



THE YTP ACTING UP

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14 @ 4 p.m. Facilitator : India Keener Recorder : Briar Martin

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday Jan. 24-Shakespeare Workshop BCMS 4-6

Sat., Jan 28-Much Ado About Nothing, Fairmont College (leave Landmark 5:30 p.m., return approx. 11:30 p.m)

Sat. Feb. 4-D&E College Presentation (leave Landmark 11:30 a.m., return approx. 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, Feb. 7-Storytelling Workshop, Session #1 BCMS 4-6

NEW CURRICULUM COORDINATOR!!-Group met Cicely Bosley, Braxton County/Landmark alum now at Fairmont, who will be designing workshops. Cicely will be designing workshops and coordinating curriculum and workshop presenters. She announced that there would be combat, makeup, puppetry, storytelling and a production from that storytelling. The group decided to attend Blackfriars production of Much Ado About Nothing Feb. 28 eve. at Fairmont College as Recognition/Celebration event for group. Group did focus and concentration acting exercises led by Cicely. Group also met Ashley Gateless also Braxton County/Landmark alum now at Muskingum who will do a workshop on media and scenic painting.

GYPSY-The group has quite a lot of performers cast for "Gypsy." The performances will take place on March 17,18,23,24,25. Crew and cast in the show are Greg Ramsey, Melissa Peters, Gracie Browning, Nathan Rexroad, Kyle Allen, Romeo Duchaine, Jessica Ralphsnyder, Jacob Duchaine, Justin Blankenship, Mary Plymale and Maria Given. The rest of YTP can participate working the evenings of the shows and are all able to see the show for free!!

Thespian Conference and An Evening With Merlin Finch-We have paid our money and can compete in April in the WV Thespian Conference. The group discussed possibilities including another play, but felt with Gypsy and all of our workshops, we do not have the time to redo another play this year and might do better recasting Anthony's part. We will have

to decide by next meeting. Paula will email and see what cast members want to do Merlin Finch first.

New Landmark Board members-Group needed to replace Wes Carpenter and Anthony Vanella. Anthony has moved and Wes wanted to be replaced. Paula reported that Anthony was an excellent board member representing YTP well and regularly and that next members must do the same and attend every 2nd Monday of the month. People volunteered, the group voted. Justin Blankenship and Jacob Duchaine were elected as new Board members

T Shirts—YTP is STILL looking for a slogan for the back of the YTP shirt to reflect our group or mission. Winner gets a free t-shirt!!

Notebooks/journals/Surveys — The group put together their notebooks with journals and will be expected to keep a journal about how things are going using suggested guideline questions when in doubt. Also, the notebooks have places for workshop papers and mementos, programs, pictures and newstories from show and events they participate in. Everyone should bring notebooks to workshops and meetings. Group filled out workshop pre-post surveys for Xmas Carol and also other attitude surveys.

Website Classroom-The Youth Theater project has a classroom website for discussion, articles, reflection journals and notices at www.nicenet.org and is connected to our website at www.landmarkstudio.org/yp. Participants are encouraged to get info from other members if you have not received via the internet and join the class.

REFLECTION Flipchart COMMENTS: This last month in YTP we have learned: "I have become more of a leader," "I have learned about readers' theatre," "I have learned to speak louder in readers' theatre," "How to read a story out loud," "I have gained self confidence," "I don't like the mirror activity," "Mirror is fun," "I have learned to be more decisive," "I have learned some awesome games," "Theatre is fun!!!"