



# NEWSLETTER

## MARY POPPINS OPENS FRIDAY, May 5 !!!

**THURSDAY SPECIAL**  
Dinner at American  
Artisans and a Show .  
Adults \$26 and Kids \$18  
for both.



Pictures from dress rehearsal.  
More pictures on Facebook and  
our website, [OLTMENA.COM](http://OLTMENA.COM)



**Advance Reserved Tickets**  
available at the theatre  
Weekdays from 9 to 4 including  
Dinner and a Show tickets

**SHOW DATES FOR MARY POPPINS**

Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm	Thursday, May 11, 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 6, 7:30 pm	Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 7, 2:30 pm	Saturday, May 13, 7:30 pm

The OLT spring musical is Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* the musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film. The music, under direction of Judy Kropp is "Practically Perfect" and the Choreography, under direction of Abi McPherson and Gini Burt, is "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious". Jessica Kropp, doing much of the blocking says the cast is making her work a "Jolly Holiday". With lots of costumes to get ready Jane Buttermilk and Logan Sweeten say "Chim Chim Cher-ee". I think that this cast is like a "Spoonful of Sugar" making sure that with the proper "Step in Time" we will present our audiences a great show.



Advance reserved tickets are available at the OLT weekdays 9 to 4. Tickets for the Dinner at American Artisans and the show are also available at the OLT business office.

**BENSON AWARDS**

This is the year for the Benson Awards, OLT's version of the Tonys. The date for the event will be June 10. Linda Johnson is working hard to make it a great evening.



Shows that will be in the running this year are "The Foreigner", "The Penultimate Problem of Sherlock Holmes", "Eb Scrooge", "Dearly Beloved", "Dixie Swim Club", "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", and "Oliver". The directors of the shows will nominate Best Actors and Actresses, Best Supporting Actors and Actresses. OLT members will get ballots to vote for these as well as other categories such as best director and best show. **Video clips of all eligible shows are available at [OLTMENA.COM](http://OLTMENA.COM)** to help you vote.

Members and the public will be invited to the ceremony to be held at the Ouachita Little Theatre

**CARVER GIFT TO BE USED FOR NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM**

OLT has been presented with a \$10,000 gift from the Bob Carver Estate. At the February board meeting it was decided that we spend some of the money for improvement to our antiquated theatre lighting system. Robby Burt has spent countless hours setting lights for *Mary Poppins*. This will be the first show using the new lighting system.



**West-Wen Productions** will present **Toni Roi in ELVIS Experience and more** Saturday June 17, 7:30 pm. West-Wen productions is renting the theatre to present their show. This show is

independent of OLT and OLT season tickets are not valid for this show. **Toni Roy** is an established Vegas and Branson attraction and is considered one of the best Elvis impersonators in the country. Check local media for more information on the show.

**ANNUAL OLT MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 18**



The agenda for the meeting will include progress reports on the year's activities and the election of officers and board members.



**NEXT SEASON'S SHOWS**