



# BOX 94

## NEWSLETTER OF SAULT THEATRE WORKSHOP

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Snapshots  
is our  
QUONTA  
Festival entry

# STW Hosts A QUONTA Mini Festival

**Only Two Festival Entries Means A 3-Day Affair At Our Studio Theatre.**

Gore Bay Theatre and Sault Theatre Workshop were the only companies entering the QUONTA Drama Festival this year. Other member groups could not make the commitment and there were no offers to host a festival at this time. Not wanting to miss the annual get together and have a travelling adjudicator, the Workshop offered to host a mini festival at our Studio Theatre. **Randi Mraud** is directing STW's **Snapshots** on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> and **Andrea Emmerton** will be directing Gore Bay's production of **Agnes Of God** on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. A workshop by the adjudicator will be offered Saturday morning, with a QUONTA Board meeting Saturday afternoon and an Awards Dinner Saturday evening March 21.

The adjudicator, **Maja Ardal**, is new to the QUONTA Region. There will be more news about her workshop later on. Plan now for three days of theatre, adjudications, greenrooms and an Awards Dinner.

## Auditions

**Lee Ann Pearson**, who is directing our April production of **Missing** by **Florence Gibson MacDonald**, has announced audition dates. This is a tense drama about identity. **Missing** was the winner of the **Herman Voaden Award**, a national playwriting competition. We're looking for a cast of six actors for this production.

# AUDITIONS

for our April production of

## MISSING

by **Florence Gibson MacDonald**

directed by **LeeAnn Pearson**

at **Community of Christ Church**,

585 McNabb Street,

**Tuesday, March 3 and**

**Wednesday, March 4,**

**7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

*This Award winning play takes place in Grey County and a diner on the outskirts of London, Ontario in the 1970's Evelyn MacMillan, wife and mother of three, has vanished without a trace. Detective Carol Seaforth is brought in to investigate. As Carol grows closer to Evelyn's husband and withdraws from her own marriage, long-hidden secrets bubble to the surface. A story of suppressed passion, misguided trust and loyalty, Gibson MacDonald reveals what can be found when we are forced to look below the surface of those we love.*

**Cast members:**

**Trevor MacMillan**, farmer and husband of the missing woman, Evelyn MacMillan

**Michelle MacMillan**, fifteen, oldest of their three children

**Carol Seaforth**, detective, Criminal Investigation Bureau

**Ian Seaforth**, her husband, a teacher

**Janine**, waitress at a roadside diner

**Elaine**, short-order cook

ages will depend on casting but except for 15 year-old Michelle are mainly 25 to 40

**For more info - contact LeeAnn Pearson - (705) 759-8160**

## BOB's Your Elf Earns Praise From Habitat For Humanity

In a letter of thanks, our local Restore informed us that they raised a nice sum from the Preview performance:

"Habitat for Humanity Sault Ste. Marie & Area would like to thank everyone who has helped make **Bob's Your Elf** Preview Night a great success! Tuesday

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. was an evening full of laughter and great entertainment as friends, family, staff and volunteers of Habitat for Humanity Sault Ste. Marie and Area (HFHSSMA), attended the Preview Night of the Sault Theatre Workshop's production **Bob's Your Elf**. The theatre group has kindly donated \$900.00 in proceeds from their Preview Night to Habitat for Humanity's core build program. Habitat for Humanity would like to thank everyone who assisted in making the fundraiser **Bob's Your Elf** preview performance a success!"

Sault Theatre Workshop has made our dress rehearsals into Preview Nights donating a hundred tickets for the evening to local charities. If you know a charity that could benefit from this program, have them get in touch with us.

## Snapshots

**A montage of deftly written monologues and scenes sees three women, Hollis, Sherry and Carol, regress, obsess and confess as they go from their teens in the 1960's to their 40's in the 1990's**

"Sometimes funny and sometimes chilling" is how one reviewer describes **Cynthia Mercati's** poignant play **Snapshots**. **Randi Mraud** is directing our entry into the 2015 QUONTA Drama Festival.



