

# REP *Partee*

A Publication of the Ferndale Repertory Theatre

Playing May 26 - June 18

## The Sunshine Boys

*The Sunshine Boys*: "...an affectionate, convulsingly funny, touching comedy... one of the best plays of Neil Simon's phenomenal career." *Variety*

For 43 years, Willie Clark, an aging vaudeville performer, was one-half of the tremendously successful comedy team, "Lewis and Clark." Since Al Lewis retired from the act 11 years ago, Willie has been in a steady state of anger over what he considers to be a premature retirement. Willie's lonely life is, of course, Al's fault. Now CBS wants them to appear in the History of Comedy Special and their reunion sparks some hilarious confrontations.

Director Renee Grinnell has chosen a cast for this show of old friends and new faces. Bob Clark and J.R. Patterson return to our stage as the aging vaudevillians. Newcomers Dmitry Tokarsky Diane Woodford, Lori Maciel, and Vikki Charlton also light up the stage. Design credits include Daniel L. Lawrence (set) and Jesse Talbert (lights) and Vicki Charlton (costumes). Stage management is in the capable hands of Diane Woodford.

Full of delightful surprises and great one-liners, The Sunshine Boys will tickle your fancy as well as your funny bones.

For information and ticket reservations, please call the box office at (707) 786-5483.

• Art from the Hart Gallery •

*Fabulous Flowers  
May/June  
featuring the work of*

Paintings by Marj Early, Fern Garbutt, Mary Henry, Joan Katri, Dolores Polm, and Camille Regli, flower sculptures by Ellin Beltz and June Moxon, and glass flowers by Susan Bloch. In addition the gallery features pottery by Lois Keller and jewelry by Nancy Keleher.

### Rep Receives \$25,000 Grant from Lytel Foundation

The generosity of the Bertha Russ Lytel Foundation has enabled the Rep to remain on top technically, artistically, and operationally for thirty-four seasons. We can rightfully boast that we have the finest in sound and lighting, the best scene shop in terms of equipment and talent, and the most innovative programs on the Northcoast. Other performing arts groups have emulated the Rep's programs and events, but none as successfully.

The Lytel Foundation continues to fund our Youth and Senior Bus programs, support our technical needs, and help to keep our patrons comfortable with additions and upgrades to the building. Thanks to Lytel, we will install a new telephone system this month and purchase new computers soon.

This year, the Rep has added yet another exciting project, funded in full by the Foundation: "A Senior Moment"—workshops and performances for seniors, by seniors.

Executive Director Marilyn McCormick is thrilled. "This is a project that we have wanted to begin for a long time, and this year, with funding from Lytel, we are able to bring it to life."

The Rep is partnering with the Senior Resource Center, and will develop a traveling show that will perform on our stage, at the Senior Resource Center, and assisted-living facilities throughout the county. The first production will be *Taking My Turn*, a play with music about aging that is irrepressibly young at heart. It requires no set and little tech—just a committed cast of seniors who want "to strut their stuff" and bring the message home that the Golden Years may truly be golden after all...

### ANGEL OF THE MONTH Almquist Lumber

Donor of the New Marquee - Story on page 2

# Notes from the Shop

by Daniel Lawrence

## REBUILDING THE MARQUEE

All projects proceed in stages: planning, material acquisition, staging, construction and finishing.

One of our latest projects is the re-building of our marquee.

When Warner Brothers replaced our marquee facade for the movie "Outbreak," they used wood that was not suitable for outdoor use—especially in our wet climate—and the wood is rotting away with each passing day. Re-building the marquee is an expensive proposition.

To the rescue came Almquist Lumber in Blue Lake. They have taken up our cause by donating the entire list of materials we need to complete this project. On May 6th we took delivery of 600 board feet of 1-1/4" by 6" clear heart redwood, old growth lumber. This will become the marquee and all its moldings and fancy work, which we will produce in our shop facility.

In addition to the lumber and materials from Almquist Lumber, we have added some new equipment to our shop with a grant from the Lytle Foundation. We have obtained a 14" Band Saw and a 1-hp Spindle Shaper. Both of these machines will be used during construction, as well as in the creation of our sets. Our shop is getting more and more up to date with the addition of these two machines. A far cry from 1985 when I first came here and all our tools could fit in a foot locker. All we need now is a surface planer and finish nailer/compressor and our shop will be able to further improve our scenic presentations.

We have come a long way from basic hand tools to a full-fledged, working scenic shop.

