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## **SKITbits**

### **Winter 2020**

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Hello SKIT Friends!

*From the President*

Certainly much has changed since the last SKIT newsletter! I hope you all are well and, even in these times, can find plenty to be grateful for. Six months ago, we were focused on our annual meeting. But that, as with all other gatherings, was postponed. We have selected the date of September 27, 2020 for the new meeting. We have decided to offer a virtual option. See details inside.

As you know, Director Suzanna Brown made the wise decision early on to cancel our spring production of *Puffs*. Still, she and the cast were grateful to have created that special bond as cast members even if their rehearsals only lasted a few weeks.

The SKIT Board meetings have re-ZOOM-ed! 😊 We are still planning shows for the future because no one knows what the future holds and we want to continue to bring live productions to the community. With the help of our tech-wiz members, Caleb and Michael, we plan to offer a remote performance this fall featuring Chis Martiello's one-man show.

And of course, we are grateful for all of you who continue to support this community theatre group. We presented scholarship awards to four high school students in a socially-distant ceremony. See inside for more.

Hope to see all of you on September 27!

Gratefully,  
*Judy Thackaberry*

## SKIT Website

Looking to stay updated about all things SKIT? Check out our website at [www.skithn.org](http://www.skithn.org). We always post about upcoming shows and events.

If you're curious about our past shows, or feeling nostalgic for performances you were a part of, check out our newly redesigned "Past Shows" area. You can find show details, cast lists, and plenty of photos for every show that SKIT has done! A sample of those images is included on this page.

This is a work in progress and your input is welcome. If you have any photos you'd like to add, send them to [parsons.caleb@gmail.com](mailto:parsons.caleb@gmail.com). — *Caleb Parsons*



## Scholarships Awarded!

Part of SKIT's mission is to award scholarships to deserving students in our area. This year, despite the school year being uprooted by COVID, we still received eight scholarship applications from local seniors graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School. Of those eight, the SKIT Scholarship Committee – chair, Michael T. Brown II, SKIT secretary Rachel Allen-Parsons and new SKIT member Elizabeth Forgiel – was pleased to award four scholarships.

Scholarship winners include Courtney Goodwin, who will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall; Erin Chouinard, attending Middlebury College; Emily Swindell, attending Smith College; and Patrick Seward, attending Syracuse University. Scholarships were awarded on Tuesday, June 30th, in a socially-distanced ceremony with immediate family on the New London town green.

*Scholarship winners able to attend the award ceremony are, front row left to right, Emily Swindell, Patrick Seward and Erin Chouinard.*

*Adults shown, left to right in the back row, are Rachel Parsons, SKIT scholarship committee; Michael T. Brown, SKIT scholarship chair and Judy Thackaberry, SKIT President.*



## SKIT!

***S.K.I.T. (Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre) is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit group dedicated to raising funds for area charities and other non-profit organizations through the presentation of theatrical events. We produce several shows per year, showcasing our community talents in both musical and non-musical productions. The proceeds are shared between SKIT and its partnering group. We also award scholarships to local high-school-aged students (including private school and home-schooled) each spring through our Steven Mendelson Scholarship Fund. Since its inception in 1993, SKIT has participated in, and has been recognized for excellence at the NH Community Theatre Association (NHCTA) competitions.***

## New Date – Old Business



### Attention SUNAPEE-KEARSARGE INTER-COMMUNITY THEATRE MEMBERS

The SKIT Annual meeting has been rescheduled as a virtual meeting. It will take place Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. You may access via Zoom or our Facebook page. Please email Michael T. Brown at [musicalmtbrown@gmail.com](mailto:musicalmtbrown@gmail.com) for further information.

We will be voting at this year's postponed **Annual Meeting**. Here is this year's slate of candidate for SKIT Board of Directors:

**Judy Thackaberry - President.** Judy has been serving as President for the past year. She has been seen recently in *The Red Velvet Cake War* and *Much Ado about Nothing*.

**David Munn - Vice President.** Dave was elected VP last year. He usually is a behind-the-scenes guy building sets and doing lighting. He directed *Civil War Hero* and was seen in *Toward Zero*.

**Rachel Parsons - Secretary.** Rachel is a recent and welcome addition to the board having been appointed to fill a vacancy.

**Suzanna Brown - Treasurer.** Suzanna, a three-year board member, is now moving up to Treasurer. You remember her as Beatrice in *Much Ado* and as director for *Red Velvet Cake War*.

**Michael T. Brown - Director.** Michael has been on the SKIT board for three years. He has starred in the one-man show *Looking Over the President's Shoulder* and *The Red Velvet Cake War*.

**Caleb Parsons - Director.** Caleb has been the tech expert on the SKIT board for two years now. You'll remember him from *Songs and Tales from WWI* and he directed *Toward Zero*.

