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AGM 2005:

Looking Forward, Looking Back

~ Mary Holmes,
President

Thank you for your confidence in the new team of directors for the 05-06 season. What a great year we've had. We'll try to keep that momentum going. Dewi did the count and there



KT founders pose at the June 5 AGM: Dewi Williams, Ted Mauger, Mary Mauger, Elsie Bryant, Gwen Knight, Eufron Williams. Also visible in the background are images of Ron Maslin and Rosemary Scott. Mary holds her Lifetime Membership plaque, presented during the meeting. Photo by Ann Williams.

were approximately 200 members actively involved in KT last year: fantastic! A healthy discussion of the controversial issue of boundaries at the AGM is a good indication that members care deeply about the health of KT. I came away from the meeting feeling that it was indeed a caring culture- caring about KT and caring about each other. I came away from the last production feeling that if we work this hard and party this much we'll soon be dead. Have a great summer. You've certainly all earned it.

Elected to the Board of Directors for 2005-06 were:

President	Mary Holmes
Vice President	Rob Fairbairn
Secretary	Christine Feldman
Treasurer	Karl Wagner
Director, Plays	Susan Monaghan
Director, Publicity	Jenefer Haynes
Director, Box Office	Sandra Quirt
Director, Operations	Bill Williams
Director, Membership and Training	Gerry Thompson
Student Member	Tabitha Grove
Past President	Gwen Knight

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Coming Events

Summer Playreading is back! See p.3 for schedule.

June 8-18: The Magnetic North Theatre Festival in Ottawa. Terrific shows at multiple venues. Visit the MNTF website, <http://www.magneticnorthfestival.ca> for performance and ticket information.

June 21 & 22: Auditions, *Drinking Alone* by Norm Foster, directed by Gerry Thompson. 7 p.m. @ RMP, callbacks June 23, 7 p.m. @ RMP. Info: Gerry Thompson, 599-8638, GreasePaint@rogers.com. See p. 2

Friday, July 15, 3:00 p.m.: Deadline for submissions to the July/August issue of *Greasepaint* - Email to Amy Adams, editor, at dc.adams@sympatico.ca

Aug. 25-28: CKCU Ottawa Folk Festival, Britannia Park. Volunteers needed, looking for people who can do a minimum of three shifts. Note that High school students can use the hours to fulfill Ontario Volunteer requirements. Info: www.ottawafolk.org or Karla Verschoor at 230-8234.

Announcements & Thank-Yous

To all my dear and supportive friends at Kanata Theatre: thank you from the bottom of my heart for the tremendous thoughtfulness you showed to me and my family when my father passed away. There were so many kindnesses - the flowers, cards, delivered meals, thoughtful drop-offs at my front door and in the letterbox, phone calls and messages, donations to the Alzheimer Society and, finally, such wonderful support at Dad's memorial service. I appreciate it all so much. To Jim and the entire cast and crew of *The War Show*, thank you for support and understanding. I especially want to thank Mary Holmes for always being there. Sincerely, Lorraine Gorman

Seeking 06-07 Plays & Directors: To anyone who would like to suggest a play for next season, and/or those of you who would like to direct a play in 2006-2007, please contact Susan Monaghan, Director of the Playreading Committee: 271-1777, monagsue@sympatico.ca

Congratulations to KT member Dorothy Shaw, who has accepted the position of Secretary on the EODL Board. The next meeting of the EODL Board, including election of the new Board, is June 11th in Peterborough.

Congratulations to Rebecca Buttigieg, who won the Outstanding Performance by a Female in a Supporting Role award, gift of Kanata Theatre, for her role in *The Boys Next Door* at this spring's Theatre Ontario Festival. The award was Gift of Kanata Theatre. See all the Festival winners at www.theatreontario.org.

Tony Bryant honoured: On Friday afternoon, May 20th, the section of the Trans Canada Trailhead between Main Street, Stittsville, and Carleton Place was dedicated in the name of A.W. (Tony) Bryant, a former member and treasurer of Kanata Theatre.

Councillor Janet Stavinga, Goulbourn Ward, City of Ottawa, officiated at the unveiling of a plaque honouring Tony for his work with the Ottawa-Carleton Trailway Community Committee in conjunction with the Nepean-Kanata Rotary Club. I participated by reading a biography of Tony, other participants spoke of their memories of Tony in the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Rotary Club and his work within the Trailway committee.

