



# The HCT Connection

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## **On Golden Pond**

Cantankerous retiree Norman Thayer and his conciliatory wife, Ethel, spend summers at their New England vacation home on the shores of idyllic Golden Pond. This year, their adult daughter, Chelsea, visits with her new fiancé and his teenage son, Billy, on their way to Europe. After leaving Billy behind to bond with Norman, Chelsea returns, attempting to repair the long-strained relationship with her aging father before it's too late.

### **Cast**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Norman       | Rick Haydon  |
| Ethel        | Sandra Griffin                                     |
| Chelsea      | Prairie Householder                                |
| Charlie      | Austin Aikens                                      |
| Bill Ray     | Vaughn Aikens                                      |
| Billy Ray Jr | (double cast)<br>Cameron Griffin<br>Daniel Knieper |

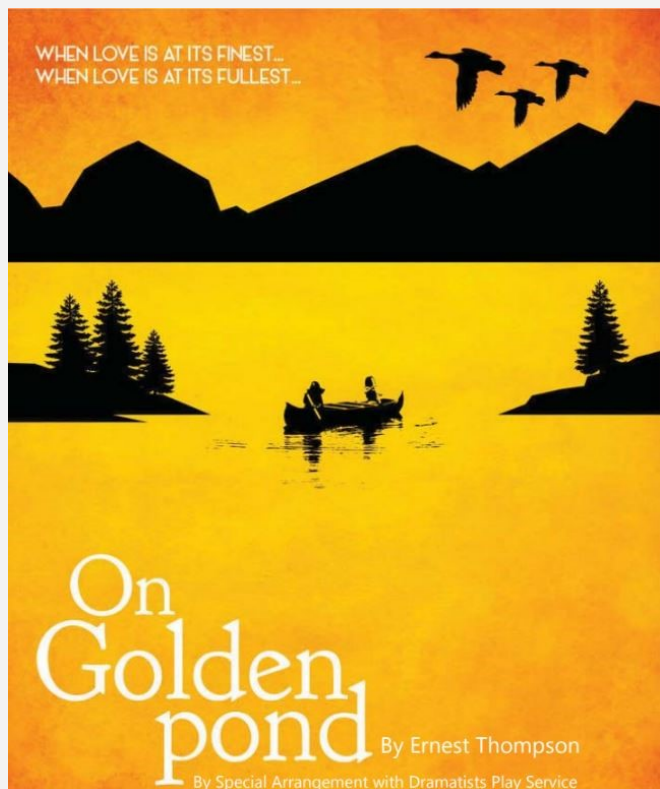
Directed by Jim Griffin  
Assisted by Michelle Knieper

### **In Town Showings:**

April 23-25 at 7:30pm  
April 26 at 2:00pm  
May 14-16 at 7:30pm  
[www.thehollandcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.thehollandcommunitytheatre.org)

### **Tulip Time Shows:**

May 2 at 7:00pm  
May 3 at 2:00pm  
May 5-9 at 7:00pm  
[www.tuliptime.com](http://www.tuliptime.com)



## Staffing Needs 2020-21 Shows

Our 2020-21 shows were announced at our Season Reveal Party On February 29! We are currently seeking directors, assistant directors, producers, graphic artists, set design and all other aspects of production. Sent your request of interest to Michael Culp at [mtculp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtculp@sbcglobal.net)

### **The Government Inspector—Proposed for Fall**

When the locals in a small Russian hamlet learn that an undercover government inspector is coming for a surprise visit, an unfortunate case of mistaken identity sends the whole village spiraling into a world of panic and greed. Witty, smart and wildly satirical, this timely and spirited adaptation of Nikolai Gogol's classic play exposes the corruption of a provincial town with biting hilarity.

### **Holiday Show: *Miracle on 34th Street***

By chance, Kris Kringle, an old man in a retirement home, gets a job working as Santa for Macy's. Kris unleashes waves of good will with Macy's customers and the commercial world of New York City by referring parents to other stores to find exactly the toy their child has asked for. Seen as deluded and dangerous by Macy's vocational counselor, who plots to have Kris shanghaied to Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital, Kris ends up in a court competency hearing. Especially at stake is one little girl's belief in Santa. In a dramatic decision, the court confirms Kris as the true Santa, allowing Susan and countless other children to experience the joy of childhood fantasy.

### **Agnes of God—Proposed for Winter**

Strong parts for three women. Summoned to a convent, Dr. Martha Livingstone, a court-appointed psychiatrist, is charged with assessing the sanity of a novice accused of murdering her newborn. Miriam Ruth, the Mother Superior, determinedly keeps young Agnes from the doctor, further arousing Livingstone's suspicions. Who killed the infant, and who fathered the tiny victim? Livingstone's questions force all three women to re-examine the meaning of faith and the power of love, leading to a dramatic conclusion.

### **Guys on Ice—Proposed for Spring**

Marvin and Lloyd in their ice fishing shanty. Life, love and the pursuit of the perfect catch! Think Escanaba in da Moonlight only with music and ice fishing.

