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ECT is Moving – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Great news! Elora Community Theatre has a new storage space, just north of Rockwood, at 8376 Highway 124 in Brucedale (coming from Guelph it is shortly before the Esso station on the North side).

On **Sunday January 9th at 9am** we will be moving from our current space at 900 Tower Street in Fergus (behind the ReStore) to the new location.

We are looking for community members who can help with moving items into and/or out of the truck. Any help would be greatly appreciated, both at and/or anytime after 9am! We would like to thank Habitat for Humanity for providing one large truck and driver. Anyone with their own van or truck that can also help move some of the items would be greatly appreciated.

If you can assist, or if you have any questions, for details please contact either

- Deb Stanson: debstanson@gmail.com / 519-496-6481
- Jim Monaghan: heartjim@hotmail.com / 519-856-2087



Calling all Directors!

Elora Community Theatre is looking for play submissions for consideration for our next season. In the past we have done well with family oriented large cast shows, shows with familiar titles, classics, and award-winning plays.

The 2022/23 season will include:

- 2 outside summer shows:
 - A traditional play (Elora Centre for the Arts)
 - A Shakespeare play (Bissel Park)
- 3 shows at the Fergus Grand Theatre
 - Fall show (December), usually a large cast family show
 - Winter show (February), WODL entry if desired
 - Spring show (May)
- 1 show at the GrandWay Event Centre in Elora
 - A dinner theatre show for spring or fall

Please send submissions (a copy of the play) **by January 30, 2022** to Nancy Baker (committee chair) via email at nancyida@sympatico.ca. You can also mail your submission to 43 Crossingham Drive, Guelph N1K 1R3.

Anyone wishing to direct an upcoming show can also submit their name even if they don't have a play. Please contact Nancy Baker at 519 822 6653 or at the above email address, if interested.

ECT 2021/2022 Season Update

ECT is vigilantly watching the COVID-19 situation regarding the safety of our upcoming shows. Rehearsals for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* will continue in preparation for the cast to perform on short notice should it be safe to resume live performances.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Directed by Anthony Deciantis

February 11-13th & February 18-20th 2022

Performed at the Fergus Grand Theatre

Little House on the Prairie

Directed by Deb Stanson & David Tanner

Musical Director Zoe Clemens

April 29th-May 1st & May 6-8th 2022

Performed at the Fergus Grand Theatre

Please note that **auditions for Little House have been postponed** during this difficult time – please stay tuned to our Facebook channel and website for updates

Jane Eyre – December 2021

Due to the rise in Covid cases and the concern for the health and safety of our cast, crew and patrons, Elora Community Theatre unfortunately made the tough decision to cancel the second weekend of Jane Eyre performances at the Fergus Grand Theatre. For all those who missed the short run, check out the great photos below of our classical production. Big thanks go out to the cast and crew for the flexibility and understanding during this difficult time.



