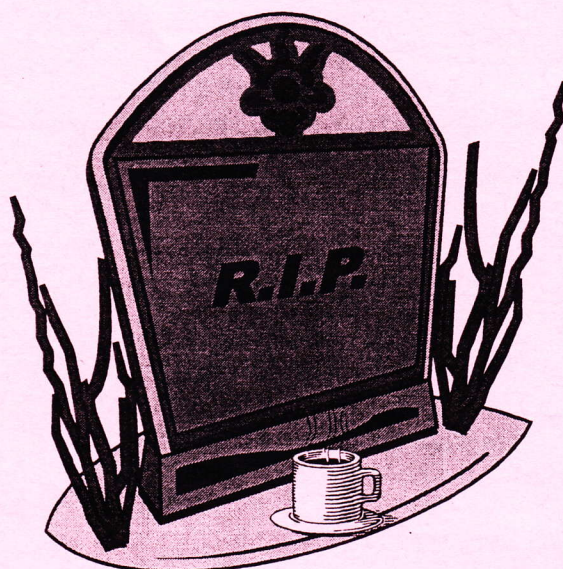


Owasso Community Theater Company
proudly presents

The Cemetery Club

By Ivan Menchell



September 18th - 20th at 8:00 p.m.

and

September 20th - 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Barnes Elementary

7809 E. 76th St. Owasso, OK

The Cast

Ida – Iris Ballou - Active in community theater for 31 years, Iris has been involved with Owasso Community Theater Company since its inception in 2003 and the premiere show, *Picnic*, when she played Helen Potts. She most recently directed OCT's production of *The Fantasticks*. She was musical director for *Babes in Toyland*, director for *Cheaper by the Dozen* and directed *Story Theatre* in 2005. She has played Lita Encore in OCT's production of *Ruthless, The Musical*, as well as Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias*, and multiple roles in OCT's production of *The Laramie Project* during Tulsa PAC's Summer Stage in 2006.

Ever a supporter of Arts in the community and education, Iris currently serves on the OCT Board of Governors and is chairperson of the Technical Committee. She encourages anyone (adults AND students) who are interested to become involved.

Iris' "day job" is for Tulsa Orthopedic Surgeons, Inc. as a certified professional coder, transcriptionist and compliance officer.

Lucille – Kay Neldon - Kay has previously appeared in OCT productions including Mrs. Stuart in *Stuart Little* and Miss Brill in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. She stays busy serving on the Board of Governors of OCT. She recently took a sabbatical from her career as a Certified Hand Therapist but is excited to resume soon in Owasso. She sends her thanks and get-well wishes to Nancy Chambers, who was unable to play Lucille due to a sudden illness. Kay is married to "Sam, the playboy butcher" and delights in her daughter Emily and son Brian.

Doris - Queen Bee - Queen Bee with Queen Bee Blues, recently returned from an invitational performance at the "Dusk Til Dawn Blues Festival" in the Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame, Rentiesville, Oklahoma. She is a theatre arts major from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has 30+ years of performing experience; singing, acting, and directing. She performed with the Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Murry's Dinner Playhouse, Theatre Tulsa, American Theatre Co., Heller Theatre, and Round the Bend Players. Queen Bee is also a stand-up comedian for "Up Late with Ben Sumner". She is a Yellow Jacket with Events Services for the Tulsa Performing Arts Center and a dialect specialist for M.A.R.S. Inc., in Tulsa. She is a lifetime member Blues Society of Tulsa.

Sam - Mike Neldon - Mike is playing Sam "the playboy butcher". This is his 2nd production this year as he also played the "Toymaker" in the musical "Babes in Toyland". He has been active in other musicals as well as Owasso Community Choir. When he is not performing, he is teaching in Owasso and spending precious time with his lovely wife and 2 kids, Emily and Brian.

Mildred - Margie Reynolds - Mildred had the privilege of playing "Bell" in "The Fantasticks" and working with her two sons, as well as with Iris (who was the director). She absolutely loves singing and acting. She has four beautiful children who also have the same passion. She looks forward to getting many more roles. God Bless; Miss you Mamasita... This one's for you.

