

# MUDDPRINTS

The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - January 2010



**HAPPY NEW YEAR** and welcome to the first edition of Muddprints for 2010. We hope to do a monthly newsletter this year so if you have something to be considered for publication please get in touch with Sandra Dunlop.

## *Note from the President*

**Welcome to 2010!** Before I can look forward, I need to give a cheer for all the hard work everyone put into making 2009 such a success. To everyone who worked long hours building sets, memorizing lines or lyrics, collecting props, setting up cables or playing an instrument - thank you.

This year is looking to be another exciting year for us. Everything kicks off this Wednesday January 6th, with the sign up night for High School Reunion: The Musical. Just looking at the song list makes me dance in my seat. We are also set to do another Murder Mystery, more youth theatre and Nunsense: The Mega Musical. It is going to be a mega year!

For me one of the key things we are doing is planning for our future. The board is opening our collective ear to listen to your opinions, and wishes for our artistic, technical and financial future. Please read the following article for more information or call me!

I wish you all the best for a great musical 2010!

Meredith Millman  
MUDDS President

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## *Planning for our future: RSVP is a must!*

The board will be hosting 3 planning sessions in the early part of 2010 to help the Mudds plan for our future. These sessions will be facilitated by Craig Angus, and all opinions/ideas are welcome.

- Session 1: (Artistic Direction)  
January 30th -9 am - 12 pm
- Session 2: (Financial Direction) TBD
- Session 3: (Technical Direction) TBD

Space is limited, so please RSVP. We need 8-12 members per session. Please send

Meredith an email at [meredith\\_link@hotmail](mailto:meredith_link@hotmail.com) or call at 613-257-8930 and let her know if you can be a part of a session. Now is your chance to share your ideas and opinions!

Cheers! Meredith

## *Spring Show - High School Reunion, The Musical*

Our Spring production for 2010 will be High School Reunion - The Musical, to be staged over two weekends at the end of April. An Information Night will be held on Wednesday Jan. 6th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Auditorium and everyone interested in participating is urged to attend; in addition to complete information about the show, the audition song will also be presented and practiced. Actual auditions will be held on Sunday Jan.10th at 1:00 PM, also at the Town Hall. Full details on the show, including the rehearsal and show dates, song list, and other info are available at the following web site: <http://www.stuffthathelps.com/HSRTMinfo1.html> and the Audition Information Package is available for download on that site. For further information please contact Don Lee, phone 613-253-1571, e-mail <[djl179@ymail.com](mailto:djl179@ymail.com)>.

### ***Murder Mystery***

A new Murder Mystery has now been chosen to be presented at the Heritage Inn in March: Death of a Doornail. The cast requires 5 females and 5 males, plus a narrator. If you've never auditioned for a Murder Mystery, maybe this is the one for you. Auditions will take place at the Heritage Inn in the Silver Dart Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm. If you would like a list of characters please call Joanne Samler at 613-253-4638.

### ***Fall Show: Nunsense The Mega Musical***

The fall show is an expansion of the original Nunsense. In the expanded version Nunsense The Mega Musical there are 5 leads, 5 semi-leads (some can be male) and a chorus consisting of both male and female adults and some students who attend the school where the show happens. Auditions for the fall Broadway musical will take place in June. This will give the cast an opportunity to be well acquainted with the show, with rehearsals starting in September. Watch for more information in the months to come.

### ***Mississippi Mudds Membership***

Please ensure your 2009/2010 membership is paid. Where else can you be a member for \$15.00. All people involved in the Fall 2009 Muddsingers, Mother Goose Panto, the Fall

youth theatre session and the recent Murder Mystery are all members. To pay for your membership please contact Sandra Dunlop at 613-599-7221.

### ***Call For 2011 Proposals***

Have an idea for a murder mystery? For a singer's event? Or for a musical? Or a one act play? Show proposals will be considered by the Board of Directors in the Spring of this year. Need help or more information - please contact Tony Scott, Show Development Officer at [tonyscott@sympatico.ca](mailto:tonyscott@sympatico.ca).

### ***Nevada News!***

As you all know, our profits from selling Nevada tickets at Giant Tiger on Saturdays and Sundays are approximately \$500 every month. This is our only fund-raising activity and is a very important contribution to the Mudds operating budget. All Mudds members are expected to work 2 - 4 shifts each scheduling period; we hope former members and parents of Junior Mudds will offer to work a few shifts too.

I have recently assumed the Nevada-scheduling responsibility. I will be making a schedule which will go from mid-January 2010 to the end of June. To do this, I will be sending each of you an e-mail asking you to let me know when you can't work and what your preferred dates and times might be. I know you are excited about this opportunity - if you can't wait to get my e-mail, just send me a message at [louise.link@rogers.com](mailto:louise.link@rogers.com) or phone at 613-253-4737.

Thank you for your support - it really matters.

Louise Link



**Happy New Year from  
Arts Carleton Place!**

In June 2009 we established an office and Gallery space at the Train Station, 132 Coleman Street. We are part of the Visitor Centre and Gift Shop run by the Chamber of Commerce with a dedicated Gallery for our database artists. There was a successful Open House on December 6 for holiday shopping. The centre is open seven days a week, so please drop by, check it out and tell your family and visitors. Pick up tourist information and find out about local events and activities for 2010.

The Train Station was the ticket location for the other Mother Goose panto. This was a first and we were all on a learning curve. Sales went well and hopefully the location will become ticket central for arts events for Carleton Place.

On the local arts scene, Flippin'Art Night takes place on Thursday, January 21 at Ballygiblin's, 5 p.m. on. Featured artists are Heather McTavish and Leslie Davis. Watch the installation, meet the artists and enjoy yummy appetizers.

For live music buffs, Thursday Jazz, 7-10 p.m. at St. James Gate Pub features Peter Brown and Don Paterson. Saturday Live at the Gate, 8 –10 p.m. promotes acoustic music with local performers. Ballygiblin's on Sunday nights, 7 –10 p.m. has Roger Plant, Peter Brown and friends playing blues, original tunes, etc. Celtic fans can check Wednesday jams: alternating Wednesdays at Bally's or at the Carleton Heritage Inn. Call first to confirm location.

Arts CP is developing a new pilot project for May 2010 called Express Yourself. It will be a week long arts programme for public school children at three local schools. We are very excited about this new partnership and will keep you informed. Volunteers will be needed to make this happen.

Check out our website and calendar. Let us know of upcoming arts events and activities.  
[www.artscarletonplace.com](http://www.artscarletonplace.com)

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**2010 Calendar Reminders** (Also visit our web site at [www.mississippimudds.com](http://www.mississippimudds.com))

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| Wednesday January 6  | Information Session for the Spring Show, High School Reunion, The Musical - CP Town Hall, 7pm |
| Sunday, January 10   | Auditions for the Spring Show, High School Reunion, The Musical - CP Town Hall, 1pm           |
| Tuesday, January 12  | Auditions for Murder Mystery "Death of a Doornail" - Heritage Inn, Silver Dart Room, 7pm      |
| Thursday, January 21 | (Arts Carleton Place) Flippin'Art Night, Ballygiblin's, 5 p.m                                 |
| Saturday, January 30 | First Planning Session (Artistic) More information to follow                                  |
| TBD                  | Second Planning Session (Financial)   |
| TBD                  | Third Planning Session (Technical)  |

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