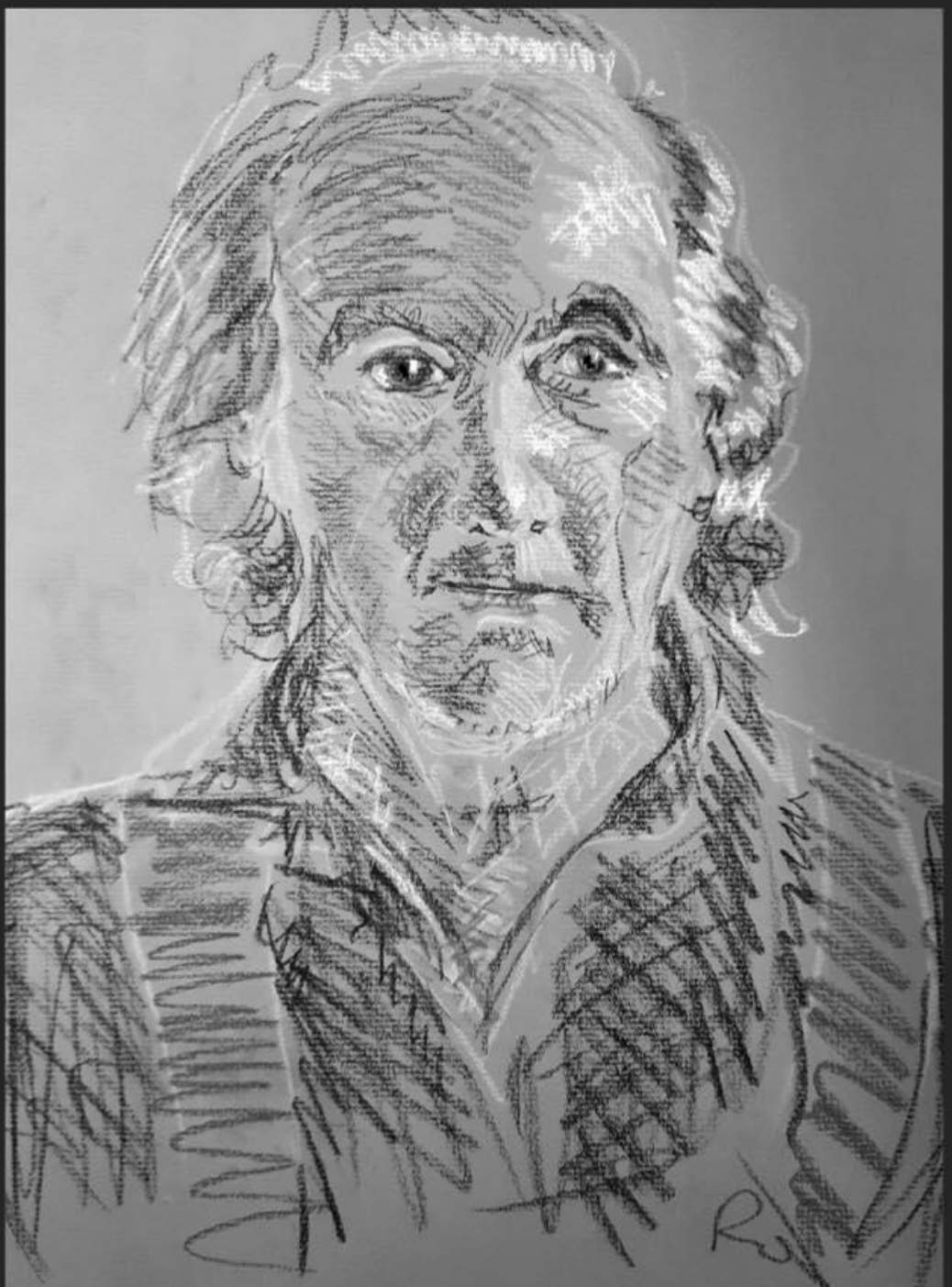
Peter Skoggard – Jane Eyre Set Designer

Peter Skoggard Set design artist

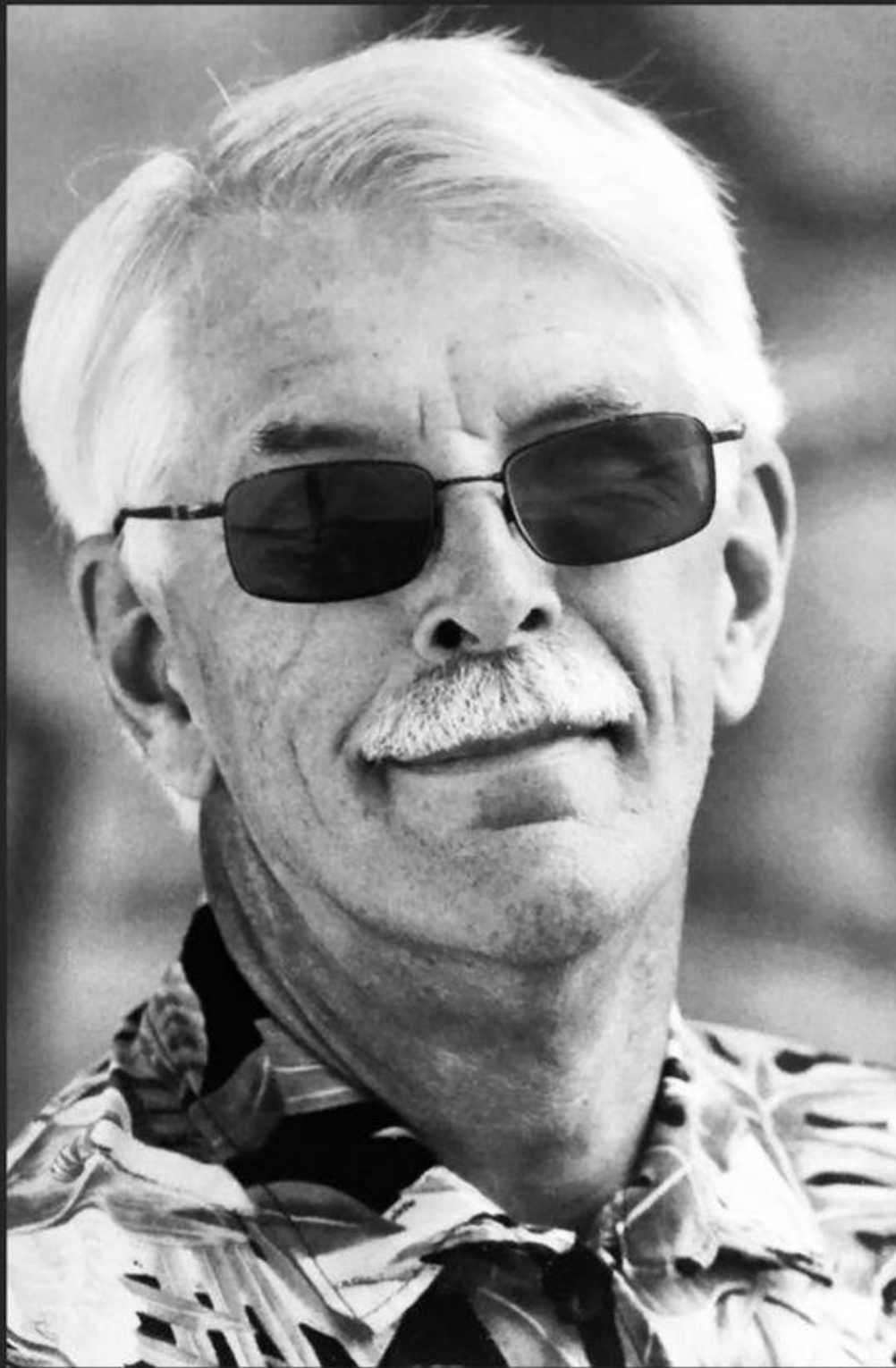
Peter is a composer, visual artist, and poet living in Elora. His works have been performed in Elora, Guelph, Toronto, Cleveland, and New York City. They include two chamber operas, a piano quintet, a two hour oratorio, a serenade for string orchestra, and many song cycles for voice and piano.

During Covid, he has written 12 pieces for solo piano, and drawn that perennial subject away available even in isolation: himself.

This is his first set designing project for theatre, and he is thrilled.



Jim Hoare – Set Builder



Jim Hoare Set Builder

Jim has been a community theatre set builder since 2007. His most recent shows were 'An Inappropriate Claus' (GLT) Dec 2021, 'Always a Bridesmaid' (ECT) Oct. 2021, 'Midsummers Night Dream' (ECT) Aug. 2021, 'Red Plaid Shirt' (ECT) July 2021, 'Love Letters', (ECT) Aug. 2020, 'Son of a Carpenter' (Audience of One) Dec. 2019, 'Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus' (ECT) Dec. 2019, 'Other Side of the River' (Backyard Theatre) Sept. 2019, 'Wonderland' (ECT) June 2019, The Ward One Acts' (GLT) July 2021 & 2018. Jim also volunteers with Habitat for Humanities in construction and ReStore.

Welcome Viv Jones to ECT's board of directors and for taking over the role of editor, starting January 2022! It has been an absolute pleasure putting together these newsletters these past couple years. Thank-you to all our faithful followers and submitters - Jennifer Roeder