The words, "Thank you, Almquist" hardly seem enough, but we know no other way to express our gratitude to them and all who have contributed to our progress. It is our desire to reward you with the best productions we can produce with the assets you have helped us to obtain.

## EDitorial

From the Diary of the Executive Director

Marilyn's column will return next issue...

Marilyn McCormick

# THE BUZZ FROM THE STAGE DOOR

## INTRODUCING GOLDEN BEE CANDLEWORKS

### OPENING MAY 21

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new retail business in our Stagedoor space on Main Street. Golden Bee Candleworks will feature locally handcrafted, 100% pure beeswax candles and accessories, honey, and many other bee-related products.

Beeswax candles have for centuries been considered sacred by many cultures. It burns clear and bright, with no smoky residue, but with a delightful aroma. The honey is from Northern California bees and includes nectar from clover, blackberries, local wildflowers—all the best that our exceptional climate has to offer.

Co-owner Brian Barbata and his wife, Ann, have been Ferndale residents for more than twenty years. Brian's brother, Greg, is the other half of the business and is a recent immigrant from San Fernando Valley where he was a chef in his father's restaurant for 35 years.

Business hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from 10am to 6pm

The Barbatas look forward to introducing you to a fine array of naturally-elegant products and having the opportunity to personally sharing with you the pleasures of the birds and especially the bees.



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# Lost Coast Live

by Ron Cohn

You've heard about it, you've read about it and now you're about to have your one and only call for ticket information for "Lost Coast Live."

DC3 Entertainment, KHUM Radio, and Paste Magazine, with the great support of the Ferndale Rotary Club, are very proud to present an evening of live "Discovery" music at The Rep on Saturday night, July 2. The performance, scheduled to begin at 8pm, features two musicians that are both extremely proud and excited about performing in Ferndale and at the intimate setting of the Ferndale Repertory Theatre.

One performer is a Grammy Award-winning composer who has played with and traveled extensively with Bruce Springsteen. The other is a singer, songwriter, storyteller, entertainer, and extraordinary guitarist who has opened shows for the likes of the Cranberries, Rickie Lee Jones, Vonda Shepard, and Tori Amos.

You are invited to attend the first in a series of performances, the evening of July 2, that promises to be history in the making. Not since the days when the Victorian Village of Ferndale was a Mecca for aspiring young artists and the city blossomed into a collage of art in all its forms, has Ferndale had the energy behind the performing arts that it has today. In recognition of this, a group of Ferndale business leaders formed to assemble the dynamics of some of the force behind this movement; a world-class state of the art recording studio, an independent free-form radio station, and the vision of utilizing a venue that has so much character and ambience, as well as a passion for doing something good for the community.

With the music industry being such a mass of confusion that it is today, there are countless great performers that are, so to speak, "Flying under the radar." There are great musicians out there that many people have never heard of, only because the record companies haven't promoted their records or sponsored major tours. But, some of the best music is yet to be discovered. This is the belief of all the sponsors of Lost Coast Live. Thus, it's greatly anticipated that you will come to The Rep on July 2, see and hear a performance that will be beyond your expectations, discover some music that will be beautiful to your ears, and you will fall in love with the music and the

experience.

To insure your evening will be a complete audio and visual experience, Lost Coast Live will be utilizing the talents of two of the best sound and stage engineers in the music industry. One, the Program Director for the Show Production and Touring Degree program at Full Sail Real World Education, has over thirty years of production experience with thousands of shows, including tours for Bon-Jovi and Talking Heads. The other is the owner of a Sierra Madre, CA company that specializes in audio, video, and lighting design for numerous projects and shows. He personally was the Broadway Sound Designer for "Beauty and the Beast," Walt Disney Company's first Broadway musical, and received two Emmy Awards for best television sound with four separate nominations. Both gentlemen are committed to making Lost Coast Live an event that maximizes the talents of the performers while capitalizing on the uniqueness and intimacy of the venue.

All proceeds from Lost Coast Live will be donated to local organizations, such as The Rep, and charities, such as the local Community Chest. All of the sponsors and individuals associated with Lost Coast Live have two desires: to do something good for Ferndale and to provide an evening of discovery of great and beautiful music. You are strongly urged to purchase your tickets early because it will be a performance not to be missed.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, June 1 for Ferndale residents and Ferndale Repertory Theatre season ticket holders only, and Friday, June 3 to the general public. They may be purchased through The Rep box office, 786-5483. Seating is extremely limited; all seats are reserved and are \$25, or \$40 for a seat in the first six rows. A full service cash bar will be available the night of the performance in the Hart from the Hart Gallery.

