

The Marysburgh Mummers Supporting Our Community and Beyond

Although the funds from early Mummer's shows were used to fix up Mt. Tabor, if there was a need in the community the Mummers stepped up to help. The Mummers have always done what they do best. Get on stage and entertain. Here are just a few examples:

- For many years they put on skits for entertainment at the Milford Fair.

- In 1986 they held two benefit performances April 4 and 5th and 50 percent of the net proceeds to Athol/South Marysburgh Home and School to buy musical instruments for the School.

- David Sunnicks had adapted TV episodes of *Fawlty Towers* for our stage and in 1999 John Cleese and Connie Booth gave him permission to perform it. In lieu of royalties, we were to make a donation to Amnesty International. An A.I. representative was in the audience for the final show and was flabbergasted when she was presented with a cheque for \$500.00

- In the Fall of 2000 Mummer Chris McKay was badly injured in a car accident. That December we performed *Dancing with a Christmas Cactus* as a fund raiser for him. In the spring of that year he had a number in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* where he danced with a full size cactus.

- In April of 2006, Monica Alyea put together and directed *Around the World in 80 Minutes*. The proceeds from this show went to the Ryan's Well Foundation and SOS Children's Villages. As an added bonus the children in the show learned a lot about other countries, their songs and dances.

- In May 2007 Al Hazell directed *Doctor in the House*. All the cast but one were County medical practitioners. From that show, the Mummers were able to donate \$9,000. to the Prince Edward Memorial Hospital Foundation.

- Financial support is also given to The Mirror for Des's continued support, Milford in Bloom to help with the planting of the bridge boxes as well as other local groups as their needs arise.

However, none of these projects would have been possible without the support of You, the audience.

Next month: How the Mummers help Personal Growth

- Bruce Dowdell

Attention All Mummers

We are trying to archive all material from the Mummers 25 years.

If anyone has programs or pictures from:

1993 - Where there is a Will

1995 - The Second Time Around

? The Bathroom Door

I would like to borrow, scan them and then return them to you.

Also, videos were apparently made of:

- Arsenic and Old Lace

- Little Red Riding Hood

- See How They Run

and possibly others prior to 1996.

I would like to borrow them and transfer them to DVD.

I would be happy to make you a copy.

If you have any Mummer Memorabilia please contact Bruce Dowdell 613 476-8891

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My grandfather was an avid reader of Westerns. My mother would go to the library and return with a stack of Louis L'Amour, Zane Grey and Max Brand novels. They were pretty prolific western writers, enough that Grand Dad couldn't remember that he'd already read them, so while the selection at the library was limited, he had a lifetime supply of reading material.

See what I mean? I had no idea what to write about so I just started babbling and after a little while the page was full. That's hypergraphia.

- George Underhill