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TLT Appreciates its Donors

Susie Kocher, President

On Sunday evening, November 1st 2009 the TLT board hosted our Donor Appreciation Party at the beautiful Lake Lanier Tea House. Patty Otto opened up the Tea House to this wonderful evening and surpassed our hopes by presenting delectable fare!!

Our guests arrived about 5:30 pm and registered at the door for pairs of tickets for upcoming TLT productions. After everyone had a drink in hand they were ushered to their tables where the buffet beckoned. As dinner wound down our donors were treated to performances by some TLT legends!!

Pam McNeil was our maestro and led the crowd several times to belt out some show tune favorites interspersed with breathtaking vocal performances. We were thrilled to have Millicent Huncutt back from her glamorous acting

career for a short visit to Mom and Dad. Millicent recounted some amusing adventures from her time on stage and sang two numbers for us. Patti Peake wowed the audience with her flawless voice and passionate performance and Tena Greene had us all on the edge of our seats in awe of her gift!

Cathy Millwood and Henry Bright, TLT board members, unveiled Cathy Millwood's brain child, "The Doublewide Diaries." Cathy had the idea to do some local theater that incorporates some people we know from town and those whose names have been changed to protect the innocent!! Cathy got her idea from the Greenville venue "Café and then some." The board plans to unveil Cathy's masterpiece in the early spring. Don't miss this one, folks!!

Auditions dates changed for "The Sound of Music"

There is a change in the schedule from the dates previously printed on TLT's programs and its program brochures. The new audition schedule is:

Saturday	December 5	Kids	10 am to 11 am
Saturday	December 5	Adults	11 am to 1 pm
Sunday	December 6	All	3 pm to 5 pm
Saturday	December 12	All	10 am to 12 pm
Monday	December 14	Callbacks	7 pm

Performances are still scheduled on February 19-21 & 26-28 at the Tryon Fine Arts Center.

Charitable Giving

Carol Browning, Treasurer

There are many ways to give to organizations and causes you believe in. Because the Tryon Little Theater is a IRS Code 501(c)(3) corporation, all gifts to it may be tax deductible to the donor.

The IRS tax code provides various ways to make contributions to TLT from accumulated resources. Here are some examples of how the Tryon Little Theater can become a part of your planned giving.

A gift of appreciated stock can often provide a greater tax benefit than a gift of cash. All one needs to do is indicate the number of shares to be donated and sign a letter of authorization. As a donor, you can deduct the fair market value of the qualified stock and you can now claim a tax deduction equal to the full value of the stock; Such a donation is not subject to capital gains taxes on the sale of the securities by TLT.

Bequest, trust and wills which include TLT can be part of your estate plan and are not necessarily reserved for the wealthy. Such gifts to TLT allows you to give now and continue giving beyond your life. One example

would be a charitable remainder trust. It is a tax-exempt irrevocable trust that allows you to make a current gift to a trust while retaining an income stream for your life. At your death trust assets can be distributed in total or payments paid to TLT in certain increments.

Yet another option available for 2009 is giving from your IRA. If you are 70 ½ or older and have monies sent directly to TLT from you IRA, those funds are not taxable to you as income. So if you are needing to reduce your IRA but do not want any additional income this year, consider having a distribution made from your IRA directly to TLT. Such an action however must be done before the end of 2009.

If you are interested in giving through a planned gift or have included TLT in your will, please contact us at 828-859-2466. Your financial advisor can help you facilitate these gifts and together you can help to ensure that the theater arts stay alive in our wonderful community for many years to come.

Dear Santa.,

There are some things we really need, and if we can get them given to us, we will not have to use funds that could be better used for production expenses. Here are some suggestions: 20 pound copy paper, Windex or something similar, toilet bowl cleaner, large trash bags, tall kitchen trash bags, bathroom cleaner, disinfectant cleaner, furniture polish, Kleenex tissues, screw driver set, pens and pencils, large clear storage boxes, mop buckets, dish detergent, liquid hand soap, paint roller covers, paint brushes, and mops plus whatever else you think may help with the house-keeping requirements for our workshop. There is often someone here on Tuesdays and whenever the box office is open for ticket sales. Please call me at (864) 457-5099 to meet you if you have problems contacting us.

Carol, Treasurer of TLT

P.S. Cash is always an appreciated gift.

“Little Shop of Horrors” cast takes it on the road

Henry Bright

The Saluda Medical Center Masquerade Ball, held at the Saluda Mountain Jamboree, was a great success on October 30, 2009. The giant plant, Audrey II, and several of the actors from Tryon Little Theater’s “The Little Shop of Horrors” stole the show. The superb voices of Cory Graves and Lori Corday accompanied by Musical Direc-



Cory Graves as “Seymour”
Lori Corday as “Audrey”

tor Pam McNeil did several numbers from the show while the team of Steve Porter and George Alley made the big man-eating plant come to life. Audrey II really knows how to make an entrance.

The event was a fund raiser for the Saluda Medical Center and the talented cast from “Little Shop” was happy to give their time for such a great cause.

Plan ahead for *Grace & Glorie*

- Directed by Elvin Clark
- Presented April 29-30, May 1-2 and May 12-13 at TLT Workshop
- Auditions at the TLT Workshop February 26 & 27
- Watch your e-mails and the *Daily Bulletin* for audition times

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The Tryon Arts and Crafts 2nd Annual Fall Festival

Rebecca Davis

For the second year, TLT participated in the TAC Fall Festival, held this year on October 17 and 18. We decided to have some fun this year so, with the help of many volunteers, we set up two tents with quite a few of our photogenic costumes and some of our larger props. Making guest appearances, Smog the dragon from *The Hobbit*, and Audrey II from *Little Shop of Horrors* were enjoyed by the crowds who visited our tents.

Carol Browning hogged the tutu all weekend, Rebecca Davis changed costumes every fifteen minutes, while Cathy Millwood (in costume) and others strolled the grounds — providing entertainment and laughs — inviting people to visit our tents.

We set up a photo shoot section, complete with choice of costumes and props. Despite the wind, the rain and the cold, we took many pictures at \$5.00 per instant print of children and adults posing in our costumes or with Smog or Audrey. We laughed all weekend while we shivered.

We can't wait for next year. If you have creative ideas for promoting TLT, please let us know.