**Christopher Martiello - Director.** Chris will be a new addition to the SKIT board. Last Spring, he and his wife, BilliJean, directed *Much Ado about Nothing*.

**Charley Freiberg - Director.** We welcome back Charley to the SKIT board after a hiatus. He is a long-time SKIT actor, most recently seen in *The Red Velvet Cake War* and *Much Ado about Nothing*.



~~~~ **Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre** ~~~~  
**Annual Membership through Dec. 31, 2020**

**Choose your level of membership:**

(All members will receive "SKITbits" newsletter and notices of all SKIT events.)

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| Your e-mail address will help save postage costs. We'll only use it for SKIT correspondence; it will not be shared.<br>_____ To help SKIT save even more postage and some trees, I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail. |

\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth:** \$ 5 (under) age 18    Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Single:** \$10 (age 18 or older)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family:** \$15 (may include children under the age of 18)

For Family membership, please list each member's name and children's ages (use another sheet if necessary).

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Friend \$35\*** / **Supporter \$36-\$49\*** / **Patron \$50-\$99\*** / **Benefactor \$100+\***

\* listed in programs for all productions during the membership year.

**There are many opportunities to volunteer. Please tell us how you'd like to help:**

Production Coordinator \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ Stage Manager \_\_\_ Music Director \_\_\_  
Accompanist \_\_\_ Choreographer \_\_\_ Performer \_\_\_ Set Design \_\_\_ Set Construction \_\_\_  
Set Painting \_\_\_ Lighting \_\_\_ Sound \_\_\_ Tickets \_\_\_ Costumes \_\_\_ Makeup \_\_\_  
Hospitality \_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Play reading \_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ Props \_\_\_  
Musician (specify instrument) \_\_\_\_\_ SKIT board \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: SKIT**

**Mail to: Linda Lambert, SKIT Membership, 135 Shindagan Road, Wilmot NH 03287**

\*SKIT is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization and donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## Fond Memories

It is with great sadness and many, many fond memories that we share the news of **Adele Warner's** passing. Adele was "one of the originals." A founding member of SKIT, Adele performed, directed, produced, and served on the SKIT board. From co-directing the very first official SKIT production of *Yuletide Traditions* in 1993, Adele was involved all the way up through 2009, when she performed in *Ancestral Voices*.

Among the highlights of her SKIT career are directing *Face on the Barroom Floor* and *Egad! The Woman in White*, and winning a Best Actor award at the New Hampshire Community Theatre Festival for her performance in *The Autograph Hound*. She was a good friend and an invaluable member of the SKIT community.



### It's 2020 Membership Time!

If you haven't already joined for this year, make sure you stay in the loop with news of upcoming auditions and productions (and that you receive future editions of SKIT-bits!) Become involved in our fun group by joining SKIT for the first time or renewing your membership. We've enclosed a 2020 membership form with this newsletter. And please consider going up to the next level of membership and showing your support for your local, all volunteer community theatre group. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide scholarships to local students who were enriched by the arts during their high school years. **Thank you!** We couldn't do it without you!

## Member News

Congratulations to **Suzanna Brown** (*Much Ado about Nothing*) and **Max Morneault** on their marriage. In true 2020 fashion, their socially distanced outdoor ceremony was carried LIVE on Facebook!

**Judy Thackaberry** (*Much Ado about Nothing*) & **Dave Munn** (*Hapenny Magick!*) have been helping Judy's daughter Martha construct a tiny house this summer. Judy also just became certified as a Yoga teacher.



You can find **Bonnie Lewis** (*SKITbits: 20 Years of Memories*) at Pleasant Lake this summer checking incoming boats and protecting the lake from harmful invasives.

Congratulations to **Rosie Snyder** (*Red Velvet Cake War*) for completing her Physician Assistant degree program at College of New England.

**Heather Howe** (2008 Scholarship recipient) just got engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Jeff Gallagher. They live in Arlington, MA. We wish them both all the best!

A sign of the times: **Wally Borgen** (*Ancestral Voices*) and **Cricket Cooper** hosted a socially-distanced, drive by birthday celebration for **Tom Tuthill's** (*Gershwin*) birthday!

Wishing **Martha Bristol** (*Odd Couple Female Version*, Director) the best of luck in her retirement and move to Worcester, MA. She'd love to keep in touch. Her new email address is [MarthaBristol16@gmail.com](mailto:MarthaBristol16@gmail.com).

*Send us your news! Anything exciting going on in your life? Engagements? Weddings? Births? Awards? Performances? Athletic feats? If any SKIT member has any news to share, theatrical or otherwise, please let us know. We'd love to include your news in the Member News column. — Linda Lambert*

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