

# ETC NEWS

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## Celebration of the Arts funds Friends of The Thomas St Angelo Library

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Arts was another great success with wonderful artists and crafters, yummy food, lots of used books and a variety of live music. We had the most vendors ever, with many old friends and sixteen first time vendors. The weather cooperated, as it usually does and everyone had a good time. The "Best of Show" was awarded to James Chinn, a wildlife artist from Duluth.

With the proceeds of nearly \$800.00 from the used book sale and additional donations, ETC granted a \$1000.00 donation to the Friends of the Library who will be managing the sale next year.

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## Christmas Concert Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cumberland Christmas concert begin on Monday **October 5th at 7 PM** at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. We welcome all singers, whether or not you have been part of this group before. The concerts will be on Sunday December 13 at 2 PM and 4 PM.

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## Drinking Habits

Rutabaga Play

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Come leave the midway behind and enjoy the farce **Drinking Habits** in air-conditioned comfort at the Cumberland Arts Center. Eva Srubar directs this play, written by Tom Smith.

DRINKING HABITS takes place in the Convent of The Sisters of Perpetual Sewing during the 1960's. Sister Augusta, (Dorene Weltzin), and Sister Philamena, (Diane Thorp), have been secretly making and selling wine for years to keep the doors of their small convent open. But when their wine suddenly wins an award worth a half-million dollars, newspaper reporters (and former fiancées) Paul, (Corey Graf), and Sally, (Margritte Graf), begin searching for the winners.

As Sally and Paul spy on the convent, they are caught by Mother Superior, (Deanna Snow). Sally pretends to be the new nun Mother Superior was expecting, and Paul claims to be a visiting priest. But when Father Chenille (Josh Thornwall), sees Paul, he suspects Rome of sending out a new priest to replace him. And when the actual new nun, Sister Mary Catherine, (Bethany Nash), does arrive, Mother Superior believes her to be a spy from Rome, sent out to investigate the convent.

Chaos ensues as Augusta and Philamena secretly try to press more wine; Paul and Sally try to find the winemakers, and Mother Superior and Father Chenille spy on the suspected spies.

Show dates are **Wednesday August 26 through Saturday, August 29 at 7 PM**. Tickets are \$7 and available at Peter and Annie's or at the door. Handicap parking and ramp are available from the Third Avenue side.

## 2009 Calendar

**Drinking Habits**

**Rutabaga Aug 26-29**

**Auditions- Christmas Belles**

**Sat Sept 12 and Mon Sept 14**

**Rehearsals Christmas Concert  
Mondays**

**Oct 5, following**

**Christmas Belles**

**Dec 4-6, 10-12**

**Christmas Concert**

**Sun Dec 13, 2 & 4 PM**

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ETC's Christmas production is the full-length comedy Christmas Belles directed by Ann Ethen. The cast calls for 4 men and 7 women. A brief synopsis of the play: a church Christmas program spins hilariously out of control in this Southern farce about squabbling sisters, family secrets, a surly Santa, a vengeful sheep and a reluctant Elvis impersonator. Auditions for this show will be held at the theatre on **Saturday, September 12 - 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. and Monday, September 14 - 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.**

Ann says about this show "It has been awhile since I directed adults, but I'm really excited about working with some great people on this show. It is going to be a blast for all involved."

## 2009 Donations

### Membership

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**Family (\$50+)**

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## ETC President's Report

I would like to welcome the new ETC board members Dave Evenson, Mike Clay, and Dorene Weltzin. Dave and Mike are past board members and past presidents of ETC. They have been a very integral part of ETC for many years. I'm glad to have them back on the board. Dorene is new and a welcome addition to the board. She got the acting bug a couple of years ago and has been very involved with the theater since.

Celebration of the Arts and Fiddler on the Roof were both a huge success this past year. Thanks to everyone involved who volunteered their time and talents to help make our "Island City" a great place to live. I hope you enjoy our upcoming events and have a good Baga Fest.

Tom Toftness, President

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Donation \_\_\_\_\_

ETC Angels	\$5000+	ETC Benefactors	\$350+
ETC Founders	\$3500+	ETC Partners	\$250+
ETC Sustainers	\$2500+	ETC Patrons	\$150+
ETC Producers	\$1000+	ETC Sponsors	\$100+
ETC Directors	\$ 750+	ETC Family	\$ 50+
ETC Leaders	\$ 500+	ETC Individual	\$ 25+

We would be honored to accept memorial gifts at any level.



Drinking Habits rehearsal. Left to right, Josh Thornwall, Bethany Nash, Dorene Weltzin, Deanna Snow, Aaron Effertz, Diane Thorp, Corey and Margritte Graf.

**Drinking Habits will be presented Wednesday through Saturday at 7 PM  
Rutabaga week.**

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