You're never too old for Discovery... Lost Coast Live...

*This month's guest columnist is Ron Cohn, Ferndale resident, host of KHUM's Sunday Night celebration with the Beatles, and one of the coordinators for the Lost Coast Live concert series at the Rep.*

**YOUNGACTORS WORKSHOPS**

Ages 6-11 • English! Drama! Mystery!  
Ages 12-19 • Stage Combat for the Theatre!

Space is limited!  
Sign-up today!

# "SANAA LEO WA ZANZIBAR"

## Young Artists of Zanzibar Exhibition - July 2005

by Emily Silver, Director of Arts Everyday

Ferndale's Art from the Hart Gallery is thrilled to present original artworks from up-and-coming young artists of Zanzibar during the month of July, 2005.

Visit the gallery to travel to the Swahili coast of East Africa where Arab, Persian, East Indian, and Portuguese cultures have been assimilated with that of the indigenous islanders over the last two-thousand years. The town of Zanzibar was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century on an already long-established trade route in the Indian Ocean. Its notable architecture, which appears in much of the artwork, reflects a dynamic past as a melting-pot for these diverse cultures.

Aida Ayers, an American art educator working in Zanzibar to preserve the native "sense of self and creativity" of Zanzibaran artists, sent more than forty paintings and drawings by contemporary artists there who have stepped outside the sameness and reliability of the tourist trade and taken a chance on their own personal visions. These pieces aptly reflect the life and concerns of savvy young Africans today while inviting the viewers into a remote and exotic world.

Nine artists' work appears in the show: Ali Hamad Haji, Mahmoud Habib Simai, Omar S. Kiwenge (who goes by "Ras"), Khalfan Hasan Kiloko, Mussa

Ramadhan Mussa, Amour Omar Kipati, Suleiman R. Suleiman (known as "Binda"), Mmadi Ausiy, and Juma Mbarouk Juma. The work ranges from subdued street scenes to whirling abstractions, from narrative figurative images to symbolic still life. Omar S. Kiwenge expresses the tone of the group by saying, "Many people describe my work as a representation of Africa and its relation to the world. I create works like these because I know that in this world everyone wants to be free."

Of these artists, Ayers says, "Their willingness to try new methods, to explore their subjects on an introspective level and develop their own creativity has been rewarding for us all. Among the attributes these artists possess is mutual respect for each other and for the works of their fellow artists." Even though they are isolated on an island off the coast of Tanzania, they see themselves as part of the larger world and are excited to present the best of their work in this, their first United States exhibition.

Art From the Hart Gallery is located next to the Ferndale Repertory Theatre and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm. Call 786-5483 for more information.

### *NEWS FLASH!*

## COW TOWN FILMFEST 2005

Friday, July 8, 2005

6:30pm - Doors open

7:00pm ~ 9:00pm - Opening Feature Film

Saturday, July 9, 2005

9:30am - Doors open

10:00am ~ 1:00pm - Short Films in AM

2:00pm ~ 5:00pm - Short Films in PM

7:00pm - Closing Night Feature Film

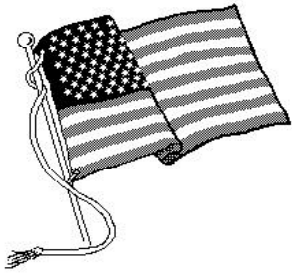
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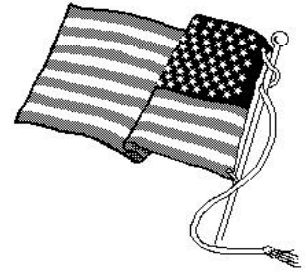
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Ferndale Repertory Theatre's  
*Eighth Annual*



**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**  
**Monday, July 4, 2005 • 12 noon**

Join us as we make this year's celebration truly memorable. Polish up your tractor, wagon, or walking shoes—get your band, service club, church group, scout troop, or 4H-ers together—advertise your business or organization with a fabulous float. Plan a Family Reunion and Strut Your Stuff on Main Street. Show off your prized pet or favorite pony and join in the fun. There is no entrance fee!

Celebrate what it is to be an American, what it is to be a community  
and what it is to share our great bounty and gifts.

Following the parade is the Ferndale Rotary's Picnic on the Green at Town Hall Park from 1-2:30pm and our Patriotic Salute to America with the Scotia Band and Chameleon Singers at the theatre at 3pm.

