



# Russell Community Theatre

## Behind The Scenes

Newsletter #44

13th Season

June, 2000

### Reservations Required

This summer for our dinner theatre presentation of *The Mousetrap*, we will be presenting four evening productions, July 5 - 8, **and a matinee** on Sunday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m.

Season ticket holders will have an exclusive two-week period (from June 5 through 17) in which to make reservations. Thereafter, reservations will be open to all. Dinner reservations cannot be accepted after June 30.

Dinner will be available for all five performances. However, whether or not you're joining us for dinner, reservations are required for all seats. Seating will be limited at each show.

All requests for reservations, except non-dinner season ticket admissions, must be accompanied by check payable to Russell Community Theatre. The dinner charge is \$8.50 per plate. General admission to the show is \$6.00.

Admission costs are as follows:

Season ticket with dinner	\$8.50
Season ticket without dinner	Prepaid
General admission with dinner	\$14.50
General admission without dinner	\$6.00

Dinner will be beef fingers and all the trimmings and will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for the evening shows with curtain at 8:00 p.m. For the matinee on Sunday, dinner will be served from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with curtain at 2:00 p.m.

Requests for reservations must be made to the Chamber of Commerce office, 610 Main, Russell, Kansas 67665. (785) 483-6960.

### THE MOUSETRAP

We're proud to present Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* as our dinner theatre show this summer. *The Mousetrap* is one of the most popular and longest playing shows ever produced. It played in London for many, many years.

It's a show to be enjoyed by all ages, though the very young may not understand all the ins and outs of a master mystery.

Monkswell Manor outside London has been converted into a guest house by Mollie and Giles Ralston. Their initial guests are an eccentric lot who are all suspects in the murder of a London woman. Add a blizzard and downed telephone lines and you have a perfect setting for mystery and intrigue. This is "edge of your seat" stuff, and if you like to add up the clues to discover the perpetrator before the denouement, then this is the play for you.

Remember! Reservations are required for all seats. Production dates are July 5-9 and includes a matinee on July 9.

#### The cast is:

Mollie Ralston.....Debbie Dumler  
 Giles Ralston..... Jay Keeler  
 Christopher Wren..... Alan Templeton  
 Mrs. Boyle.....Debra Kreutzer  
 Major Metcalf..... Mitchell Hunsley  
 Miss Casewell..... Meghan Dumler  
 Mr. Paravicini..... John Dumler  
 Det. Serg. Trotter.....Patrick Augustine

## SEASCAPE

Our production of *Seascape* seemed to be an artistic success even if attendance was low. Occasionally, our theatre feels it necessary to produce a show that's different as well as challenging. *Seascape* filled the bill. We want to thank all of you who attended and are sorry that many missed a good show. Kudos must go to Judy Werner, Bob Roe, Brian Elam and Emily Willson for their fine portrayals.

## VOLUNTEERS

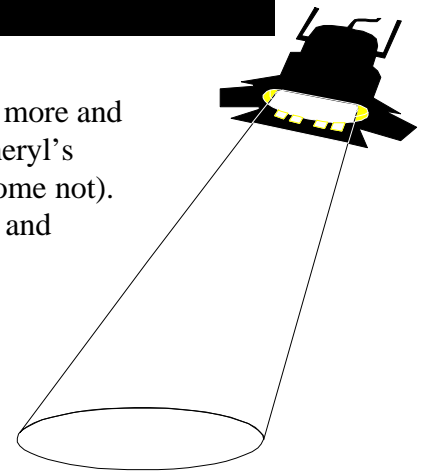
Okay, you guys, here's the deal. We need help. We also need some new, interesting, and fun people to associate with because some of us are kind of boring (and old). Who do we need? Anybody who can walk or talk. And you don't have to be able to do both. Either will do.

You come to our shows and a lot of you say, "That was great!" Well, we need you to help so it can stay great. Some of you come to our shows and say, "That wasn't very good!" Well, we need you so it can get great.

God knows we're all busy. But live theatre is the funnest thing you can do. And there are so many ways you can help. Over the years we've described working on properties, costumes, marketing, acting, makeup, and set construction. There's lots more. You can help with some small part of our show or assist on our work days. Or you can commit in a major way. It's all up to you. Our theatre is composed of members of our community. You're one. Join us.

## Spotlight On...

Sheryl Krug has worked with RCT for many years and has gradually become more and more important to its success. Her energy and enthusiasm are always in demand. Sheryl's acted, directed, and served in many *Behind the Scenes* activities (some authorized, some not). A big contribution is her appearance on our "work days" when we straighten up, fix, and catalogue at our office and warehouse at 839 Main. Recently, Sheryl was elected to RCT's Board of Directors, and our Bored meetings are going to be livened up considerably. When you see Sheryl, be sure to tell her she's appreciated.



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