



# NEWSLETTER

## Judy Kropp presented Lifetime Achievement Award

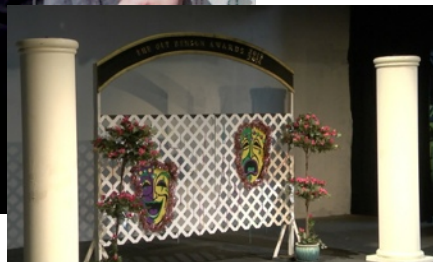
*Biannual Benson Award Ceremony was held March 21, 2015*



Awards galore

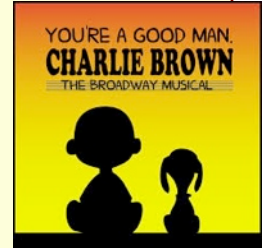


Rudi presents Judy her award



Joe VanWolf's set design

The OLT spring musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" is progressing very nicely, and promises to be a wonderful family show.



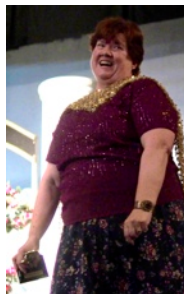
A great cast of veterans and newcomers to the OLT stage has been assembled by award winning director, Judy Kropp. They are as follows:

- Charlie Brown-Chris Benner
- Lucy-Brandy Benner
- Linus-Zane Sherrer
- Sally-Paulette Sherrer
- Schroeder-Brandon Zacharias
- Snoopy-Kelsey Wiggins.

There will be six shows, April 16, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26. Please note: There is no show Friday, April 17. April 25 will be ladies night out with dinner. Reserve tickets available at Arvest Bank. More info at [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com)

### THE BENSON AWARD CEREMONY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

LaDonna Van Wolf and her hard working committee produced a great evening of entertainment as the awards in the various categories were presented. Among the awardees were "Annie Get your Gun" for the best musical, and "Murder in the Magnolias" as the best non-musical. All the winners are listed on the next page as well as on our website, [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com). The evening



culminated with the presentation of the Lifelong Achievement Award. The award known as the Leda, in honor of the OLT founder, was presented to Judy Kropp. Among her contributions to the OLT are serving as past president, musical director in over 20 shows, and director of other shows. Judy, Larry, Sarah, and Jessica, the whole family is an asset to the theatre.



RESULTS OF THE BENSON AWARDS

**THE BEST MUSICAL PLAY**

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

**THE BEST DIRECTOR OF A MUSICAL PLAY**

RUDI TIMMERMAN

**BEST MUSICAL SCORE**

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

**BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL**

JENNIFER MCPHERSON

**BEST LEAD ACTOR IN A MUSICAL**

JEROD MCPHERSON

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL**

BRANDY BENNER

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL**

SCOTTY JENKINS

**BEST CHOREOGRAPHY IN A MUSICAL**

VIVAN AND GABRIELLA BARTOW

**BEST STAGE MANAGER IN A MUSICAL**

ZEKE MCPHERSON

**BEST SET IN A MUSICAL**

RUDI TIMMERMAN

**BEST COSTUMES IN A MUSICAL**

LINDA SCHELL

**BEST LIGHTING AND SOUND IN A MUSICAL**

ROBBY BURT AND CASEY KELLEY

**BEST NON- MUSICAL PLAY**

MURDER IN THE MAGNOLIAS

**BEST DIRECTOR OF A NON-MUSICAL**

TIM HESSE

**BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN A DRAMA**

KATELIN HAINES (TIED FOR BOTH THE GLASS MANAGERIE AND LITTLE WOMEN)

**BEST LEAD ACTOR IN A DRAMA**

JEFFERSON SMITH

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A DRAMA**

ANN GLENN

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A DRAMA**

WAYNE JOHNSON

**BEST STAGE MANAGER IN A DRAMA**

FAITH AMIDEI

**BEST SET IN A DRAMA**

TIM HESSE AND SCOTTY JENKINS

**BEST COSTUMES IN A DRAMA**

TIM HESSE AND MARILYN BROWN

**BEST LIGHTNING AND SOUND IN A DRAMA**

CYNTHIA RICHMOND AND CHERYL ZEIDER

**BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN A COMEDY**

AMANDA STIPES

**BEST LEAD ACTOR IN A COMEDY**

TIM HESSE

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A COMEDY**

LADONNA VAN WOLF

**BEST SUPPORTING LEAD ACTOR IN A COMEDY**

SCOTTY JENKINS

**BEST STAGE MANAGER IN A COMEDY**

FAITH AMIDEI

**BEST SET IN A COMEDY**

TIM HESSE AND SUZANNE SNOW

**BEST COSTUMES IN A COMEDY**

TIM HESSE

**BEST LIGHTNING AND SOUND IN A COMEDY**

MARVIN GLENN AND SUZANNE SNOW

**THE DIRECTORS CHOICE FOR THE BEST YOUTH**

**PERFORMANCES:**

KAITLIND BRYANT

APRIL BURT

KAILAS HARN

AUSTIN KAIN

ISAIAH KELLEY

JEREMIAH KELLEY

KATIE O'REAR

ROXIE WALLACE

KAYLEE WILLIAMS

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

KATIE O'REAR

**OLT GUARDIAN ANGELS AWARD**

LOU AND SANDY BROOKS



**BOARD ACTIONS**

Some of the discussion at the March board meeting centered on our upcoming activities. The Old Lyric Players are doing a show May 9 and 10. JOLT will be producing "Charlotte's Web". The annual membership meeting was set for May 19 at 5:30. Marilyn Brown reported a shortage of members and that a membership campaign should be in the offing. The play selection committee will meet soon to select shows for the next season. Anyone can be on the committee and all suggestions will be considered. Election of officers will be held at the May 19 membership meeting. A nomination committee has been formed and is seeking volunteers to serve as OLT officers. Board minutes are online.

**FOR RENT**

The office known as suite A is once again for rent. Jeffery has cleaned and painted the shop. It will make a great office space with three rooms in addition to the bathroom..

**CUSTODIAN NEEDED**

Jeffery Matthews, our present custodian, will be leaving May 1. Letters of application will be accepted until April 18 with an appointment to be made at the April 21 board meeting. A list of custodian duties can be found on the web at oltmena.com under "about us" tab.