"Rehearsals are going great for the upcoming production of **Snapshots** by **Cynthia Mercati**. We have an excellent cast working hard. **Tova Arbus, Brandi McCallum,** and **Terra McCrea** are the lovely ladies in the cast. This play will take you on an emotional roller coaster from hysterical laughter to tears and everywhere in between. **Snapshots**, takes us from the 60's to the 90's so looking for the right costumes and props has been a challenge. Keep an eye out on Facebook, as we will be putting out a list of some items we are missing, if you can help that would be great. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. "

Book your tickets now.

The preview for Snapshots has been donated to the Zonta Club of Sault Ste Marie.



## QUONTA REGION NOTES

### QUONTA's Turn For Theatre Ontario Festival In 2016

QUONTA President **Randi Mraud** called the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at the Library in Espanola and introduced the new QUONTA Secretary, **Shauna Major**.

First up on the agenda was the Theatre Ontario report from Theatre Ontario Rep. **Helen Landry**. She announced that the AGM for Theatre Ontario will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Theatre Ontario Festival in Oshawa. She encouraged QUONTA members to attend. Festival 2016 will be held in QUONTA and we are looking for a host group. Groups were asked to discuss with their Boards and bring decisions to the March meeting. Theatre Ontario also requested groups to consider Canadian plays for Festival 2017 that will be held in Ottawa as it is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday year. Other details from Theatre Ontario will be in the QUONTA Newsletter.

Other items that came up at the meeting dealt with the QUONTA awards and the need for replacements. There was also some discussion of the **Bob Sproule** Scholarship and of the need for financial restraint. This award will be removed from the budget for this year.

There was also a request for delegates who have difficulty getting to a QUONTA meeting to arrange for a Skype call so that we can ensure a quorum for meetings and to ensure all groups are represented.

The election of officers and appointments that were made need to be ratified at the March meeting due to the quorum issue.

QUONTA Officers are as follows:

President	<b>Randi Mraud</b> (STW Sault)
First Vice	<b>Murray Tilson</b> TT Timmins
Past President	<b>Penny Martin</b> (SYT Sault)
Second Vice	<b>Andrea Emmerton</b> (Gore Bay)
Third Vice	<b>Walter Maskel</b> (Gore Bay)
Secretary	<b>Shauna Major</b> (Sault)
Treasurer	<b>Catharina Warren</b> (Sault)
Theatre Ontario Rep	<b>Helen Landry</b> (Sudbury)
Newsletter Editor	<b>Jessica Lajoie</b> (Espanola)

More QUONTA news and Group News will be in the QxQ (QUONTA newsletter.)

See the QUONTA Festival poster this issue for details on tickets prices and how to order. You can have a great theatre weekend right here in the Sault with plays, greenroom parties, adjudications and a workshop. Top it off by attending the Awards Dinner.

# BOB'S YOUR ELF

## Norm's Tale Of Trouble At The North Pole Was Well Received

Our December production garnered a lot of laughs, a "cute" review, good audiences and fun for young and old alike. **Chris Horsepool** as title character Bob passed directing duties on to his wife Val so that he could do justice to the challenging role. And Justice was done! The six member cast included **Mark Beaudette** as Gord Ford, the egomaniac stage director, **Bob Feltham** as Les Banter, the ever efficient stage manager with his headphones plugged into his... well, you had to be there. **Sonya Masotti** as Fiona Putzle, a ditzzy actress, **Heather Craig** as Amber Faircastle, the far too over-eager love interest, and rounding out the cast, **Harry Houston** with a dual role as a jolly, dancing Santa Claus and the snack food junkie Howard Widebottom.



The two week run with two matinees had good houses. Stage Manager was **Penny Martin** with Costumes (including a blue Santa suit) mastered by **Val Wilson**. Val also did the program. **Chris Covey** covered the Sound and in addition to Directing, **Val Horsepool's** lighting brightened up our stage. It was another grand presentation Produced by **Scarlett Marenger**. Many thanks to **Carol Gartshore** and her Hospitality crew, **Sandra Houston**, Box Office whiz and **Brad Jones**, House Manager and his team of ushers. The fabulous photos were courtesy of the very talented **Ron Wilson**.



## Mail Request Reminder

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## Indications Of Early Entries For June One Act Festival Workshop! We've Had Feelers From Two Local Entries Already (One an original script!)

