



# NEWSLETTER

## **Eb Scrooge Opens Dec. 2**



Cast out your cockneys and leave that stale fruit cake at home -- enter a world of grits and gravy, red velvet cake, and the occasional glass of sweet tea.



I knew the first time that I read, Eb Scrooge: A Southern Fried Carol that it would be a satisfying, creative challenge. Writer Ian Mairs, gave us permission to make this call and response play our own in the sense that it takes place here in Mena. Then we took a bold step outside the box and came up with creative ways to get the audience to respond to and participate in events taking place on the stage. There is a lot of symbolism that helps maintain the spirit of the beloved Dickens tale of greed and redemption with a dose of laughter mixed with childhood memories from our past. Throw in a great cast and this couldn't have been a better play for me to direct my first time out.



Ladonna Van Wolf, Director

**Coming Attractions**

Ladonna Van Wolf will direct “**Eb Scrooge: A Southern Fried Carol**” opening December 2 through 11. February 2017 - **Southern Comfort**, directed by Scotty Jenkins. Spring Musical - **Mary Poppins**, directed by Kropp and Timmerman. Fall 2017 **Hamlet**, directed by Brad Storey

**Southern Hospitality Auditions Dec. 5 & 6**

“Southern Hospitality” director, Scotty Jenkins announced: **“Auditions will be on December 5th & 6th 2016. from 6:00 pm to 8:00. The cast is 8 women and 5 men. One man and one woman need to be in their 20’s. The rest range in age from the 30’s to 70’s.** Cast selection will be December 7th with a meeting at 7:00 to pick up scripts

and short informational meeting. 1st read thru will be Jan 2, 2017 with rehearsal. Rehearsals will be every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with any additional needed rehearsals being on Fridays. Production dates will be the weekends of February 10, 11 & 12 and the following weekend the 17, 18 & 19



**THE STORY:** The Futrelle Sisters—Frankie, Twink, Honey Raye and Rhonda Lynn—are in trouble again. This time, the problem is bigger than ever: Their beloved hometown, Fayro, Texas, is in danger of disappearing, and it's up to the sisters to save it from extinction. Ever since the Super SmartMart and the rendering plant

closed, folks have been leaving Fayro in droves, but Honey Raye, with a major assist from her former nemesis, Geneva Musgrave, has come up with a possible solution. It seems a salsa manufacturing factory is looking to relocate, and a company representative is headed to Fayro on a scouting mission. Honey Raye, as the president of the Chamber of Commerce, makes promises that are not to be believed in order to woo the rep to choose Fayro. But how the Futrelle sisters and the other citizens of Fayro, including sweet, simple Raynerd Chisum, pull together and save their town is a testament to Southern strength and ingenuity—and a recipe for total hilarity.

**2017 MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Membership letters are in the mail. When you receive yours, please complete the form and mail your contribution back to us. Barry Michelson is still working on activating our online membership option. For those of you who want to join in this way, we hope to have it up and running soon. There are several changes to our membership options. One of the major changes is that you join for a complete year from the date you submit your membership. The season tickets will have the names of the shows you have available to you. The names of the shows will change with time to assure that each member always has four shows to choose from. For complete information check the following page.

**OTHER NEWS**

The members of the Mena Art Gallery are providing us with the art work in our lobby. Thank you very much.

This is the year for the Benson Awards, OLT’s version of the Tonys. Video clips of all eligible shows will be available at [OLTMENA.COM](http://OLTMENA.COM) to help you vote

## Building Maintenance Report

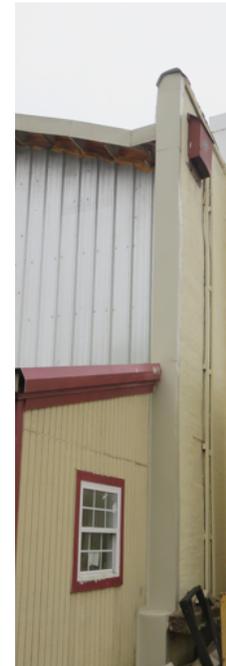


Storage shed has been painted to match the building thanks to Brad Storey and Justin Fenwick



End caps are being put on the exposed brick facing the alley. MSBI is doing an outstanding job as shown by the before and after pictures shown.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Membership Form			
	Individual	Family <sup>1</sup>	Amount
Season Ticket and membership	\$40	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Season Ticket only no membership	\$30	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership only no season ticket	\$10	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major donor <sup>2</sup>	\$1000		<input type="checkbox"/>
Patron <sup>3</sup>	\$500 - 999		<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporter <sup>4</sup>	\$250 - 499		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel <sup>5</sup>	\$125		<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Member <sup>6</sup>	\$150		<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership <sup>7</sup>	\$5000	\$7500 <small>Husband and Wife</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please consider membership and season tickets. Just print this form and mail it in with your information and check to:  
**OLT, Box 1217, Mena, AR 71953**

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with your check to:  
Ouachita Little Theatre, P. O. Box 1217, Mena, AR 71953

**A MEMBERSHIP AND SEASON  
TICKET WOULD MAKE A  
WONDERFUL GIFT FOR YOUR  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY**



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

- I. Memberships, Donations, and Season Tickets can be purchased on-line by credit card.  
(This is not required. You may still join by mail as always)
- II. Memberships and season tickets last for an entire year. Join in January: Your membership expires in January. Join in April: Your membership expires in April, etc.
- III. Memberships are \$10 per person or \$25 for the immediate family.
  - a. Membership entitles the individual member to one vote or a family to two.
  - b. Membership covers the member or the family's injury and liability insurance while serving as an agent of the theatre. (actors, ticket takers, concession workers etc.)
  - c. Since the insurance company requires everyone to be insured, membership is a requirement to do anything for the theatre both on stage and off.
  - d. MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT INCLUDE TICKETS
- IV. Season Tickets \$30 per person; family tickets - all members of the immediate family \$75
  - a. Membership is not required to acquire season tickets. (However: No membership means no vote and no insurance)
  - b. Tickets are good for four shows (all OLT shows)
  - c. A ticket may be used by anyone but only for one performance per day
  - d. A ticket may be used for the same show on separate performance dates.

**SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DONATION LEVELS**

\$1000 GIFT-**Major Donor**- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 18 complimentary tickets per year

\$500 GIFT-**Patron**-includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 12 complimentary tickets

\$250 GIFT-**Supporter** this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 6 complimentary tickets per year

\$125 GIFT-**Angel** - this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets,

\$150 **Commercial Member**- 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner), ads in program, TV, and website; 10 complimentary tickets

**Life membership** (new category)-is for individuals only. It would be for a one-time gift of \$5000. This is non transferrable membership that would give the member free admission to all OLT/JOLT functions, name on TV and in program. They would have voting privileges for life. Complimentary tickets would be available on request. This would be \$7500 for a couple.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**