Dewi Williams (L) and Gwen Knight (R) surprising Mary Mauger (C) with her "Member #1 card" at the AGM.



It was a proud day for Elsie and her sons Peter and Roger. You will recall Elsie as one of the Properties team in *Caught In The Net*. The unveiling ceremony was followed by a reception. ~ Earl McLaughlin

Auditions

Drinking Alone by Norm Foster

Runs: Sept. 20 - Oct. 1, 2005

Directed by: Gerry Thompson

In desperation Joe hires Renée to pose as his fiancée to impress his tyrannical father who is paying a rare visit. Little does he know just how flaky Renée will turn out to be. A romantic comedy with an edge.

What: Auditions (and Callbacks if necessary)

Where: Ron Maslin Playhouse

When: June 21 and 22 at 7pm
Callbacks on June 23 at 7pm

Who: 1 male, thirty-ish
1 female thirty-ish
1 female mid to late twenties
1 male, sixty-ish
1 female mid to late fifties

Why: Hard to do a play without a cast!

Info: Gerry Thompson, 599-8638,
GreasePaint@rogers.com

Out Front

~ Jim Ritchie

I want to thank Liane Freedman and a capable crew who staffed Front of House for *The War Show*. I'm pleased to say that I have secured people to manage F.O.H. for the 2005-2006 season:

- I plan on doing *Drinking Alone*,
- Dewi & Eufon Williams had indicated doing *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*,
- Julie Clayton for *Noises Off*,
- Sue Monaghan for *Staff Room*.

I still need someone to house-manage *The Dragonslayers* on December 27, 28, & 29th. Please call me if you can help 592-5775 or email jcritchie@sympatico.ca.

See you in September, and have a great summer everyone.

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. Send cheques to 6 Leacock Drive, Kanata ON K2K 1R8; or drop it by the RMP, addressed "Attention: Membership and Training".

Summer Playreading

~ Susan Monaghan

Many thank yous to those of you who have already volunteered as hosts for the KT summer playreadings.

By tradition, these readings are social in nature. They give KT members the chance to get together during the summer and enjoy a play, a laugh, and a 'lil drinkie. It may be a play which we have already decided to produce, one which we may consider for a future season, or even something we may never produce, but would still like to read.

The way it works is that the host(s) usually choose the play (if you have no particular play in mind the playreading committee will be pleased to offer some suggestions), and assign the roles, switching them around from time to time so everyone gets a chance to read. (You don't have to read if you don't want to. Just listening is OK. After all when would this crowd ever turn away an audience?)

Everyone is welcome. The host(s) usually provide modest refreshments.

Note that all summer playreadings begin at 7:30 on Wednesdays. As a courtesy to the host(s) please call a day ahead if you plan to come.

Any last minute updates will be broadcast via KT membership e-mail.

The summer playreading schedule is as follows:

July 6	Paolo and Chrissy Hollands
Address:	8 Pellan Crescent
Phone:	592-5689
Play:	<i>Enchanted April</i>
July 13	Martin and Helen Weeden
Address:	2856 Old Maple Lane, Dunrobin
Phone:	832 3787
Play:	<i>Diana of Dobson</i>
July 20	Liane Freedman
Address:	7 Coulson Court
Phone:	592-1583
Play:	<i>The Constant Wife</i>
July 27	Susan Monaghan
Address:	332 Stowe Court
Phone:	271-1777
Play:	<i>A Song at Twilight</i>

.....dates still open: August 10, August 17, and August 31

August 24	Gerry Thompson and Susan Phillips
Address:	6 Leacock Drive
Phone:	599-8638
Play:	<i>Three Days of Rain</i>

From The Served

~ Jane Maslin & Adele Hay

Many thanks to all who have helped in the Served throughout the 2004-2005 K.T. Season. We do appreciate your help very much and certainly could not do it without you. We look forward to working with you again in the Fall and will be in touch at that time. In the meantime have a great summer and safe travelling wherever your holiday season may take you.

For your information, here are some statistics from this season. Net income from the Served for Play 5, *The War Show* is \$ 1032.34 and for Play 4, *Caught in the Net*, \$1059.74. These are the only two plays in our four years to break the \$1000 barrier.

