

GREEN ROOM GAZETTE

Next Auditions

Auditions for
*The Servant of Two
Masters*,
directed by
Jonathan Perry,
will be
Nov. 7 & 8, 2:00pm
in the theater greenroom.
Needed: 8 men,
5 women.

Kitchen Witches
runs
October 16-31

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Greetings and welcome to the Green Room Gazette. I'm your host, BLT's John Myers.

Some people would judge a show by the amount of money it made, some by the number of people who saw it, and some by the number of awards it wins. I choose to judge a show by the people in the show. Anyone who has ever worked on a show at any community theater knows that the biggest factor in whether or not a show is memorable or forgettable is: the people involved.

Little Shop of Horrors closed last month and as most people know it's a special show to me. It's the first show I was ever in and though it wasn't a BLT show it was performed here. The decision to do the show was not something I rushed into, because who wants to mess with the memory of their first time. I knew if I got the right people it would be an amazing show, and with the help of **JeNeale Gunnell**, my Music Director, and a week's worth of Auditions, we found that group. Everyone wanted to work, play, and put on the best show possible. And in my humble opinion, they succeeded. Now I have two unforgettable memories of the same show. Thanks guys!

Anastasia Van Allen and her cast and crew are preparing our October show *Kitchen Witches*, a show for the "Foodie" in all of us. For anyone who has seen Anastasia on stage and knows how good she is, believe me when I say her directing is as good. This one's going to be fun.

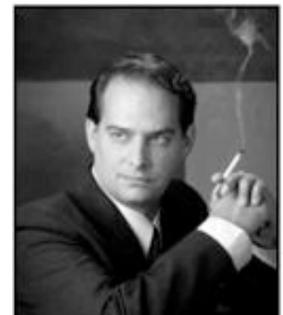
Every Christmas Story Ever Told has started rehearsals, and choreography for the Nutcracker Suite starts this week. So start planning your Christmas Outing now. Our January show will have auditions the first week in November and we are already working on the 2016-2017 season selection. So, I guess the holidays are just around the corner.

Oh Yeah and it's my birthday. (Not really a highlight but it's in October so there you go.)

Can't wait for November!

'til next time

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**Membership Meeting:
Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

Happy Belated Birthday, Pam!

by Helene Myers

Longstanding BLT member Pam Abas celebrated her 90th birthday in August. Joining Pam for the festivities were her sons Bruce, Coenraad, and Roger, and grandchildren Bijou, Gabe, Kelly, Kevin, Patrick, and Zach. Pam, a five time Beulah award winner, worked on over twenty BLT productions between 1967 and 1983 before moving out of state. Below is a cast photo from the 1975 BLT production of *The Corn is Green*, for which Pam won the Beulah for Lead Actress. Also shown are birthday photos that Pam shared with us. We wish Pam the very best and many, many happy returns!!



Pam also shared these exciting news items with us:

Bruce directed *The Debutante* by F. Scott Fitzgerald for the Minneapolis Fringe Festival in early August (2015).

His son, Patrick Rieger (age 30), opened in *The Glass Menagerie* for Actors Studio in LA in May (2015). He played the Gentleman Caller.



At pizza, before the celebration.



Pam with sons. L-R: Coenraad, Pam, Roger, Bruce.



Pam with grandkids. L-R: Patrick, Zach, Kelly, Pam, Bijou, Kevin, Gabe.



Pam with granddaughter, Bijou, age 11. Bijou is a proficient pianist and flute player.

Courtesies Reminder

When you hear of a member or friend who needs recognition from BLT, please contact Nancy Suiter at 631-7139 or the Box Office at 342-5104.



Please **DON'T** Donate *Paint*...

We thank you for your paint donations in the past, but we would appreciate no further donations of paint. There are only certain kinds that can be used on a set. Thank you.

...but Please **DO** Donate Your Towels!

We would like donations of towels. Any shape, size or color would be greatly appreciated—but please no socks or underwear. Thanks!



Refreshments Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy tasty treats after our marvelous membership meetings? We need your help! Please get in touch with Jay Parker (phone: 283-4251, email: dbrat_1974@yahoo.com) to help bring treats to a meeting.



Come see *Kitchen Witches*!

The story: Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two “mature” cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called *The Kitchen Witches*, the insults are flung harder than the food! Dolly’s long-suffering TV-producer son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but it’s a losing battle, and the show becomes a rating smash as Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer!

Cast of *Kitchen Witches*

Julia Bennett – Dolly Biddle
Dena Ruffalo – Isobel (Izzy) Lomax
Rylee Thomas – Stephen Biddle
Jay Parker – Rob the Camera Guy
Quinn Palone – On Air Cameraman



(Left: Julia Bennett; Right: Dena Ruffalo)

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2015-2016 Season at BLT

Kitchen Witches directed by Anastasia Van Allen. Oct. 16-31, 2015.

Every Christmas Story Ever Told and Then Some directed by Cheryl Blauer. Nov. 27-Dec. 12, 2015.

The Servant of Two Masters directed by Jonathan Perry. Jan. 8-23, 2016.

Calendar Girls directed by Wendy Koepl. Feb. 26-March 12, 2016.

The Crucible directed by Frank White. April 8-23, 2016.

Flaming Idiots directed by Brad Wm. Ooley. May 20-June 4, 2016.

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