### **Children: *The Secret Garden***

The literary classic you've loved for years is also an easy-to-produce full-length play. Mary Lennox, known as a difficult child, is sent to live at her uncle's estate in England after her parents pass away. Misselthwaite Manor turns out to be a gloomy fortress. Her uncle is rarely home, and his young son, Colin never leaves his room, convinced he's an incurable invalid. To her surprise, Mary discovers a strange walled garden that has been locked up for years. With the assistance of Dicken, the gardener's apprentice, Mary brings the garden back to life and discovers Dicken's amazing ability to communicate with animals. The garden seems to have a wonderful, magical effect on all who come into it, allowing Mary to help restore Colin to health and to reunite him with his father. This version also introduces the endearing Sowerby family, who add much laughter and love to this touching story. Take time to smell the roses.

### **Student: *Radium Girls***

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage-until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. Written with warmth and humor, Radium Girls is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece for 9 to 10 actors, who play more than 30 parts-friends, co-workers, lovers, relatives, attorneys, scientists, consumer advocates, and myriad interested bystanders. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.

**Get your application in today to be a part of our 2020-21 Season of Shows!**

## Meet the Cast of *On Golden Pond*

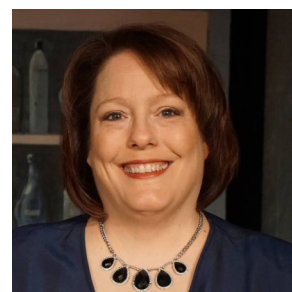


**Rick Haydon** (*Norman*)

Being retired, Rick spends a great deal of time with his wonderful and beautiful wife Bonnie. They met in Kentucky 10 years ago, and only last spring moved to Michigan, back to her hometown area of Zeeland/Holland. Rick devotes himself to her and their family in being happy each and every day. He has been involved in theatre for over 20 years now, and find it to be helpful in keeping his mind sharp. Besides family, he is an avid collector of PYREX cookware and have been a fan for years. He wanted to be a part of this production in order touch, through Norman, that part of his own life; his future.

**Sandra Griffin** (*Ethel*)

Sandra is a mother, grandmother, baker, decorator, director and reader extraordinaire. Her passions in life include all things llama, orca, & cat, directing children's theatre and reading historical fiction. Mostly, though, she is passionate about her grandkids and doing life with her family. She has long loved the story of *On Golden Pond* and is thrilled to accept the challenge of playing the role of Ethel Thayer.



**Prairie Householder** (*Chelsea*)

Prairie is relatively grounded, but she tends to skip from adventure to adventure. Some adventures are major journeys - like playing roller derby, sewing costumes for renaissance fairs, becoming the World's Okayest Barista, and auditioning for a play when she hasn't been on stage for well over twenty years. Other adventures are small, like accidentally smashing a jar of yellow peppers at Meijer. Twice. Her loving husband and her hard-to-embarrass teenage son are the most supportive and encouraging human beings on the planet.

**Cameron Griffin** (*Billy Ray, Jr*)

Cameron is in 7th grade at ZQuest school in Zeeland. He is an avid gamer (Monster Hunter, Pokemon, Legend of Zelda among many others) and a voracious reader. He loves to read fantasy series and in the world of Harry Potter he is a Ravenclaw. Some of his favorite people are his nieces and nephews, his brother, Xander and of course the cats - Zac, Chloe and Alani.



**Daniel Knieper** (*Billy Ray, Jr*)

Daniel is a 16 year old sophomore at Black River Public School. He is passionate about acting and loves to read and swim. He wanted to do *On Golden Pond* because he liked the story after reading the script, and wanted to be a part of the cast. Daniel is very enthusiastic about the show and is excited to see how it all comes together.



## Volunteer Spotlight

### Teresa Bock



Teresa has been involved in theatre since 1970. She was cast as Winnifred in "Once Upon a Mattress" in high school and once she heard the laughter, she was hooked. She has lived in many different cities in her adult life and sought out the local community theatre in each. She and her husband moved to the Holland area in October of 2015 and found Holland Community Theatre (then Civic) in 2016. And we are so glad that she did!!!

She prefers being on stage. Afterall, she is the middle child and love the attention and the spotlight. But she says, "just being involved with like-minded people makes it fun to work behind the scenes also." At HCT she ushered, sold concessions, helped with costumes, was a co-assistant director, ran sound and painted during the renovation of the lobby area. Teresa also helped in fundraising and was a very big part of the success of the "Pillage the Village" events.

Teresa's fondest memory of HCT was being involved in the Tulip Time production of "Calendar Girls" because the cast and crew was comprised of such a wonderful group of talented, delightful men and women.

"Of all the places I've lived, the place where I felt the most welcomed was at Holland Community Theatre. Volunteering there is like having a second family, one made up of interesting, fun-loving, talented, and kind people." We were sad that Teresa and her husband recently moved out of state! She will be missed but we are sure that there is another theatre out there that is going to be very lucky to have Teresa become a part of their family!



# *Dates you don't want to miss!*

## March 2020

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| 1  | 2  | 3<br>Artistic<br>Committee<br>Meeting<br>6pm           | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8  | 9  | 10<br>HCT Board of<br>Directors<br>Meeting<br>6:30pm   | 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17   | 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24<br>Fun w/<br>Friends<br>Shanghai Grill<br>& Bar 7pm | 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31   | <b>On Golden Pond</b> Opens April 23!!<br>Tickets currently available at<br><a href="http://www.thehollandcommunitytheatre.org">www.thehollandcommunitytheatre.org</a> and <a href="http://www.tuliptime.net">www.tuliptime.net</a> |    |    |    |

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