

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Valley Players hold auditions for summer play

The Valley Players will hold auditions for men, ages 16 and up, for their summer production of *The Secret Garden* (musical version) on Monday, February 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Valley Players Theater on Route 100 in Waitsfield.

The Secret Garden is based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett with music by

composer Lucy Simon and book by Marsha Norman, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of *Night Mother*. Winner of three Tony Awards, this classic of children's literature is re-imagined in brilliant musical style. Orphaned in India, 11-year-old Mary Lennox returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive uncle Archibald and his invalid

son Colin. The estate's many wonders include a magic garden which beckons the children with haunting melodies and the "Dreamers," spirits from Mary's past who guide her through her new life, dramatizing *The Secret Garden's* compelling tale of forgiveness and renewal.

Singers auditioning for a major role should prepare a

selection of 32 bars of music from a song, either from the show or otherwise, that best represents their range and style. They may also be required to learn a piece from the show, taught by music director Dan Bruce, at the audition. Participants are asked to bring sheet music if they choose to sing something not from *The Secret Garden*. Singers auditioning for ensemble roles, supporting roles or non-singing roles do not need to prepare a selection but will be taught a piece from the show and asked to sing alone at auditions to measure range and pitch. A list of roles is available on the Valley Play-

ers' website at www.valleyplayers.com.

The production team for *The Secret Garden* includes Jeanne Beckwith, director; Ruth Ann Pattee and Cynthia Seckler, producers; Daniel Bruce, music director; Joanne Puente, stage manager; and Irene Bishay, set/lighting designer. Exact rehearsal dates are yet to be determined, but music rehearsals will be scheduled by appointment from April 1 through 30. Full cast rehearsals start May 1 and show dates are June 27 through 29, July 3, 5, and 6, and July 11 through 13. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. except Sundays at 2 p.m.

For more information, con-

VT Poet Laureate Sydney Lea appearing in Rochester

"Reading Sydney Lea's works is like a walk in the woods. I can hear the rustle of leaves and the sound of the bell of his bird dog. An accomplished poet, essayist and novelist, I recommend his books to those who read Wendell Berry, Rick Bass, John McPhee, or Annie Dillard, as well as, *Field & Stream* magazine," comments Jeannette Bair, director of Rochester Library which will host Sydney Lea next week.

Sydney Lea, Vermont's poet laureate, will be appearing in Rochester on Thursday, February 6, at 10 a.m. at the Rochester School auditorium.

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2001 for his book of poetry, *Pursuit of a Wound*, Lea is one of Vermont's most respected writers, Bair said.

His works reflect the nature of the land and the people of Vermont and convey his deep respect for and understanding of the natural world. Whether

describing his hunting dog, the neighbor farm or land lost to developers, his descriptions of Vermont's landscape, seasons and families are spot on. She added.

Lea has taught at Yale University, Middlebury College and most recently Dartmouth.

This program is sponsored by Rochester Public Library and hosted by Rochester School. As always, library sponsored programs are free.

Valley Players' auditions for Cabin Fever Follies

Join the fun and silliness of *Cabin Fever Follies* and get an act on stage. Singers, dancers, story and joke tellers, musicians, actors and just plain hams of all ages are all welcome to strut their stuff on the stage of the Valley Players Theater, Route 100 in Waitsfield.

Auditions are on Wednesday, February 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Returning performers can give director Doug Bergstein (496-6651) a call. Those who can't make audi-

tions and want to be on stage or want some help and suggestions should also call him.

Acts should be brief, self-contained (a piano player is available) and entertaining. Performers are expected to be on stage all three nights of the show.

Raisinettes are also needed. These are those sign-toting, highly visible walking commercials who raise money for charity each year. This year it is Vermont Cancer Survivor Network.

Sign makers are also need-

ed! Contact Sharon Kellermann at 793-8362 for more information.

Cabin Fever Follies shows are Friday through Sunday evenings, March 21, 22, 23, from 7:30 until about 9:30 p.m. or so.

Reservations are strongly recommended as the Follies sell out fast. Reservations for more than four people must be paid in advance.

Tickets will go on sale on February 13 at 583-1674.

Check out the website at www.valleyplayers.com for more information.

Big Picture features fishing movies

On Thursday, February 9, the Mad Dog Chapter of Trout Unlimited is screening back-to-back fishing movies at the Big Picture Theater & Café in Waitsfield.

Waypoints, by Confluence Films, will begin at 7 p.m.,

and *VT 2013 Trout Unlimited Trout Camp* will follow it. The screening is hosted by Rock River Rods of Waitsfield, who will be raffling off a rod and other great gear. For more information about the event, visit bigpicturetheater.info.

An evening of fiddle and guitar

Beth Telford and Jim Green will offer an evening of fiddle and guitar Cape Breton style on Saturday, February 1, beginning at 6 p.m., at the

Wilson residence, 1169 Kew Vasseur Road, Fayston. The event includes beverage and dessert potluck. There is an admission fee.

To reserve please call Cari at 802-496-3836 or email cari@gmavt.net.

Shoe, book drive for Rwanda

Until February 7, there will be boxes in the main offices of Harwood Union High School and at Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston elementary schools where people may drop off any shoes that will go to coffee growers in Rwanda or books that will go to schools in Rwanda. The best shoes to donate are summer shoes, hiking boots, sneakers, Crocs or sandals. Work or winter boots, clogs or dress shoes are not appropriate. Any picture books or chapter books would be much appreciated. For questions or concerns contact Kyle Dash at kdash2016@wwsu.org.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Warren Legislative Body for the is/are considering making application to the State of Vermont for a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery VCDP Disaster Recovery Implementation Grant 2012 under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 07:30PM on 2/18/2014 at 42 Cemetery Road Warren, Vermont to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds. The proposal is to apply \$206,369 in CDBG-DR Funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities:

Copies of the proposed application are available at Warren Municipal Building and may be viewed during the hours of 9am-4pm.

Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Cindi Jones at 802-496-2709 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) # 1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the Town of Warren

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Send Tear Sheet to: ACCD

DID YOU KNOW?



There was an attempt in 1968 to officially name the third Monday in February Presidents Day. However, this suggestion died in committee.

It is actually *Washington's Birthday*. Many states, however, choose to call their own celebration on this day "*Presidents Day*."