

Little Shop of Horrors



Setting dentistry back about 100 years, in the "Little Shop of Horrors." The jar behind Knowlton Hunter is full of teeth and blood. But this is not the horror for which the play was named.

By Stewart Smith

"A little bit of giggle gas enhances my enjoyment enormously."

This is from the play "Little Shop of Horrors," which opened last night in The Village Playhouse Theatre, Bancroft, and will be presented this Friday and Saturday, and next Wednesday to Saturday.

We saw it in a later rehearsal. Will we go back to see it again? Decidedly!

Did we enjoy it? Yes!

The giggle gas might be a clue to the play. It does not take itself seriously. Sit back and enjoy it as the absurd comedy it is.

Except maybe the dentists. They may be tempted to take the playwright, Howard Ashman, and the actor, Knowlton Hunter (who enjoys this role far too much) and chop them up and feed them to their plants.

I was startled to find, in the midst of an absurd farce, a beautiful love song that could easily -

maybe it did - make the hit parade. "Suddenly Seymour" has beautiful words, and a haunting melody. What is a beautiful song like that doing in a play like "Little Shop of Horrors"? The song is enhanced, of course, by the beautiful singing voices of Donna Forth and Bill Tomlinson, both local school teachers.

"Horrors?" Dare one take a child? I asked Director Barry Lambeck, for some scenes are gruesome - if they were not so funny. He recommends it for children and adults alike.

So, what is the plot of this play? You will not know until the very last words are spoken.

Whose story is it? We're not telling!

This is a production of Theatrics Summer Playhouse, a company of area citizens who want to be involved in professional level, top amateur theatre.

We were amazed, at the rehearsal,

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Wildlands League

by Ann W. Smith

Tamarack Women's Resource Centre in Bancroft hosted a discussion group interested in sustainable economic development and healthy forest ecosystems on the afternoon of Wednesday June 7.

The leaders were Kara Mitchell of the Wildlands League (a provincial conservation organization) and Stan Seitz from Ompah area.

Seitz is Outreach Coordinator for

the Forest Diversity/Community Survival Project.

This Project links economic and environmental interests in forest communities in Ontario. The goal is to promote the long-term survival of economically viable communities and healthy forest ecosystems through dialogue and co-operation. The Project seeks to involve everyone interested in a sustainable future, which includes people in the forest and

tourism sectors.

The project has 2 components: 1. A Provincial program with a province wide campaign of research, advocacy and education, and 2. A Community Program in the Mississippi-Madawaska watershed of the Ottawa Valley.

The aim of the project is to work with people and communities in the watershed to identify the challenges to achieving forest sustaina-

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Quilters Hold Reunion

by Ann W. Smith

Sharron Hepburn invited her quilting students to a Quilter's Reunion. More than 20 people responded, gathering at St. John's Anglican Church Hall in Bancroft on Saturday afternoon June 24.

It was an upbeat, fun afternoon reflecting the en-

thusiasm of the teacher for this art form. This enthusiasm and fascination has obviously spilled over into her students.

To set the theme Margo Smith read from the introduction to a book about the tradition of quilting which expressed the fascination quilters feel for

the simplicity and yet complexity of fitting scraps of cloth together to make a pattern.

Sharron then read a piece written by

Margo entitled "Signs of a Quilt Abuser". This was her description of Sharron who she

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Sharron Hepburn (L) holds one corner of a quilt while the maker, one of her quilting students, explains the significance of the materials used.

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time wasting regulations. This is not a case of getting rid of out of date regulations - just a special deal for those people who spend \$250,000 (mostly tax dollars) for private boxes at the Domed Stadium, and like minded rich people.

What regulations are up for grabs? Well, that's not clear. But a luncheon at "Winston's" or the "Rideau Club" with two Ministers of the Crown apparently is sufficient to find out.

It brings to mind

the deal by Brian Mulroney to exempt Alcan from an environmental assessment hearing when Alcan wanted to divert 80% of a large B.C. river through the mountain in the opposite direction to produce electricity for its aluminum smelter. Can anyone think of a project more worthy of an environmental assessment than that one? Thankfully the present B.C. government has cancelled the project.

- Paul Whittaker, Gilmour, Ont.

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