



# SKITBITS

Spring 2023

## President's Message

BY KENDRA WEST-SENIOR

I am very happy to welcome the warmer and longer days and to welcome so many new members to SKIT during the past several months. Our production of "43rd Street" in November was a success on many levels. We had new faces and returning SKIT veterans on and off stage. It was an opportunity to collaborate with the Newport Opera House for the first time, which was a good match we might try again (see more in this issue).

Our next production, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon", is in full swing. It is a fun, fast-paced show with a handful of actors bringing 209 (nearly) Grimm tales to life in under two hours. Yes....we can do it! (see more on page 2).

Our Annual Meeting took place on March 19. It was the first face to face membership gathering since COVID began, and we had a good crowd at St. Andrew's Church in New London. Part of the Grimm cast presented a couple of short bits from the show, which had us all laughing!

Our scholarship committee, Michael T. Brown, Rachel Parsons and Elizabeth Forgiel will soon be working on this year's applications (now all online). See more about scholarships on page 2.

I want to thank to our outgoing Board of Directors. A few people will be stepping down from the board; Michael T. Brown, Rachel Parsons, and Charley Freiberg. The new board (see page 4) is ready to take on the upcoming tasks. Again, our thanks to Charley, Michael and Rachel.

See page 3 to find out more about the recipients of our Don Boxwell Service Award.

I thank you all for being a part of the SKIT family, I hope you enjoy this issue of SKITbits, and I'll see you soon at the "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon."

*S.K.I.T. (Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit 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.*

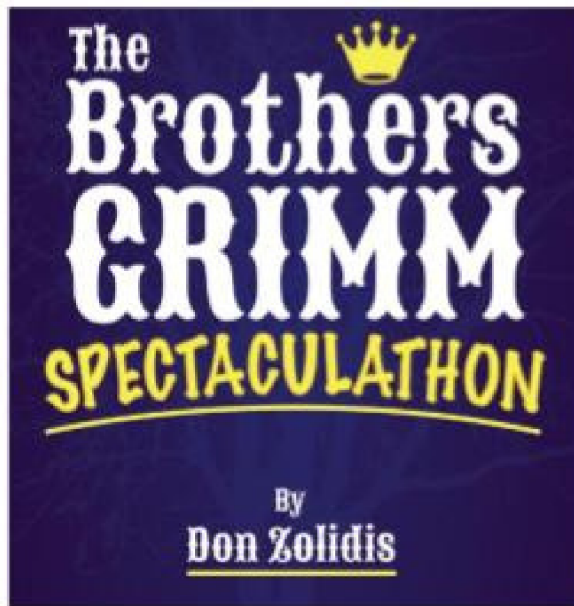


**HIP HIP HOORAY!  
SKIT  
CELEBRATES  
30 YEARS!**

## A LOOK AHEAD



PRESENTS



THE FAIRY TALES OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM ARE TURNED ON THEIR HEADS IN THIS FAST-PACED, ROLLICKING RIDE AS TWO NARRATORS AND SEVERAL ACTORS ATTEMPT TO COMBINE ALL 209 STORIES RANGING FROM CLASSICS LIKE SNOW WHITE, CINDERELLA, AND HANSEL AND GRETEL TO MORE BIZARRE, OBSCURE STORIES LIKE THE DEVIL'S GRANDMOTHER AND THE GIRL WITHOUT HANDS.

APRIL 21, 22 AT 7:30PM AND APRIL 23 AT 2PM  
WARNER TOWN HALL, 5 EAST MAIN ST

TICKETS SOLD IN WARNER AT BOOKENDS, IN NEW LONDON  
AT TATEWELL GALLERY & MORGAN HILL BOOKSTORE, OR  
AT THE DOOR WITH CASH OR CHECK.  
USE THE QR CODE ABOVE TO PURCHASE ONLINE.

\$20 ADULTS, \$15 STUDENTS / SENIORS



The cast for The Brother's Grimm Spectaculathon:  
Sitting (L-R): Larry Fuller, Elijah Swanson, Dave Munn  
Standing (L-R): Patrick M.Trent-McGranaghan, Gary Evans, Grace Swanson, Betsy O'Malley, Kendra West-Senior

## MANY MANY THANKS

BY KENDRA WEST-SENIOR

For over 13 years Alice Perry has lovingly done the layout and editing work that goes into SKITbits. We haven't always made it easy, either - "Please Alice, can we squeeze in one more bit?" Alice always made it happen! She has been the calm captain, navigating the muddy waters of publishing that I can't fathom. She has been behind the scenes for all these years creating the format and getting the job done. Thank you Alice for always being there when we needed you. You've done so much for very little recognition - we heartily thank you for your hard work!!

Sammi Chickering, my daughter-in-law, has stepped up and offered to take on the job of making SKITbits work. Thank you Sammi, I look forward to working with you on this project into the future.



### SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES & INFORMATION

In May 2022, SKIT awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Kearsarge Regional High School seniors Jonathan Glidewell and Kayla Wilmer. Both of these students have shown great dedication to Theatre and the Arts in general.

Since 1999, SKIT has awarded over \$31,000 to local high school seniors headed off to college.

In 2022, it was proposed, and adopted in 2023, that the SKIT Scholarship process would move completely online. The application was made available in mid-February. Applications are due May 10th.

**Application available at:**

[skitnh.org/about-skit/scholarships/](https://skitnh.org/about-skit/scholarships/)

# 43rd Street a Success!

BY JUDY THACKABERRY

Thanks to a friendly and fruitful partnership with The Newport Opera House Association, the musical **43rd Street** was successfully brought to the stage.

Susie Lowe Stockwell directed a cast of 20+ actors and singers for a fun romp through prohibition in NYC. We welcomed some new faces and cheered the return of others not seen for years.

With all performances on the weekend of November 18, 19 + 20 being well-attended and healthy ticket sales for the raffle baskets (Thank you, Wally Borgen!), SKIT was able to return to pre-COVID solvency. And of course, none of it is possible without our loyal SKIT members! Thank you!

**43rd Street** Photos: [skitnh.org/43rd-street-photo-gallery/](https://skitnh.org/43rd-street-photo-gallery/)



# Don Boxwell Service Award Recipients

BY KENDRA WEST-SENIOR

This is the third time we have acknowledged and thanked one of our members for their efforts and accomplishments for SKIT. Two year's ago the award's namesake, Don Boxwell, received the honor (surprise Don). Last year, Wally Borgan, longtime member, director, performer, board member, secretary, and more, was the recipient. Congratulations to Wally.

This year (drum roll please), the award goes to **Linda Lambert**. Linda is a SKIT original, part of the group of friends (theater hams) who saw an opportunity to start and grow this organization. SKIT is 30 years old this year, mostly due to the tireless efforts of people like Linda. She has served on the board several times and in many capacities, including president, she is a performer, past Membership Chair for many years, back stage helper, publicity cheerleader and many other roles which have helped to keep SKIT going. Thank you Linda and congratulations! We hope to have a photo of Linda with the award in the next issue.



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