Net Income for the 2004 - 2005 season is \$ 4581.33, also the biggest in our four years. Our success is only reflective of the successful productions of the season, the choice of plays, the extraordinary number of full houses and the work put in by everyone. Congratulations to all!

RMP Internal Bookings

A reminder to all producers, directors and technical personnel: Internal bookings for rehearsal or meeting space and for technical set-up need to be made through the rentals manager. Please call Wendy Wagner at 599-4476 or e-mail wwagner@rogers.com The Kanata Theatre Calendar can be viewed online at www.kanatatheatre.com/rmp

Theatre E-info

KT member Eric Schmidt is a moderator for an electronic mailing list called ottawa_theatre, which broadcasts information about upcoming productions, auditions, opportunities, calls for submissions, requests for help, etc. While it is centred on theatre, there are also announcements regarding film and television opportunities, as well as Ontario-wide audition opportunities. To join: go to <http://www.ottawatheatre.ca> and look for the yellow box that says "Subscribe to ottawa_theatre" then just follow the instructions. All posts are reviewed by a moderator for applicability and content. The group currently has about 380 members from almost every active group in the city.

Cheers from the Pub Team!

~ Jenny Haynes

I would like to record my grateful thanks to the outstanding team who have assisted me with the big job of KT publicity this past season:

Paul Behnke	Graphics/Virtual Flyer
Clare Flockton	Writer
Jim Holmes	Writer
Mary Holmes	P.R./Distribution
Stewart Wheeler	Media Strategy
Ann Williams	Photography
Dewi Williams	Web Master

This wonderful bunch of fun people have met with me throughout the year over a glass of beer, wine or champagne while we brainstormed and organized. I think the results of their hard work, along with a fabulous line-up of plays and all that went with them, have helped in making this one of K.T.'s finest and most successful seasons.

To raise the profile a little, The Pub Team introduced the KT bookmark to replace individual leaflets for each play. This proved a very popular and successful move and will continue on next season. These are distributed throughout the City in hotels, theatres, restaurants, libraries, book shops etc.

Due to the sad attendance last season for the first Tuesday performance, we also introduced the Opening Night Champagne Reception for each production. This rather swish and classy affair has certainly helped to drastically

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increase the attendance on Opening Night - which was the idea. Our audiences just love it. So, as

the bubbly has proved so successful, we are going to continue to pour it next season.

Another new idea from the Pub Team is the "virtual flyer" sent out to all KT members by Greasepaint. The intention of this virtual press release is that it be distributed by KT members to their theatrically-minded friends and family prior to each production. Apparently there have been a few minor technical glitches with this communication, but Paul assures me he will get it sorted before next season!

In addition, and due to the fact that more and more Brownies/Guides/Beavers/Daycare are visiting our lovely playhouse for backstage tours, we thought we should harvest some publicity from the little dears. Therefore, we ensure each one is sent home wearing a shiny blue KT button sporting the KT logo and the inevitable Box Office telephone number.

We have enjoyed prolific free coverage in up to as many as 8 local area weekly newspapers throughout the season, and have had articles, photos and ads appearing in publications such as, The Opera Lyra program, Fifty-Five Plus, Due West, Capital Events Calendar and more.



The RMP's elegant foyer, rife with great artwork and KT history, was the site for many successful Tuesday Champagne Receptions this season. The Pub Team's efforts to increase attendance at these additional performances were so successful, the initiative will continue next season. Photos by Ann Williams.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Stewart (before he leaves to start his new posting overseas) for his contribution to the Pub Team this year. We wish him every success in all that lies ahead in his exciting career. We shall miss you Stewart! To replace Stewart on the team, we warmly welcome Rob Johnstone, who was instrumental in getting the "Ring" story published in the national news for The War Show. Rob will bring fresh ideas and fun to The Pub Team and we look forward to working with him.

If anyone has any other suggestions as to how we can promote our wonderful theatre group, please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Pub Team.

So to wrap up this great season the Pub Team will next be meeting on the patio of The Barley Mow - when we'll be sure to toast the success of this KT season and look forward, with great excitement, to the next!

Bottoms up and have a great summer from Jenny & the Pub Team (832-3023)