

# NEW KENSINGTON CIVIC THEATRE CALLBOARD MARCH 2014



March is here! Which means Spring is just around the corner! But, before we begin celebrating the change of seasons, we have a general meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8PM. We will get a “wrap-up” of our current production, “Boeing, Boeing.” If you haven’t seen this comedy by the time you are reading this callboard, do yourself a favor and take in the Saturday or Sunday show. I promise you won’t be disappointed.



## **Notable Notes, Quotes and Celebrations**

Some of you may know this already....I received the official word that Elena Zicarelli is now engaged to Bryan Froud! Bryan had the technician at the Carnegie Science Center work “Elena, will you marry me” into the “Michael Jackson laser show!” Of course, Elena said “yes!” Elena and Brian were in “Scrooge” together in December of 1998. Bryan was also in NKCT productions of “Godspell” and “Peter Pan.” We wish them all the best. Congratulations!

## **March Workshop**

Yes, Virginia, there is a workshop in March! The Valley High School Drama Club will present a scene from their Spring production, “Children of Eden.”



This month my “15 Minutes with.....” spotlights our president, Mary Ferrara. I know I have said this before; but, it is interesting finding how our members became involved with the NKCT group. Enjoy this month’s entry...

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## *15 Minutes with Mary Ferrara*

Ron is to blame for Mary's involvement in NKCT. He talked Mary into auditioning for *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 1990 and she has been "hanging around" ever since. Mary had been in 3 high school productions, one as a dancer (she never could figure that one out) and two as a member of the pit band. So, at age 40, *Superstar* was really Mary's first show. Mary told me that she met so many wonderful people that NKCT became a way of life and theater became a passion.

Her first straight play was *Vikings* with Roy Wiegand, Larry O'Neil and Stephen Justham. She will never forget going to Larry's camp after the show with Ron and the rest of the cast. (There is obviously a good story involving the camping trip; we have to talk to Ron to get the goods on that one!)

In the last 24 years, Mary has been involved in many productions and worked with people with so much talent and energy. Roles in shows like *Over the River and Through the Woods*, *Social Security*, *Drinking Habits*, *Queen of Bingo*, *Guys and Dolls*, *I'll be Back Before Midnight*, *Marvin's Room* (Justin Mohr's first show), *On Golden Pond*, *The last Night of Ballyhoo*, *Dearly Departed*, *Miracle Worker*, *Female Odd Couple* (Pat Martini's last show), and one of her favorites: *Steel Magnolias*, have been unforgettable and those memories will last forever.

Mary said she was lucky enough to direct her first show last year, "*Last of the Boys*" with Matt Mlynarski as co-director and a brilliant cast. What a wonderful experience that was for Mary.

Besides her involvement with the theatre, Mary has been retired from Armstrong School District since 2007 after dedicating 35 years of her life to being a music teacher and guidance counselor. She is currently working part time at CAP in Leechburg, a partial hospitalization program run by Family Counseling of Armstrong County.

Mary also found time to raise one son, Rob. Rob and his wife, Noelle, are expecting their first grandchild in May.

Besides all her activities with NKCT, waiting to welcome a new grandchild, working part-time and taking care of Ron, Mary also manages to give a loving home to her 4 dogs and one cat.

Thank you, Mary for sharing your memories with us!

Respectfully submitted,  
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