



SKITBITS

Winter 2026

Presidents' Message

BY KENDRA WEST-SENIOR

Hello friends,

As I write this I am thinking about warm weather. I'm not a fan of our long winters, but here I am. One thing that keeps me going during the 6 months of dark and cold (I know, stop whining) is being with friends as we work and play to accomplish something larger than just myself. To me, that is what being part of an organization is all about. Coming together to share our talents, ideas, time, and making friends along the way.

I hope you will consider auditioning for our next production, "Margaret's Wedding." It is a funny show, with roles for four younger adults, and four folks who could be parents of these "youngsters." If you would rather create a costume, help build the set, gather props, or any number of things that need attention, please reach out to me: kdubbs@mcttelecom.com. More information about the play and auditions is in this issue of SKITbits.

Also in this SKITbits is important SKIT news; our Annual Meeting is in a couple of months, on March 1st, we had a successful run of a radio show, we presented scholarships, also find membership information, an update on SKIT workshops and news about our members.

Thank you for being part of the SKIT family. We are here because in some way, large or small, you have been involved in making something bigger than each of us.

Happy New Year!
Kendra West-Senior
SKIT president

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 SKITn 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.

SKIT ANNUAL MEETING

It's hard to believe that it is nearly time for our Annual Meeting. This year, we will again meet at St. Andrew's Church in New London at 2:00 PM for our usual Potluck meal on March 1, 2026.

Bring your memories, a dish to share, and vote on our incoming Board of Directors, and other matters. Many thanks to Don Boxwell for serving as our liaison with the church, which has graciously allowed us to use their facilities.

Director's Workshop

On November 2nd, Sharon Pauquette facilitated a wonderful workshop for learning about becoming a director. Nine people gathered at St. Andrew's Church to give it a try.

Under Sharon's kind and knowledgeable guidance, we crafted brief situations in groups of three and presented them to the rest of the group, who offered thoughts about what worked well and what could be changed. We also talked about our experiences, ranging from veteran directors to some who were brand new to theater. Check our website skitnh.org and keep an eye out for emails with details of the next workshop.

SKIT Scholarships

Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre (SKIT) continues to honor high school students who seek to pursue their college education in the arts. In 2025, the selected honorees were Jordan Roosevelt and Abigail Griswold.

Jordan Roosevelt graduated from Sunapee Middle High School. He was an outstanding performer in Sunapee's theatre productions. He currently attends Brown University in Providence, RI. Abigail Griswold from Kearsarge Regional High School, also an outstanding stage presence, now attends Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Congratulations to them both!



SKIT & **Friends of the BRADFORD TOWN HALL THEATER**

Auditions for Margaret's Wedding

An Original Play
 Written by Tom & Maureen Lambrix and Lance & Sue Wetzel
 Directed by Beck Parker-Bryson
 questions email: rparkerbryson79@gmail.com

Audition dates
 Sunday January 25th 6:00pm & Monday January 26th 6:00pm

Show dates
 Friday April 17th, Saturday April 18th, Sunday April 19th

8 Characters
 2 Women 20's to 30's, 2 men 20's to 30's
 2 Women 40's to 60's, 2 men 40's to 60's
 Bradford Town Hall
 75 W Main St. Bradford, NH 03221

Fond Memories

Since the last issue of SKITbits, we've lost some special folks.

Natalie Hamilton passed away in September. Nat and her husband Gordon were great supporters of SKIT. They were avid audience members and made sure to renew their membership with a generous donation every year. Nat was a wonderful musician and played in the pit of "A Grand Night for Singing" back in 1999. We send sincere condolences to her family.

We also lost **David Cook** in September. Dave was an invaluable addition to so many of our musical productions. He not only played clarinet in our pit, but also brought in other musicians to round out the band. He played for "The Melody Lingers On" in 2004, "Gershwin" in 2011, and more. He was also a generous supporter of SKIT throughout the years. We send heartfelt condolences to his wife Celeste, and their family.

The Don Boxwell Service Award

SKIT established the Don Boxwell Service Award in 2021. The award is presented at our annual meeting to a member whose efforts and accomplishments go “above and beyond.” The 2025 award was presented to Kendra West-Senor, current SKIT board president. Kendra has been an invaluable asset to SKIT since 1995. As a performer, she lends her strong singing voice and acting skills to our productions. She’s been a props mistress and stage dresser extraordinaire, costume coordinator, production coordinator, house manager, concessions/raffle seller - just about every “job” there is, she’s handled with skill and a smile! She and her late husband Richard wrote, edited, and printed SKITbits for many years. She helped to write our 20th Anniversary show and has served on the SKIT board in almost every position. Kendra has “stepped up” when nobody else volunteered too many times to count. Congratulations, Kendra!

Past winners serve as the Awards committee, and nominations are welcome. If there’s someone you think should be the next winner, let us know who and why!

Email Linda Lambert at jay.linda.nh@gmail.com.

Past Winners are Don Boxwell (2021), Wally Borgen (2022), Linda Lambert (2023), and Charley Freiberg (2024).

“Sorry Wrong Number” and “Gracie Runs for President”

In November of 2024, SKIT partnered with the Wilmot Community Association to present two classics of old-time radio at the Red Barn in Wilmot. In March of 2025, we were fortunate to repeat the performance and partner this time with the Center for the Arts in New London. “Sorry Wrong Number” and “Gracie Runs for President” were well attended and well received in both locations.”

Director Wally D. Borgen assembled a diverse group of voice talents to bring the show to life. The cast included Jody Cooper-Rubin, Pat Rodgers, and Wally Borgen of New London, Gary Evans of Hopkinton, Larry Fuller of Grantham, Jay Lambert, Linda Lambert and Kristin McCarthy of Wilmot, Judy Lowe and Dan Rahilly of North Sutton, and Tom Tuthill of Newport. Foley Artists Don Boxwell and Peter Sweatt of New London provided live sound effects. Brian McCarthy of Wilmot and Heidi Leighton of North Sutton helped out with sound and music cues. Kendra West-Senor of Warner gathered period costumes. The production illustrated how live performances of radio shows were staged in the mid 40’s and a good time was had by all!

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