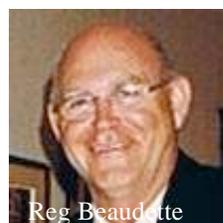
It is a weekend that many look forward to as a highlight of their year. The QUONTA One Act Festival Workshop was conceived as a perfect opportunity to train new directors by giving them a chance to be creative with a shorter work and professional guidance. Many participating novice directors got their start this way. We quickly discovered that it is also very popular for audiences as a rare opportunity to see one act plays. When you add a remarkably wise and knowledgeable adjudicator and workshop leader such as **Richard Howard** it becomes a "must do" event in our theatre season. We're planning ahead. We've got Richard booked. Now we want to hear from you.

Open to all QUONTA Drama Region groups and any other groups across the province, it usually works out to three or four groups on Friday and the same on Saturday. There is a nominal entry fee and participants fee that includes attendance to all performances both evenings and workshops throughout Saturday and Sunday.

If you are interested, please call or email **Harry Houston 705 946-4081** for further information.

**QUONTA ONE ACT FESTIVAL WORKSHOP  
JUNE 12 and 13, 2015 STUDIO THEATRE  
RICHARD HOWARD - ADJUDICATOR**

## MEMBER NEWS



Reg Beaudette

**Marc Beaudette** posted some good news on Facebook "My Dad has been waiting for lungs for 18 months. Myself, my wife **Sandra Forsell** and sister **Michelle Beaudette** could not be with him and my mom

**Reg & Cathy Beaudette** for Christmas so we

came this weekend. As we prepared for a pre Super Bowl dinner he GOT THE CALL! He is getting a new lung tonight and we are blessed to be here with him!"

Marc has since posted several updates. Reg's surgery went well and he is recovering nicely with his new lung! Great news for the Beaudette family!

### Give us your feedback!

We want to hear about your whole experience from the time you enter to the time you leave. How was the concession? Were the choices available to your liking? Was parking a problem? Were the washrooms clean? Could you hear all right? What kind of plays do you like? Is there a favourite you'd like to see? How are our prices? What was your favourite play of the season? You have a chance to help us make things better. The comments will be read by our executive members and all comments will be kept confidential unless you tell us otherwise.

Oh, and if you'd like to be part of our group, we welcome that too. There's lots to do in addition to being "on" stage. Our mailing address is at the top and bottom of this newsletter.

P.S. We'll be getting a new, more interactive web site soon so you can book and interact on line. Are you a Facebook fan? Join us on Facebook for interesting posts, videos, archive photos and reminders.

**Box 94 Wants To Hear From You!**  
**SEND US YOUR MEMBER NEWS**

### Archive Photo -

Don Duffin and Penny Martin as Cap'n Alkalai and Lily Liverspot in April 2006 production of No Opera At The Opr'y House Tonight



Sault Theatre Workshop  
presents

# QUONTA DRAMA FESTIVAL 2015

- \* 2 plays
- \* adjudications
- \* Workshop
- \* Greenrooms
- \* Awards Dinner



## March 19, 20, 21 -2015

\* Note - There will be a brief Public adjudication following each performance



Adjudicator  
Maja Ardal

### Thursday -

7:30 PM - Sault Theatre Workshops production of

**Snapshots** by Cynthia Mercati

9:30 PM - Greenroom (Meet the cast & crew)



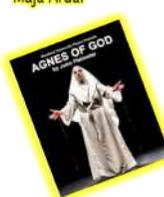
### Friday -

9:30 to 11:00 AM Detailed Adjudication (Thursday Production)

7:30 PM - Gore Bay's production of

**Agnes Of God** by John Pielmeier

9:30 PM - Greenroom (Meet the cast & crew)



### Saturday -

9:30 to 11:00 AM Detailed Adjudication (Friday Production)

11:15 - 12:15 Workshop (Presented by Adjudicator)

6:00 PM - **AWARDS DINNER**

## Box Office

(705) 946-4081

Call and reserve or get more information

1 night	\$20
2 nights	\$35
AWARDS Dinner	\$25

Package deal (both plays and Awards Dinner) \$60

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