ACT I

Scene 1	Ida's living room in Forest Hills, Queens.
Scene 2	The cemetery in Forest Hills, Queens
Scene 3	Ida's living room, late afternoon
Scene 4	The cemetery: Abe's plot

15 minute Intermission

ACT II

Scene 1	Ida's living room
Scene 2	Ida's living room, 2:00 AM
Scene 3	Ida's living room, later that morning
Scene 4	The cemetery, Abe's plot.

From the cast and crew of
Cemetery Club:

LOVE YOU JESS!
MEAN IT!



The Crew

Stage Manager: Andy Kingsley

Lights/Sound: Andy Kingsley

Costumes: Bruce Lewis - Design Over Time

Hair/Makeup: Dylan Aldred

Crew: Tom Vines, Cassidy Jones, Janessa Barber, Alex Coburn

Rehearsal space and performance venue provided by Owasso Public Schools.

Set Construction assistance provided by Doug Woolery and Owasso High School Stage Craft.

Director - Jessica Cook - Jessica is a graduate of Wichita State University where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre Performance. Her favorite Wichita acting credits include: Mary in *The Bald Soprano*, Nat in *Untitled*, Bush the Bearded Lady in *Edible Shoes*, Truvy in *Steel Magnolias*, and the Narrator in *Wives*. Her favorite directing credits include *The Boys Next Door*, *Two Rooms*, *The Zoo Story*, and *Aladdin Jr.* This is Jessica's second season with the Owasso Community theatre but her first season as a director and member of the board of governors. Last season she started her participation with the Owasso Community Theatre as the friendly, neighborhood stage manager for *Cheaper by the Dozen!* She also recently completed production on a film entitled *Unexpected* with Ki Productions, where she portrayed the leading role of Rachel. She would like to send out a huge "THANKS!" to Kay (who she could not have stayed sane without), the cast and crew for their extreme hard work and humor, her family and friends, her husband Chris for his unwavering support and love, and her little Cookie who reminds her everyday that life is pretty darn amazing!

Director's Note

There are many crossroads in the journey of life. When one reaches these crossroads a decision must be made on which direction to go. Sometimes these decisions are easy, just common sense, and sometimes these decisions will halt us at an intersection for years. This story revolves around one of those life junctions.

After you lose the one you love, do you continue on life's journey? Or do you sit comfortably aside and watch until you can be with the one you love again? Perhaps you have already faced this decision or maybe it seems so far away it's hard for you to even fathom. But when that time comes, what will you do?

It is my pleasure to welcome you and invite you to join us tonight as you are offered the rare chance to peek into the journeys of a few people who seem to be strangers now, but will soon seem like old friends. That's just a bit of the magic of theatre. So sit back, laugh, and enjoy as Owasso Community Theater Presents: *The Cemetery Club*.

Sincerely,
Jessica Cook
Director

Special thanks to:

Doug Woolery and the Owasso High School Scene Shop for our doors and stones, David Riggs and Barnes Elementary for letting us use their stage, Kira Kelsey and the 6th Grade Center for giving us a rehearsal space, Candace Townsley for allowing us to rehearse in her room, Andy Kingsley for stepping up for a friend in need, Kay for being super woman, Nancy Chambers for her spirit and support, the cast and crew for hanging in through thick and then, and everyone who donated their time and effort to this show! It has been a hard road, but as they say, "The show must go on!" We made it guys!!!!!!

Here's what we're doing next with
The Owasso Community Theater Company
where this season...

"It's All About Relationships"
Strike up a relationship with us and
AUDITION!!

**The Adventures of
Peter Rabbit and
His Friends**

by Joseph Robinette

Five delightful tales including Peter Rabbit, The
Tailor of Gloucester, and Jemima PuddleDuck are



interwoven with the
fascinating life of their
creator, Beatrix Potter,
in this enchanting,
enlightening entertain-
ment for all ages. The

play moves back and forth

from the fantasy world she created to the intrigu-
ing story of Beatrix Potter herself, who overcame
her lonely, strict childhood to become the most
widely read children's author of all times. We
also see a glimpse of her relationships as we meet
Beatrix's governess, Annie, and Annie's children
for whom many of the stories were originally
written. Both entertaining and educational, this
play is a must for any child or adult who has ever
fallen under the magical spell of Peter Rabbit and
his many friends.

AUDITIONS: December 6, 8

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