce by Ray Cooney, directed by Rosemary Keneford. 8 p.m. @ RMP. Members' preview Mar. 28. Information: Rosie Keneford 592-3453, Joan Ritchie 592-5775.

### April 23 & 24: Workshop with Theresa Sears & David Switzer

This high-intensity weekend workshop will be meant for actors moving beyond beginner level and will build on basic/intermediate skill building experience.

Actors will work on a wide variety of challenging sections of scenes by the world's most challenging contemporary and modern playwrights. Participants can expect to learn:

- Improving scene interpretation skills
- Making choices to move up the "experience" ladder
- Skills for successful auditions, including cold reading
- Extensive feedback to explore strengths and weaknesses in the art of the audition

For information contact Gerry Thompson, 599 8638 or [GreasePaint@rogers.com](mailto:GreasePaint@rogers.com)

## Announcements & Thank-Yous

**KT's sincere condolences** are extended to longtime member Bob Lackey and his family, on the death of his mother.

**A sincere thank you** to Kanata Theatre for so generously letting us use the foyer of the Ron Maslin Playhouse for the memorial for Dad. Special thanks to Gwen, Peter, Mary Holmes, and Rosie Keneford for organizing it so efficiently on such short notice and to Jim Holmes and Brooke Keneford for your eloquent and moving tributes. The outpouring of support and affection from the Theatre Group eased us through those first few difficult days after Dad's death, and was very much appreciated by all of us. This will be added to our storehouse of warm and wonderful memories of KT. It really was great to touch base with so many people that we hadn't seen for years, especially those of you that were such an important part of my parents' social group when I was growing up.

~ Jennifer Riddick, on behalf of Laurence Thornton's family.

**Tsunami Relief Fundraising:** KT member and artist Mary Mauger has placed some paintings, prints and cards in the following places and any proceeds from the sales will go to the Tsunami Relief.

- Thyme & Time again. Beechwood & McKay Sts. New Edinburgh
- Minuteman Press. 39 Robertson Rd. Nepean (Bells Corners)

**Brett Kelly's film** "THE FERAL MAN" is being released across North America from US company Tempe Video. The movie costars Eric Schmidt, Corey Stevenson, Rob Fairbairn and more KT folks. Its available from [www.tempevideo.com](http://www.tempevideo.com)

### KT Membership Dues

1 yr. individual \$10; 1 yr. family \$20; 1 yr. student \$5; 5 yr. individual \$40; 5 yr. family \$80. For membership information, contact Gerry Thompson at 599 8638 or at [GreasePaint@rogers.com](mailto:GreasePaint@rogers.com). Send cheques to 6 Leacock Drive, Kanata ON K2K 1R8; or drop it by the RMP, addressed "Attention: Membership and Training".

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## EODL Adjudication Schedule

### Thursday, February 10: Belleville Theatre Guild

*Book of Days*, by Lanford Wilson  
Belleville Pinnacle Playhouse, Belleville  
211 Pinnacle Street

### Friday, February 11: Ottawa Little Theatre

*Proof*, by David Auburn  
Ottawa Little Theatre, Ottawa  
400 King Edward Ave.

### Saturday, February 12: Isle in the River Review

*Caught in the Net*, by Ray Cooney  
Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm, Edwards.  
2452 Yorks Corners Road. See [www.stanleysfarm.com](http://www.stanleysfarm.com) for directions

### Friday, March 4: Highlands Little Theatre

*Never such Innocence Again*, by Michael Fay  
Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton

### Saturday, March 5: Peterborough Theatre Guild

*The Drawer Boy*, by Michael Healy  
Peterborough Theatre Guild Hall, Peterborough

### Thursday, March 10: Domino Theatre, Inc.

*Squabbles*, by Marshall Karp  
Domino Theatre, Kingston  
370 King Street West

### Friday, March 11: Outside the Box Theatre

*Dancock's Dance*, by Guy Vanderhaeghe  
Baby Grand Theatre, Kingston  
216 Princess Street

### Saturday, March 12: Tara Players Theatre of Ottawa

*Red Roses and Petrol*, by Joseph O'Connor  
Bronson Centre Theatre, Ottawa  
211 Bronson Avenue

### Saturday, April 2: Theatre Night in Merrickville

*Moon Over Buffalo*, by Ken Ludwig  
Merrickville Community Centre, Merrickville

### Sunday, April 3: Awards Brunch

Details to Follow  
National Press Club, Ottawa

Note: Ticket information available from individual theatre groups.