What better way to Celebrate America than with the Ferndale Repertory Theatre!



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**– ENTRY FORM –**

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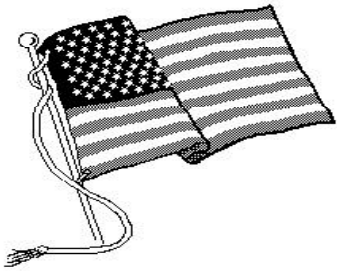
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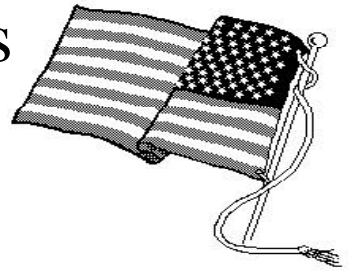
You will receive confirmation of your attendance in the parade by phone.

Plan to check in at Town Hall Park (Main and Herbert Streets) in Ferndale at 11:30am for your placement in the line-up. For more information, call 786-5483.

**Thank you for Celebrating America with us!**



Ferndale Repertory Theatre's  
*Ninth Annual*



# **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

**Monday, July 4, 2005**

**PARADE - 12noon**

Traditional Parade on Main Street

**Picnic on Town Hall Green  
following the parade!**

**CELEBRATE AMERICA! - 3pm**

The Rep's Patriotic Salute to the USA  
featuring the Scotia Band & Chameleon Singers  
The only show of its kind in the Country!

**Tickets and Info: 786-5483**

## DOWNWIND OF UPSTAGE Assorted Rep Rap

### DONATIONS GALORE!

**DEATHTRAP RAFFLE BASKET:** Shannon Dailey, Nilsen's, Ferndale Clothing Company, J&W Liquors, 5th Street Eureka Starbucks, Grizzly Bluff Primitives, Gifts 4 Women. Congratulations to Joy Porsley who was the lucky winner!

**COSTUME DONATIONS:** From Joann and Andy McBride, we received a large collection of Bavarian and Scandanavian clothing. From Dell'Arte Players came 12 tuxedos—all brown!

**COLOR SCANNER:** Daniel Lawrence

**SHELVES & CABINETS:** Sandy & Marlin Mesman from the Golden Gait Mercantile

**CD PLAYER & VACUUM CLEANER:** Ron Cohn

**CURTAINS & MISCELLANEOUS PROPS:** Willie Welton

**SHELVING & SINK:** Carlos Benemann

**SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE:** Jim Fulton worked on our sound system and speakers and got them up and running in time for the opening of *The Sunshine Boys*.

**ROTARY TO THE RESCUE:** Many thanks to Ferndale Rotary for taking over the annual July 4th picnic at Town Hall Park following the parade on Main Street. After seven years, the Rep Board decided to pass the baton to another player and the Rotarians were there to take it to the finish line. This is always a great event—be sure to join us in Ferndale on the 4th!

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## Ferndale Dance Academy

Appearing on the Rep stage in  
**PETER PAN**

June 22 & 23 at 7pm

For information and Tickets,  
Call Laura East at 786-4727

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**IN MEMORIUM** The Rep staff is saddened by the passing of Sharon Ptaschek, one of our most ardent supporters. You may have never had the opportunity to meet her, for much of the work she performed for the Rep was from her home during a long bout with ill health. For many years, Sharon typed our program, made signs for the lobby and created spreadsheets and programs to make our paperwork easier. She was our 1999 Volunteer of the Year. Our sympathy and thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Playing May 26 - June 18

*The Sunshine Boys* by Neil Simon

*See page one for details.*

Thru June 30

*Art from the Hart Gallery*  
*Spring Flowers*

*See page one for details.*

June 22 & 23 • 7:00pm

**Ferndale Dance Academy**

*See notice on this page for details.*

June 21 - July 16

**Young Actors' Workshops**

Two classes for ages 6 - 19

## JULY 4th WEEKEND

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**Lost Coast Live**

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July 4

**CELEBRATE AMERICA!**

Parade • Picnic • Show

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July 8 & 9

**COW TOWN FILMFEST 2005**

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August 4 - Sept. 3

**Seussical** the musical

Based on the Imagination of Dr. Seuss

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“Did you ever hear the expression “that’s where it is?” Well, this is where it is and that’s where I am.”

~ Willie Clark, *The Sunshine Boys*